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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 Priest speaks...

As we step into the final weeks of the Liturgical Year, the Church teaches us the importance of sacrifice. The central sacrifice in all history is that of Jesus Christ. The reading from Hebrews tells us, "Once for all He has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by His sacrifice." Jesus sacrificed His own life as an offering for our sins. Through His Death and Resurrection, He has won for us the gift of eternal life. He invites us to participate in His saving mission by making an offering of our own lives to Him and with Him. The readings this weekend give us vivid examples of this kind of self-offering.

The first reading describes an encounter between Elijah and a destitute widow in Zarephath. The widow has almost nothing left to live on, only a handful of flour and a little oil. She expects that after one final meal, she and her son will die of starvation. But Elijah asks her to feed him first. It may seem to us that the prophet is being grossly selfish to ask such a sacrifice from the poorest of the poor, but he is actually following the directions of God, who had told him that He had commanded a widow in Zarephath to care for him. Elijah too is poor for he has been living day by day in absolute dependence on God. He is not asking the widow to do any more than God has asked of him. He extends to her God's own promise: "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth." The poor widow believes in the word of God, and she acts in faith and the word is fulfilled on her behalf. Her supplies are indeed unending.

Perhaps, the other widow, whom we meet in today's Gospel, knows the story of the widow who cared for Elijah. Jesus points her out in the Temple as an example of generous, self-sacrificing love. Did she expect to be able to survive for a year after putting all she had into the treasury? There is no record of any prophet telling her that God would provide for her; nevertheless, she lives by faith. Faith itself is her inexhaustible treasure. In direct contrast to the self-centred, self-glorifying practices of the scribes, this poor widow gives not from her surplus wealth but from her poverty.

These two widows are inspiring in their total gift of self, but they are also quite disturbing to our human reasoning. We naturally question their prudence in giving away all they had. What will they live on? If we try to evaluate their actions without taking into account their faith, we will judge them as unreasonable, or worse, ridiculous. This is a wrong conclusion. The generosity that comes from faith is not simply a matter of giving away what we need to live on; rather it is dedicating everything we have to the Lord. It is trust in God, confidence in God, love for God. Perhaps, God will never call us to give away everything we own at least until the moment of our death, when we will leave everything behind anyway. But while we live on earth as children of God, we need to be willing to give to Him whatever He may ask of us.

"They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

- How does the faith of the two widows in today's readings increase my trust in God's providence?
- Where do I get the courage to give to God whatever He may ask of me?
- Why is it difficult for me to serve without counting the cost or seeking any personal reward?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

AN ICE KACANG CHRISTMAS coupons are now available for sale. Each sheet of coupon is worth RM30 and includes a ticket for a free ice kacang and a lucky draw.

PAROL-MAKING REGISTRATIONS are now open for families or small groups. An arts & craft activity during the 'An Ice Kacang Christmas' to share in the traditional cultural celebration from the Philippines. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/QmgxCcioo4DSHZIH9>

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

YOUTH CAMP: HIDE & SEEK

To bring: clothes and toiletries for 3 days & 2 nights, BIBLE, and yourselves!

Dates: **Fri, 29 Nov - Sun, 1 Dec 2024**

Venue: CDM, Penang

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A scripture based retreat to be held in Penang for anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of miscarriage or abortion.

Dates: **Fri, 9 May - Sun, 11 May 2025. Closing date 18 April 2025**

Strictly confidential communication: Mary (016-419 0538)

CATECHISM DATES

Sundays: 10 & 24 Nov at 10.45am

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wed, 6 & 20 Nov (8.30pm) - JP II Adoration Room

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thur, 14 Nov (8.30pm) - JP II Adoration Room

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Wed, 6 & 20 Nov (8.15pm) - St. Faustina Hall

	Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
	DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 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)
	No Mass	Mon 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Tue 12 Nov St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
	No Mass	Wed 13 Nov	
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Thu 14 Nov
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Fri 15 Nov St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
	Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Sat 16 Nov St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude, Virgin
	Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
	DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 17 Nov <i>World Day of the Poor</i> 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dan 12: 1-3 Hebr 10: 11-14, 18 Mk 13: 24-32