

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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

**CDM Kampung-Ku -- (Sep 2024) My World, My Garden: Building Our Common Home**



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**Parish Priest speaks...**

In our life of communion with God, we should be able to hear God who unceasingly communicates His love to us and then, in return, to sing the praises of our Maker and thank Him for His mighty deeds. Unfortunately, the communication between humanity and God has been hampered from the beginning by the effects of original sin, and the actual sins of each of us, continue to make it difficult. We are often deaf to God, and we fail to fittingly proclaim His goodness, and so we do not experience the wonderful communion for which we are created. Happily, our loving God, being rich in mercy, has always been intent, from the time of the fall of our first parents, Adam, and Eve on restoring humanity to Himself. He wants to do away with all the effects of sin that distort our ability to praise Him. In a word, He remains unchanged in His desire for a communion of love, life, and joy with Him. In the first reading, God announces through the prophet Isaiah the good news of healing and salvation: "Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense He comes to save you." What was an ancient and seemingly unrealistic prophecy becoming a reality in the person of Jesus, as we read in the Gospel. He is the promised God who has come to clear the ears of the deaf and to free our tongues. He enters the district of the Decapolis, which was a Gentile territory. The people there are unlikely to be familiar with the great prophecy of Isaiah. It does not matter; Jesus will fulfil it anyway.

The Gospel presents a detailed description of how the Lord restores the powers of hearing and speech to a man, whom some people present to Him so that He may "lay His hand on him." Normally Jesus healed the sick very publicly, but in this case, Mark tells us, He takes the man off by Himself, away from the crowd. On one level, Jesus intends the healing to be for this man alone. At the same time, He shows us that He intuitively understands the unique needs of every one of us, and He deals with each of us in a unique and most appropriate way. Jesus performs the healing in several steps. He puts His finger into the man's ears, spits,

touches his tongue, looks up to Heaven, groans and says to him, "Ephphatha" "Be opened" The effects are immediate. The man's ears are opened, his speech impediment is removed, and he begins to speak clearly. We can see in this detailed healing process a foreshadowing of the Rite of Baptism with its various steps, one of which is the priest touching the mouth and ears of the newly baptized and saying, "Ephphatha"; then he prays that the new Christian may soon hear the Word of God and profess faith in Him. Through the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism, Jesus continues His work of restoring the human family to communion with God.

The man to whom Jesus restores the faculties of hearing that he may no longer be deaf to God and speech that he may profess the saving deeds of God is a symbol of every man and woman of every age. Christ, at Baptism, takes every one of us aside and touches our ears and mouth and says to us Ephphatha. He restores our interior faculties of hearing and speech that were disabled by original sin. When sin causes any further communication blockage, Christ restores us anew through the Sacrament of Penance. Having been restored to the fullness of life and communion with God, we are meant to live in a communion of love and joy with all believers. St. James reminds us that in our life of faith, there should be no partiality or unjust discrimination between the rich and the poor. God has chosen those who are poor in the world "to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom that He promised to those who love Him." The poor in spirit are those whose hearts are attuned to God; their interior faculty of hearing is opened to God. Anyone who neglects or disdains the poor thereby offends God and neighbour, and spiritually impoverishes Himself.

The proper response to the generosity and mercy of the Lord is to share it generously with others, cheerfully and freely. Gratitude and generosity are evidence that our hearts have indeed been "opened" by the power of God's grace at work in us. "He has done all things well" and we want everyone to know about it.

**He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. - Mark 7:37**

- In what ways am I deaf to God and fail to fittingly proclaim His goodness to others?
- How do I neglect or disdain the poor, therefore offending God, and neighbour?
- How does God deal with me uniquely in the situations of my life?

**PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wedding Banns:**

**Sat, 14 Sep '24 | Mass at 11.00am**  
**DARRYL ASHLY MOTIUNG & MARLYNE FRAN ANAK KANSI**

**Sat, 28 Sep '24 | Service at 10.00am**

**JEROME HANSEL ANTHONY & PRISCILLA A/P DEVASAHAYAM**  
 If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriages stated, please contact the parish priest.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)**

All Ministry of Hospitality members, medical staff, and anyone interested are encouraged to join. Contact: Jude (012-476 8506)

**COLLECTION OF RELIC OF ST. PIO (during Feast of St. Pio on Mon, 23 Sep 2024)**

Offer up your petition letters & Mass intentions at church entrance until **Sun, 15 Sep.**

**GENESIS YOUTHS OF MERCY: YOUTH NIGHT**

Discover how God's Word applies in our lives alongside a like-minded community!  
 Date/Time: **Fri, 13 Sep (7.30pm-9.30pm)** at St. Faustina Hall.  
 Contact: IG @genesisyouthscdm or Agape (016-644 1187)

**INTERFAITH MEDITATION - CHANGE OF VENUE**

Come and join in to experience the WCCM way (World Community for Christian Meditation) at **Penang Harmony Centre, 15 Jalan Scotland.**  
 Date/Time: **Wed, 18 Sep (8.00pm)**

**CDM 11TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY & 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**

A dual celebration with multilingual Mass followed by fellowship, traditional dress contest, quizzes & games! For more info/registration, visit the counter at church porch.  
 Date: **Sun, 29 Sep from 9.00am**

**PAWS OF BLESSING** by Ministry of Hospitality

A 3km walk around Sg. Ara with your pets in conjunction with Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Registrations open until **8 Sep** at RM30/pax.  
 Date/Time: **Sat, 5 Oct (8.00am pet blessing followed by flag-off)**

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

A retreat (to be held in Penang) designed to help any man/woman struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of miscarriage/abortion.  
 Dates: **Fri, 18 Oct - Sun, 20 Oct 2024 (closing date 16 Sep)**  
 Contact: Mary (016-419 0538) or email [rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (ENGLISH)**

A lifetime experience that will restore communication, rekindle romance and renew commitment. A stay-in with food & accommodation provided at Domus, St. Anne (BM)  
 Dates: **Fri 11 Oct - Sun, 13 Oct 2024 (closing date 29 Sep)**  
 Contact: Bernard & Sharlotte (010-789 4500) / Martin & Rose (016-441 6911)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 8 Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35: 4-7 Jm 2: 1-5 Mk 7: 31-37
DM Chaplet 5.30pm Mandarin Mass 6.00pm		温耀仁神父将为我们主持弥撒
No Mass	Mon 9 Sep	St. Peter Claver, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 10 Sep	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Wed 11 Sep	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Fri 13 Sep	St. John Chrysostom, Priest & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 14 Sep	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 15 Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50: 5-9 Jm 2: 14-18 Mk 8: 27-35

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP**

**Wed, 11 & 25 Sep (8.15pm)** -- St. Faustina Hall  
**CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**  
**Thu, 12 Sep (8.30pm)** -- JP II Adoration Room

**CATECHISM DATES (SEPTEMBER 2024) Sun, 8th & 29th at 10.45am**  
 Coffee Morning on 8 Sep will be organised by BEC Zones O & N

