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9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (August 2024) What You Do for the Least at the Service of the Poor and Marginalised

Parish Priests speaks...

The Gospel text this weekend takes us into the heart of the discourse on the Bread of Life. Here the Lord speaks about what we honour as the Source and Summit of our faith, the Holy Eucharist. Unlike every other teacher or prophet who came before or after Him, Jesus identifies Himself as the Source of life, the "Bread that came down from Heaven." His words challenged His listeners then, and they still challenge us today, to open our hearts and minds and take the leap of faith into the arms of God.

The Jews were unwilling to accept that this man whose parents they knew could claim that He came down from Heaven. At every Mass, we face a similar challenge to believe that the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ has come to us in the ordinary appearances of simple bread and wine. We are challenged to transcend our earthly thinking and practice heavenly thinking that is, faith and to yield to the grace poured out for us and into us through the Eucharist. The Jews were not willing to yield. Instead, they murmured among themselves as Jesus spoke. This murmuring was rebellious grumbling, much like the Israelites did in the desert against Moses and against God. We must be conscious of when we are grumbling against God rather than yielding to Him. Grumbling closes us off from His call, but when we allow the Father to draw us, we open ourselves and become receptive to the action of His

grace in our lives. We can experience His grace most deeply when we receive the Eucharist. Jesus tells us today that He is the Bread of Life, and that "whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." He makes absolutely clear the connection between receiving Him in faith and receiving the gift of eternal life: "Whoever believes has eternal life." Jesus' perfect act of love and obedience on the Cross, the giving of His Flesh for the life of the world, has given us what the manna in the desert could not give. Those who ate the manna died, but those who eat "the living bread that came down from Heaven" enter into eternal life. This is a gift beyond measure, beyond comprehension, which God freely gives to all those who yield to His truth and follow His way.

At times we can be so burdened with the difficulties of this life that we can barely think of holiness or the hope of eternal life. In such moments we can identify well with the prophet Elijah, who is in such a low condition in today's first reading. Elijah has fled into the desert to escape from the deadly threats of Jezebel, and now he is so tired and discouraged that he prays for death: "This is enough, O LORD!" We might say not "this is enough," but rather "this is too much!" The Lord answers Elijah's prayer, though not in the way he had hoped. Instead of taking his life, the Lord gives him life, providing food and drink not once but twice so that he can continue his journey of life and his mission. God alone knows what is "enough" for us. He listens to our prayers, and He answers, not necessarily in the way we expect, but in the way we truly need.

"I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." - John 6:51

What hinders me from yielding to the grace of God at work in me?
What harm does grumbling cause in my spiritual life?
Why is it difficult for me to trust that God will sustain me in the mission He has given me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 24 Aug '24 | Mass at 3.00pm
ISEEC ROBERT DASS & BATHSHEBA GLORIA

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 21 Aug (8.30pm) -- JP II Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed; 21 & 28 (8.15pm) -- St. Faustina Hall
CATECHISM Sundays; 11, 18 & 25 Aug (10.45am)
RCIA #11 2023/2024 Sundays (10.30am) -- 3rd floor RCIA classrooms



DIVINE VOICES

Calling all singers and musicians of all ages to join us in preparation for Christmas carolling on **Sundays (2.00pm-3.30pm)** at the pre-school classroom. Auditions will be held at 1.30pm until **25 Aug**. Contact: Pamela (012-913 3605)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

For those needing healing and anointing, registrations will be open until **Sun, 18 Aug**. Date/Time: **Sat, 24 Aug. Mass at 10.00am (Chaplet at 9.30am)**

HERBAL SOAP-MOULDING SESSION

by Penang Diocese Prison Ministry (PDPM)
All are invited to join with lunch provided. Soaps produced will be given to inmates within the Penang Diocese.
Date/Time: **Sun, 25 Aug (10.45am - 2.00pm)**
Venue: CDM Basement area

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (YAM) - GAMES NIGHT!


Inviting all young adults for an incredible night of fun and fellowship!
Date/Venue: **Fri, 30 Aug** at St Faustina Hall
Contact: Sachin (017-474 5737)

HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation by registering for a Formation with a varied programme, presented by the Friends of Creation Ministry. Brunch will be held at the basement followed by formation at 1st floor classrooms.
Date/Time: **Sun, 1 Sep (10.15am-1.45pm)**
For registration: Halina (WhatsApp 019-426 7545) **before 28 Aug**

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

A blood and organ donation drive in collaboration with Unit Tabung Darah, Penang Hospital. There will also be a free health screening campaign.
Date/Time: **Sun, 1 Sep (9.00am - 3.00pm)**
Venue: St. Faustina Hall
Contact: Jude (012-476 8506) or Amy (012-428 7150)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 11 Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30 - 5: 2 Jn 6: 41-51
No Mass	Mon 12 Aug	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 13 Aug	SS. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 15 Aug	 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary DAY OF OBLIGATION
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Rosary 8.00pm followed by Mass	Fri 16 Aug	St Stephen of Hungary
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 17 Aug	Novena to OMPH Mass 5.30pm
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 18 Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 9: 1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 Mt 6: 51-58