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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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...

The Gospel opens with a question about knowing. Jesus asks what people know about Him: "Who do people say that I am?" Peter gives the best answer he knows the Lord well, "You are the Christ." However, knowing is not enough. Even Satan knows who Jesus is. Our knowing Jesus must be accompanied by faith and love. Peter intends his proclamation of his knowledge of Jesus Christ to be also a proclamation of his faith in Him but a moment later that faith falters.

The same question is now being asked of us. Who do we say that Jesus is? How well do we know the Lord? The question makes us think of our personal relationship with the Lord. Is our relationship with Him deep enough that we can proclaim to all that we believe what Peter believes, that Jesus is our Lord and Messiah? To reach this point, we need to develop an intimate relationship with Him; we need to make time to encounter Him in prayer and experience His love for us. Now, a person who knows Jesus and experiences His love cannot but love Him in return. Our love for Him is a response to the selfless love He first showed us. The deeper our relationship with Him, the more we know Him. The more we know Him and accept the reality of His love and mercy, the more our hearts yearn for Him and strive to follow His way of selfless love. Love, after all, is more than just a word or an emotion. The word "love" is both a noun and a verb, an action word; love calls for action. Knowing leads to loving and loving leads to serving. To follow the Lord is to serve the Lord; serving is an act of love.

How then do we serve the Lord? In two ways: by love of God and love of neighbour. That is, we live our faith and love by continuous conversion and by service of our brothers and sisters. We start with putting God first in our lives. Everything else flows from that. When God is first, we are not, which means that our "old self," always full of self-love, must continually be denied. This is

the process of dying to oneself. If we claim to love God without self-denial, we risk making ourselves into no more than hypocrites. The fruit of genuine conversion is an active love for others, a love that builds the community. Love which provides for the needs of our brothers and sisters is a true expression of service to God, for Jesus said, "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me." This point is very clear in today's second reading where St. James urges us to live our faith by serving our neighbours, "to put flesh on the word." If we do not, James says, if our faith does not manifest itself in works, it is dead.

Is it easy to love and serve the Lord? No, it is not! Jesus makes this clear when He describes discipleship as the way of the cross: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." To progress on the journey of conversion involves crucifying our ego and embracing God's will. Serving our neighbours involves not serving ourselves, denying ourselves so that we may be available to others. This is the way of life of our Master, and this is the way we are called to follow. Following the Lord is also counter cultural. Often, the values held and promoted by the world contradict the values of Christian discipleship. When we decide to radically follow the Lord, we will be against the world and the world will be against us. The world will persecute us as it did our Lord. This is the normal lot of any authentic Christian disciple. Do we need to worry? No! Jesus warns us of the difficulties that will accompany us in our journey, but He also promises that we will never be alone. If the prophet Isaiah could be very confident in the Lord's support, all the more can we. In this valley of tears, we have the Lord God as our help, and we will never be disgraced nor put to shame.

**"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mark 8:34**

How do I manifest my faith in works?

In what ways do I crucify my ego and embrace God's will?

How does worldly thinking hinder my ability to carry my cross?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wedding Banns: 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.

### 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 (closing date 16 Sep)**

Contact: Mary (016-419 0538) or email [rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com)

### 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)**

### WCCM Malaysia Annual Retreat by Fr. Gerard Theraviam

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 11 Oct - Mon, 14 Oct** at Hotel Grand Baron, Taiping.

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/nldzW> or contact Mike Yong (012-421 7924)

### 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**

### 'BE EMPOWERED TO REDUCE OUR RISKS OF DEVELOPING DEMENTIA'

A talk by Dr. Cecilia Chan on how to cope, spot the signs, how to reduce the risks and more. Organised by MASC Penang (Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Center)

Date/Time: **Sun, 29 Sep from 2.00pm - 5.30pm.** Love Offering of RM10/pax

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2s37dfpp> or Whatsapp 017-335 3253

### DEBORAH'S COURT: EMPOWERED FOR MISSION

A vocation programme for single, Catholic women (21-40yr) at RM50/pax.

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 4 Oct - Sun, 6 Oct** at Little Sisters of the Poor, Lorong Batu Lanchang

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Z5ezBJGsiMYqUP6p9>

### 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 (closing date 29 Sep)**

Contact: Bernard & Sharlotte (010-789 4500) / Martin & Rose (016-441 6911)

### PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT #3

An invitation to all parish youth and campus students in the Penang Diocese between the ages of 18-29 years old to be the "Now of God".

Dates: **Fri, 22 Nov - Sun, 24 Nov**

Venue: Church of the Sacred Heart, Kampar

For registration or other details: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024>

| Mass & Prayer Times |        | Date                                | Description  |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                     |        | <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 8.30am | Sun                                 | Is 50: 5-9   |
| Mass                | 9.00am | 15 Sep                              | Jm 2: 14-18<br>Mk 8: 27-35   |
| No Mass             |        | Mon                                 | Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs   |
|                     |        | 16 Sep                              |  |
| Lauds               | 6.20am | Tue                                 | St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor   |
| Mass                | 6.45am |                                     |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 3.00pm | 17 Sep                              | St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor   |
|                     |        | Wed                                 |  |
| Lauds               | 6.20am | 18 Sep                              |  |
| Mass                | 6.45am |                                     |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 3.00pm |                                     |  |
|                     |        | Thu                                 |  |
| Lauds               | 6.20am | 19 Sep                              | St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr   |
| Mass                | 6.45am |                                     |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 3.00pm |                                     |  |
|                     |        | Fri                                 |  |
| Lauds               | 6.20am | 20 Sep                              | Ss. Laurent Imbert, Bishop, Jacques Chastan, Priest, Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs |
| Mass                | 6.45am |                                     |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 3.00pm |                                     |  |
|                     |        | Sat                                 |  |
| Lauds               | 6.20am | 21 Sep                              | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  |
| Mass                | 6.45am |                                     |  |
| Novena to OMPH      | 5.15pm |                                     |  |
| Mass                | 5.30pm |                                     |  |
|                     |        | Sun                                 |  |
|                     |        | <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |  |
| DM Chaplet          | 8.30am | 22 Sep                              | Wis 2: 12, 17-20<br>Jm 3: 16 - 4:3<br>Mk 9: 30-37  |
| Mass                | 9.00am |                                     |  |



CATECHISM DATES: **Sun, 29 Sept 2024 (10.45am)**