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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 -- (Oct 2024) Stepping Out Into The Mission Field**



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### Parish Priest speaks...

God reveals Himself to us as a God of eternal and faithful love, a God who enters into a covenant of love with His people. His intention from the beginning was that we His people respond to Him with wholehearted love and imitate His faithful love in our relationships with one another. To give us a vivid image of what He means by love, He instituted the great gift of marriage, in which "a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh," as we read in the Book of Genesis. The mystery of a man and a woman "becoming one flesh" is intended to express and reflect the profound unity that God desires with us in His covenant of love. Through His prophets, God often uses the language of marriage to describe His relationship with His people. He is the husband, and we are His bride. God wants the faithful and loving relationship between Him and His people to be reflected in every marriage, for His glory and for the good of human race.

Unfortunately, God's original plan for marriage has not been fully accepted, even by the Chosen People, because of the hardness of the human heart. Jesus points out to the Pharisees in today's Gospel, "Because of the hardness of your hearts, He wrote you this commandment" the permission for husbands to divorce their wives. "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." When the Pharisees ask Him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife, Jesus quickly uses the opportunity to call them back to God's original intention for marriage which, over and above procreation, is to mirror the covenant of love that He makes with us.

Jesus also says plainly that for a husband or a wife to divorce and then marry someone else is to commit adultery. In our times, this strong teaching against divorce and remarriage sounds to many people as terribly unrealistic and even intolerable, shockingly insensitive to the many people whose marriages have failed. However, Jesus is not simply laying heavy burdens on us. He is revealing what marriage really is, and He is also pointing to its deeper meaning.

In our union with Him, the Lord will never divorce us, no matter how unfaithful we might be. Any separation between us is caused by the hardness of heart when we choose selfish desires rather than love. Sin causes a division between us that God never wanted; He cannot tolerate division in His family. So, in His unfathomable mercy, He has already taken on the problem of sin. As today's passage from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, God sent His Son to "taste death" for the sake of everyone, "bringing many children to glory" that is, uniting us with Him in glory. Because Jesus stooped to us, taking on our fallen humanity, His glory, His holiness, becomes ours. In Jesus Christ we share "one flesh" with God Himself. We "all have one origin," our heavenly Father, which is why Jesus is not ashamed to call us "brothers." This is good news! It fills us with joy and hope as we grow in love, always looking forward to the great marriage feast of eternal life.

**"What God has joined together; no human being must separate." – Mark 10:9**

- How do I imitate God's faithful love in my relationship with others?
- Because of my hardness of heart, why do I choose selfish desires rather than love for God?
- Since sin causes the division between me and God, what means am I taking to avoid it?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptism Announcements: Sat, 12 Oct at 6.45pm**  
**Emma Isabel Chan**

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.

### 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)

### YOUTH NIGHT

Genesis Youths of Mercy are once again having Youth Night. Let's have fellowship together and explore God's Word as a community. Snacks provided!

Date/Time/Venue: **Fri, 18 Oct (7.30pm – 9.30pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

For more information: Instagram @genesisyouthscdm or Agape (016-644 1187)

### GET BACK IN ACTION

Calling all retirees and the 'young at heart' to come back to renew, refresh & rekindle ties.

Date/Time: **Sun, 3 Nov 2024 at 3.00pm**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

### BMW: BE MY WITNESS

Experience the past, present, and future of the Penang Diocesan New Evangelisation Commission (PDNEC). Be inspired to evangelise through exciting stories by people in the mission field and find out what exciting programmes are in store for 2025.

Date/Time: **Tue, 12 Nov at 8.00pm – 10.00pm** via Zoom

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/PDNEC24BMW>

### 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

Registration fee: RM70 (incl. t-shirt & retreat kit)

Registration link/Contact: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024> or 012-346 4416

### OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS:

**Weekend Masses** – submit to Parish Office by **Wednesdays (12.00pm)**

**Weekday Masses** – submit to Parish Office at **least 48 hours before.**

a) Drop the Mass Intention envelopes into the Mass Offering Box located next to ground floor office or hand over to Parish Office Admin (1st floor office)

b) via online; transfer to a/c no.: MBB 5073 9410 1910 (Church of Divine Mercy) and email Mass Intention details with transfer receipt to [masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

### CATECHISM DATES

**Sundays: 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct at 10.45am**

Coffee Morning on 6 Oct will be organised by BEC Zone Q

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 16 Oct (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed; 9 & 23 Oct (8.15pm)** -- St. Faustina Hall

**CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Thur, 10 Oct (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room



Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
Rosary	8.30am	Sun	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Gen 2: 18-24 Hebr 2: 9-11 Mk 10: 2-16
Mass	9.00am	6 Oct	
No Mass		Mon	Our Lady of the Rosary
		7 Oct	
Lauds	6.20am	Tue	8 Oct
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed	9 Oct
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu	10 Oct
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Fri	11 Oct
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat	12 Oct
Mass	6.45am		
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024</b>			<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 7:7-11 Hebr 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30
Rosary	8.30am	Sun	
Mass	9.00am	13 Oct	