



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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

Parish Priest speaks...

As we step into the Gospel this weekend, we find Jesus speaking of the second of His three predictions of the Passion. In these predictions, which can be found in Mark chapters 8, 9 and 10, Jesus describes the gruesome death that He expects to suffer. He will be "handed over to men and they will kill Him." How does He know what will happen? His deep understanding of human nature provides Him with much insight, and the Old Testament prophecies like the one given in the first reading.

The Book of Wisdom warns that "the just one" will suffer from the selfish plotting of wicked men. They hate Him because He points out the errors of their ways and sheds light on their transgressions of the law. The wicked convince themselves that they should put the just one to the test through revilement and torture, and that they should condemn Him to a shameful death. After all, they say to themselves, He claims that God will take care of Him. This scenario will be played out in full in Christ's Passion, just as He predicts. It is not at all glorious, whichever way we look at it! There is more in Jesus' predictions, however, than a description of His sufferings. He also clearly states that He will rise again after three days. Here, in the Resurrection, is where lies the glory hidden behind the Passion. It turns out that what the wicked men in the first reading say in their mockery of the just one is actually true: "God will take care of Him."

In his Passion narrative, Mark records only one of the traditional "seven last words" attributed to Christ on the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This is the first line of Psalm 22, sometimes described as the prayer of an innocent person. Jesus Himself is the innocent person, and Mark

records that He was praying while dying on the Cross. This prayer, which begins with expressions of grief, ends gloriously with peaceful confidence in God's deliverance. Rather than a statement of accusation against the Father, Jesus was uttering a prayer of complete and confident surrender. In this light, glory results from a deep conviction that the Lord upholds our life. This is the magnificence of glory from a divine perspective.

In stark contrast, the human perspective of glory takes God out of the equation and trumpets human achievement. This is what the disciples are discussing soon after Jesus makes His second prediction of His Passion. They do not want to hear anything about suffering; they are focused on the spoils of victory. As first century Jews in Palestine, their idea of the Messiah is that of a political leader who will win victory for them over the Romans. Suffering simply does not fit into the picture. Furthermore, the disciples measure Christ's victory with an expectation of scarcity, that is, in a zero-sum fashion, wherein the gain of one is a loss of another. They are clamoring to be the greatest one who takes it all. The Letter of James warns precisely about this that jealousy and selfish ambition lead to disorder and every foul practice. Jesus patiently corrects His ambitious disciples and teaches them the divine perspective on what it means to be the greatest. It is not a path of domination but rather of humility and service. The Christian path, the path that Christ Himself took, is the Way of the Cross. And the Cross is a symbol of Christian glory. Pursuing this way allows us to be purged of worldly ambition or human activism. It trains us to be disciples of Christ by denying ourselves and carrying our own crosses. It teaches us to be child-like in our disposition toward God who upholds us in every moment of our lives. The Cross leads us to Heaven where we can gaze at God's glory for all eternity.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

What areas in my life do I fail to surrender completely to God?
How does jealousy and selfish ambition lead to disorder and every foul practice in my life?
How am I cultivating the child-like qualities of humility, meekness, and total dependence on God?

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.

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

Multilingual Mass followed by brunch with a variety of ethnic cuisines, traditional dress contest, quizzes & games! Organised by the Language Apostolates & Migrant Ministry.

Date: **Sun, 29 Sep from 9.00am**

Contact: Karen (016-854 8158) / Xavier (019-472 2967) / Grace (011-1050 0425)

'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

As we prepare for the Feast Day of St. Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy, let us take to heart the call to do works of mercy by word, deed, or prayer to truly reflect her spirituality of mercy in action. 9-Day Novena begins with Divine Mercy Holy Hour on **Thur, 26 Sep at 8.00pm** followed by Mass.



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)

DEBORAH'S COURT: EMPOWERED FOR MISSION

A vocation programme for single, Catholic women (21-40yr)

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

Registration fee: RM50/pax

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Z5ezBJGsjMYqUP6p9>

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 & Charlotte (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
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 22 Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2: 12, 17-20 Jm 3: 16 - 4:3 Mk 9: 30-37
No Mass	Mon 23 Sep	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 24 Sep	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 25 Sep	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Day 1 Novena to St. Faustina DM Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm Thu 26 Sep	Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 27 Sep	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Day 2 Novena	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 28 Sep	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Day 3 Novena Novena to OMPH Mass	3.00pm 5.15pm 5.30pm	
Installation of relic of St. Pio		
110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES CDM 11TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY		
Day 4 Novena Mass (for the hearing impaired)	8.30am 9.00am Sun 29 Sep	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Num 11: 25-29 Jm 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



CATECHISM DATES (SUNDAYS at 10.45am)
29 Sept & 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct 2024