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



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Parish Priests speaks...

In the Gospel, when the scribe asks, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus repeats what Moses taught the Israelites long ago, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Then Jesus immediately adds an extension of this commandment of love to include "your neighbour" and "yourself": "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

When God chose to reveal Himself to mankind, He spoke through Moses and the prophets, giving them commandments and laws to bring civility, unity, and order to His Chosen People. God related to them like a loving father. Parents love their children and want them to grow and become healthy in mind, body, and spirit. This growth does not happen all at once. It requires a great and persevering effort on the part of the parents and the children. Parents must love and teach their children, making many sacrifices for them. Children must listen to and obey their parents, yielding to their authority and letting themselves be guided in wisdom. Parents must strive to offer unconditional love, reflecting the love of our heavenly Father.

Love always involves sacrifice and suffering. Love is a decision, and in that decision, we must deal with the entire range of our human reactions. When we love, we choose the good of the other, and this puts us in third

place, behind God and our neighbour. Sometimes this makes us feel like we are dying, and in a sense, we are dying to the cries and demands of our flesh. The good news is that every time we decide to love as God wills us to love, there is a rising, a resurrection. Love unites us to the Lord in His suffering and in His rising. In the moment of our sacrifice, we may not feel this resurrection very often, we do not experience the rising yet, but we can know it in faith.

There is no limit to the Lord's love, and He asks us not to limit our love. Thus, He calls for love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Because this intimidates us, we are often afraid to learn more about love, and, like the scribes in today's Gospel, we do not dare to ask any more questions. We set limits on how far we will go in love. It is a tragic error to limit love because in doing so, we limit ourselves. The commandments of love do not limit us but expand us. Indeed, the more we love, the more we grow, and the more we become like God. When we respond to the call of the Lord, He assures us, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God!"

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...."

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." - Mark 12: 30-31

- When do I find it most difficult to love God?
- When do I find it most difficult to love my neighbour?
- In what situations or relationships do I have the difficulty to love?

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.

HOLY HOUR followed by Mass on Fri, 8 Nov (8.00pm) will be dedicated to cancer survivors, those afflicted, and families who have lost loved ones to cancer. Wear pink or purple clothing to show solidarity.

PRE-REGISTRATION for our Parish Assembly on **Sun, 17 Nov** is now open. A fun, informative and engaging in-person gathering for parishioners to come together and discuss important matters and share ideas. Voice your opinions, and contribute to the growth of our parish! Pre-register here: <https://cdmparishassembly2024.eventbrite.com>

CALLING FOR VENDORS for our upcoming Parish-level Christmas event under the theme "An Ice Kacang Christmas". Closing date on **Sun, 24 Nov**. If you would like to open a stall selling food or beverage, merchandise or even services, contact Audrey (012-495 4960) or Steven (012-477 8270). Registration forms are available via our Linktree QR Code.

GOD'S WORD & DAILY GOSPEL 2025 are now open for pre-orders at the D'Vine Gift Shop.

MARRIAGE VOW RENEWAL SEMINAR (BM)

Please note that "Seminar Pembaharuan Janji Kahwin" has been postponed to **Sun, 17 Nov**.

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne.

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/RGRyE> Closing date on **Wed, 13 Nov**.

The Annual Retreat for the Diocesan Bahasa Malaysia Apostolate will be on **Sat, 23 Nov**.

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/48mRB1h> Closing date on **Wed, 20 Nov**.

Contact: Sr. Florence (012-848 4158) or Byron (013-595 0232)

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 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 (18-29yr) 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
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
No Mass	Mon 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 05 Nov	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Wed 06 Nov	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 07 Nov	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	Fri 08 Nov	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 09 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 10 Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17: 10-16 Hebr 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44 (or 12: 41-44)

CATECHISM DATES

Sundays: 10 & 24 Nov at 10.45am

JP II Adoration Room:

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wed, 6 & 20 Nov (8.30pm)

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thur, 14 Nov (8.30pm)

St. Faustina Hall:

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Wed, 6 & 20 Nov (8.15pm)