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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...

When faced with the prospect of suffering, we typically react in three such ways, seeking to replace what we reject with comfort, honour, and power. We want the easy way out, not suffering; we want to boast of our accomplishments, not accept humiliation; we want to be served, not to serve. The readings and reflection this weekend remind us that the Lord's way is quite unlike our ways. They tell us that instead of pursuing comfort, honour, and power, in all of which we are focused on ourselves, the Lord calls us to tread the path of service, where our focus is on others. When we are committed to selfless service, we are willing to give up our comfort and take on even challenging tasks for the good of those we are serving. There is no greater example of this spirit than Jesus Christ Himself, whom the second reading holds up before us as a "great high priest." The essential work of a priest is to offer sacrifice. Christ, who reigned in glory before the dawn of creation, sitting comfortably with the Father in Heaven, chose to offer the sacrifice of His very self for our sake. He emptied Himself of glory and took on our human nature, with all our weaknesses and limitations. He allowed Himself to be like us, "tested in every way, yet without sin." In offering the supreme sacrifice of His life, Christ opened a new way for us, so that, instead of fleeing suffering, we may "confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."

When we put ourselves at the service of others, we soon realise how severely limited our capabilities are. Despite our best efforts, our service is simply not enough for what is needed. The right response to this deficiency is not that we must do more, win more honour, and make ourselves greater, but that we must humbly make more space for God's providence. The Psalm helps us realise that our service is that of stewardship. In our mission as servants, our hearts are to be focused on our Lord and Master, not on our own vain glorious self-reliance.

All the resources and abilities that are part of our service come from God.

Putting ourselves in the service of others also places us in situations where we give up control. Instead of accumulating power, we soon feel that we are being crushed by the needs and demands of the people we serve. The masters of spiritual life teach us that the purer form of sacrifice is passive mortification. This is the path of freely embracing situations that come upon us uninvited and uniting them to the redemptive sacrifice of the Cross, just as the Lord Himself willingly accepted the afflictions that were thrust upon Him. Jesus Christ guides us to fight against our tendencies to reject all suffering. Against our attachment to comfort, Jesus challenges us to "drink the cup" of suffering and undergo the "baptism" of the Cross together with Him. Against our pursuit of honour, Jesus admonishes us not to be like the rulers who "make their authority felt." Instead, He points us to service as the measure of greatness in His Kingdom. Against our desire for power, Jesus leads us in the humble path of slavery: "the first among you will be the slave of all." A slave belongs to someone else; his service is not for himself but for his master. In His passion, Jesus Christ will fulfil all these lessons Himself which is the very reason He prepared the disciples by repeating three times the paradoxical nature of His saving mission. This is the path He has opened for us His disciples. He calls us to resist our natural tendencies to find the easy way out.

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

- How does comfort, honour and power in my life enable me to escape the prospect of suffering?
- In what ways do I give in to my natural tendencies to find an easy way out or to toot my own horn?
- Why do I find it so difficult to give up my comfort for the sake of serving others?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 9 November '24 | Service at 10.00am

Stenly Maidin & Avery Yonjimen

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

Coffee Morning on **Sun, 20 Oct** will be organised by the Penang Diocesan Prison Ministry in conjunction with Mission Sunday. Your support will be much appreciated.

All Saints' Day (Fri, 1 Nov) Mass at 6.45am & 8.30am (DM Chaplet at 8.00pm)

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 after the 8.30pm Mass. Come in white/gold or as your favourite saint!

All Souls' Day (Sat, 2 Nov) Mass at 6.45am

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.

Schedule of Blessing of Catholic Cemeteries (Sat, 2 Nov)

7.45am: Jalan Kelawai Cemetery
9.30am: Western Road Cemetery
3.00pm: Balik Pulau Cemetery

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

CALLING FOR VENDORS, PERFORMERS & VOLUNTEERS for our upcoming Parish-level Christmas event under the theme "An Ice Kacang Christmas" on **Sun, 15 Dec**. If you would like to be part of the preparations and on-goings for the celebration, please contact Audrey (012-495 4960) or Steven (012-477 8270).

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
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
No Mass		Mon 21 Oct
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Tue 22 Oct
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	St John Paul II, Pope
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Wed 23 Oct
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	St John of Capestrano, Priest
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Thu 24 Oct
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Fri 25 Oct
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Sat 26 Oct
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	
Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 27 Oct
		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9 Hebr 5: 1-6 Mk 10: 46-52

CATECHISM DATES

Sundays: 20 & 27 Oct at 10.45am



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL Wed, 23 Oct (8.15pm) -- St. Faustina Hall