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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 -- (Dec 2024) Christmas Fellowship - Pilgrims of Hope



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### Parish Priests speaks...

We celebrate this weekend the feast of Christ the King. It is an invitation for us to ponder not earthly kingship, but heavenly kingship. The contrast between these two kinds of kings emerges in today's Gospel. Pilate is questioning Jesus about whether He is or is not the "King of the Jews." Pilate is thinking about earthly kings, the only kind he knows, those who rule by force, pride, and willpower. If this man Jesus is claiming to be a king, Rome will never tolerate His claim. Perhaps Pilate is also thinking about the Jews' hope for a Messiah, a strong leader, a new King David, who would come with power and liberate them from Rome. Pilate will not welcome any such king or Messiah.

He is not prepared for the answer Jesus gives: "My Kingdom does not belong to this world." Jesus reveals that He is indeed a king, but not the kind of king Pilate fears, not the kind of Messiah the people hope for. Jesus says that if He were an earthly king, His supporters would be fighting to save Him exactly the sort of social upheaval Pilate will not tolerate. But Jesus turns the ordinary understanding of kingship upside down. He is not a king who rises up to challenge Rome, He is a King who has come down from Heaven to overcome sin. He is more interested in testifying to the truth than in reigning by force. He has come to serve, not to be served; to save others, not to save Himself.

"My Kingdom does not belong to this world." These words revolutionize our whole understanding of life, for we who belong to His Kingdom do not belong to this world either. He says to us, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." When we listen to His voice as we ponder the word of God each day, He teaches us an entirely new way of thinking. He

turns our natural views upside down. The truth He teaches us frees us from our misguided ideas and attachments to this world.

Tragically, Pilate and the people did not listen to His voice. They were closed to the truth, which led to their rejection of Jesus. The tragedy of Pilate is played out over and over through the years whenever anyone chooses to reject the truth, to reject Jesus Christ the King.

Each of us has been created to serve this King, and to reign with Him in His Kingdom. The Book of Revelation reminds us that Jesus, who is "the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth," has made us into a kingdom, priests for His God and Father. Every baptized person shares in Christ's priesthood and kingship. We are called to participate in His mission while we are here on earth and to reign in His eternal Kingdom when we die. Today's feast reminds us that Jesus is the one, perfect, merciful, eternal King. When we "seek first His Kingdom" (Mt 6:33), bearing faithful witness to the truth with great love, everything else in our lives can be rightly ordered. To serve Him is to reign with Him.

**"My Kingdom does not belong to this world..."**

**For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - John 18: 36-37**

- What changes in my way of life when I shift from serving an earthly king to serving Jesus Christ the King?
- When do I tend to close my heart to the truth like Pilate did?
- When am I most likely to focus on the gifts I have received and forget the Giver?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you for your participation during last weekend's Parish Assembly.**

**Your pro-active opinions, ideas and suggestions made for a fruitful discussion and we pray that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, together, we will continue to bear the abundance of love and mercy with the Hope of Christ for all.**

**ANICE 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. Contact your BEC Leader for details.

### PAROL-MAKING REGISTRATIONS

Last call for registrations! Limited spaces are now available for families or small groups of friends for this craft activity that shares in the culture of the Filipinos. For more info, visit the team at the information counters at the church porch after the weekend Masses.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/OmgxCcio4DSHZIH9>

**D'VINE GIFT SHOP** are now taking pre-orders for Daily Gospel & God's Word 2025.

Candles to complete your advent wreaths are also now available.

### Advent Confessions 2024 (Penang Island)

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

Check out these links to help in preparing for a meaningful Advent:

<https://mycatholic.life/advent/>

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tue, 24th December

**5:00pm: Caroling**  
**5:30pm: Mass**

**10:00pm: Cantata**  
**10:30pm: Mass**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wed, 25th December

**9:00am: Caroling;**  
**9:30am: Mass**

**11:00am: Chantlet;**  
**11:30am: Mass (Bahasa)**

CATECHISM DATES  
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION  
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Sundays: 24 Nov & 8, 15 Dec at 10.45am  
Wed, 4 & 18 Dec (8.30pm) - JP II Adoration Room  
Wed, 4 Dec (8.15pm) - St. Faustina Hall

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>WORLD YOUTH DAY</b>		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe <b>34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dan 7: 13-14 Rev 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33-37
Mass	9.00am	
No Mass	<b>Mon 25 Nov</b>	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Tue 26 Nov</b>
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Thu 28 Nov</b>
Mass	6.45am	
DM Holy Hour	8.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Fri 29 Nov</b>
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Sat 30 Nov</b>
Mass	6.45am	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	St Andrew Apostle
Mass	5.30pm	
<i>Tree Lighting Ceremony after Mass</i>		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Jer 33: 14-16 1 Th 3: 12 - 4: 2 Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36
Mass	9.00am	
	<b>Sun 01 Dec</b>	