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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (Nov 2024) Reaching Out, Making A Difference; Accompanying Those Who Grieve

Parish Priest speaks...

Throughout salvation history, the sinful condition of humanity in relation to God is often represented by the disease of blindness. "The blind" here represent us all insofar as we are sinners. When we sin, and particularly when we cling to sin, we place ourselves in a kind of exile from the light of God. Our own inner darkness makes us blind to His goodness to us. Jesus, the Light of the World, has come to heal this condition, to restore humanity to the right relationship with God.

The miraculous healing of the blind man Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is not simply the healing of one suffering man a long time ago; it is also a revelation that the prophecy of Jeremiah in the first reading, is being fulfilled by Jesus Christ. It is a sign of God's loving plan for the restoration of the whole of humanity through Christ. In the simple details of this one healing miracle, we can find a path by which any one of us can move from the darkness of sin into the light of God by the saving power of faith. We can say that Bartimaeus's healing started on the inside, when he began to "see" by faith and then to publicly acknowledge that Jesus was capable of restoring his sight. His loud cry in the street "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" is both a prayer and a great profession of faith. This prayer has endured through the centuries in the Christian tradition of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!"

Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. The people in the crowd think that they can see, and they confidently give directions to one who cannot. They represent the crowds of people in every age who are blinded by the darkness of sin – those who do not acknowledge the divinity of Jesus, who doubt His healing power, who refuse to admit their own need for Him. These are the ones who are quick to rebuke – and often to mock anyone who professes faith in Christ. At best, these blind ones genuinely think they should help their "ignorant" friends by discouraging them from being too fervent in their faith.

They soft-pedal everything related to God, and tell us to be "spiritual, but not religious." In the worst cases, they can be hostile toward any exercise of faith. At times we may even find ourselves as part of this loud-mouthed group of people who discourage the poor ones from relying on God and living their faith. Here Jesus tells us to reverse our course and instead to tell others those whom we may have shunned or discouraged that He is calling them. The response of Bartimaeus when he hears that Jesus is calling him is well worth pondering: "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." This man is clearly a model of enthusiastic and decisive faith; he goes to Jesus without any hesitation or sluggishness. The casting off his cloak symbolizes his leaving behind his former life which is precisely what we are all called to do.

Jesus asks next, "What do you want me to do for you?" He challenges us to express our faith in concrete form. Do we really want the restoration that He has come to offer? Bartimaeus does! He states simply, "Master, I want to see." He asks that the promise God gave through the prophets be applied to him; he unites his will with God's will; and it is this act of faith which opens the way for his healing. When Jesus says, "your faith has saved you," He reveals that faith is an absolutely necessary condition for our full restoration according to the plan of God. Once the eyes of our hearts have been enlightened, we can follow Jesus on the way of discipleship. We can proclaim with Bartimaeus, in the words of today's Psalm, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you. – Mark 10:49

- When has God given me faith and hope in disturbing situations?
- What circumstances in my life threaten to cause inner darkness in my soul?
- How has the gift of the saving power of faith moved me from darkness to light?

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.

Mother Mary, we thank you for your intercessions. As we meditate on the life of Christ with each bead of the rosary during this dedicated month, pray for us and with us. May we continue to be as fervent in our daily prayers and works of mercy.

All Saints' Day (Fri, 1 Nov) Mass at 6.45am & 8.30pm (DM Chaplet at 8.00pm)
Day of Obligation. Best Dressed Contest after the 8.30pm Mass.

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

Dedication cards for late loved ones are placed at church's entrance.

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

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

Advent Confessions 2024 (Penang Island)

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows **Tue, 3 Dec** 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Church of Immaculate Conception **Mon, 9 Dec** 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit **Tue, 10 Dec** 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Church of the Risen Christ **Wed, 11 Dec** 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Church of Divine Mercy **Thur, 12 Dec** 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Church of the Holy Name of Jesus **Fri, 13 Dec** 10.00am (Mandarin) & 8.00pm

INTO THE DEEP

Looking for prayer warriors to stand in the gap and intercede on another's behalf and plead for their cause.

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 22 Nov – Sun, 24 Nov** at Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne
 Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/hb4zuy87>
 Contact: Dorothy Chew (012-474 9088) or Anna Liew (013-485 2743)

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 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 27 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9 Hebr 5: 1-6 Mk 10: 46-52
No Mass	Mon 28 Oct	SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 29 Oct	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 30 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 31 Oct	Closing of Month of Rosary
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm DM Chaplet 8.00pm Mass 8.30pm	Fri 01 Nov	All Saints' Day Day of Obligation
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 02 Nov	All Souls' Day
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 03 Nov	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6 Hebr 7: 23-28 Mk 12: 28-34

CATECHISM DATES

Sundays: 27 Oct, 10 & 24 Nov at 10.45am

