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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (Oct 2024) Stepping Out Into The Mission Field

Parish Priest speaks...

As we step into the week, the readings will be challenging us from thinking and acting in the world's way, to thinking and acting as Jesus does. We are being challenged to follow Him. We see this challenge set before us most clearly in today's Gospel. A man comes to Jesus and asks how he can inherit eternal life. What must he do? Jesus begins by citing the commandments, which the man says he has kept. No doubt he is feeling pretty good about himself at this point. As far as the conversation, he has received the sort of answer which he probably expected - keep the commandments and do what is right and God will reward you. But then Jesus challenges the man to change his way of thinking. That man was speaking in terms of supply and demand, Jesus proposes to him a story of love. He asks him to pass from the observance of laws to the gift of self, from doing for oneself to being with God." Jesus is revealing that our encounter with God is not a business transaction. It is never a matter of 'I will do this for you if you do that for me.' He gives Himself completely to us in total, self-emptying love, as we see most clearly portrayed when we gaze upon Jesus on the Cross. The only way we can have eternal life with Him is by responding to His love with love, with our own gift of self in return for His gift of self to us.

We know that the man narrated in the gospel turns and walks away sad, and Jesus points out how hard it is for people with wealth to enter the Kingdom of God. The disciples are shocked at His words, so He says to them, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." If we think that we can follow Jesus by our own efforts, then we do not understand what He is asking of us, nor do we know ourselves well enough.

The call to follow Jesus is a call to love as He loves which is impossible for us, as impossible as trying to fit a camel through the eye of a needle. But God can make it possible.

We can see, then, the truth of what we read in today's selection from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." The word of God today cuts deep into our hearts. He sees where we struggle with putting our trust in Him. He calls us to follow Him and to give up our attachment to the things of the world, and we find this very difficult. We want to put our trust in Him up to a point, but also to cling to the false security of the world.

Let us beg God for the grace to put our full trust in Jesus, to resolve to follow Him, giving Him love for love, life for life. We beg for the grace to let go of the "riches" of this world: our self-importance, our self-centeredness, our pride, our sensuality. Let us discover the blessing of abandoning our focus on self, as the Gospel Acclamation teaches us: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." - Mark 10:21-22

- What changes in my life do I have to make to think and act as Jesus does
- What is hindering me from responding to Jesus' love with the gift of myself to Him?
- Why do I give Jesus some of my time and some of my energy and not my complete trust in Him?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Showers of blessings on our 2024 First Holy Communicants!

May your hearts be ever filled with love and joy. Cherish this sacred moment and grow in faith; knowing that you are embraced by His grace.
We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you on your faith journey and may your lives always reflect the Light of Christ.

CDM Maintenance Team

Looking for skilled handypersons to join the team in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, grounds keeping, etc. If you are able to assist, please contact Anthony (019-474 4840).

CDM Emergency Response Team

Ministry of Hospitality members and those with medical backgrounds are highly encouraged to join and extend your valuable skills. Please contact Jude (012-476 8506).

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 @genesyouthscdm or contact Agape (016-644 1187)

All Saints' Day (Fri, 1 Nov)

Show support and encouragement to your friends and family in leading a life towards sainthood with affirmation cards which will be placed at the church's main entrance. There will also be a Best Dressed Contest for this day of obligation (8.30pm Mass). Come in white/gold or as your favourite saint!

All Souls' Day (Sat, 2 Nov)

Prayer cards by the Catechesis Ministry will be placed at the church's main entrance to dedicate your late loved ones in prayer. These cards will then be hung near the altar.

GET BACK IN ACTION!

Calling all retirees to renew, refresh & rekindle ties. Refreshments provided.
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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024		
Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 13 Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11 Hebr 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30
No Mass	Mon 14 Oct	St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 15 Oct	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 16 Oct	St. Hedwig, Religious St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Thu 17 Oct	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 18 Oct	St. Luke, Evangelist
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 19 Oct	Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
Rosary BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 20 Oct	Mission Sunday 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53: 10-11 Hebr 4: 14-16 Mk 10: 35-45

CATECHISM DATES

Sundays: 13, 20, 27 Oct at 10.45am



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 16 Oct (8.30pm)** --JP II Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed; 23 Oct (8.15pm)** -- St. Faustina Hall