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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)



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Parish Priest speaks...

The readings this weekend are of the goodness of God being shown and proclaimed, and of great deeds which reveal His glory. It is an act of love to tell others of God and to direct them to His care. The first reading is bursting with words revealing God's goodness, and with expressions that fill our hearts with hope. The prophet Isaiah is moved to rejoice in the Lord not simply because He is joyful but for the good of His people. His message is a gift for them. "For Zion's sake I will not be silent for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet." Isaiah is moved to give this gift of hope, a vision of the redemption of Israel in which the nation will be favoured as the beloved spouse of the Lord: "you shall be called 'My Delight,' and your land 'Espoused.'"

The Gospel too gives us an account where God is glorified through an act of love. At Cana, Jesus performed the first of His miraculous signs, "and so revealed His glory." He did so not for His own benefit, but for the good of others. Jesus is our perfect example of actions motivated by love. We can assume that He was satisfied with the wine He had already been served and was not longing for more. It seems that He was not thinking of performing a miracle at that point. He even tells His mother, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Jesus was not yet known as a miracle worker; He was a working man, a carpenter, attending a wedding in the community along with His mother and His friends. But we know from Scripture that Jesus was also a loving son, respectful of His parents (Lk 2:51). He loved His mother; He loved His people. So, when Mary points out a need, He responds with love, "willing the good" of the newlyweds and their guests.

The abundance of high-quality wine is a "sign," a sign of the abundant love of God for His people, whom He regards as His beloved bride. Isaiah had proclaimed, "as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you." And Jesus rejoices to provide His people with the choice wine of divine love.

Mary for her part did not even have to ask for a specific result. She did not tell Jesus that they needed more wine. She merely pointed out, "They have no wine." What an example of humility and confidence in prayer! When we pray about a difficult situation, we often tell the Lord what we think the best solution would be. We ask for healing, or consolation, or a change of heart for another. But the more we trust in the Lord's mercy, the more we can merely place the situation before Him, without attempting to determine His response. Mary's confidence in divine mercy continues as she directs others to trust in Him. She tells the servers, "Do whatever He tells you." This is exactly what she says to us as well. Those who are cautious about honouring Mary "too much" can learn from this passage that her role is always to lead others to her Son; her message is never about herself, but always, "Do whatever He tells you."

"Do whatever He tells you." - John 2:5

- How have I experienced the goodness of God in my life?
- When do I "will the good of the other"?
- Why do I sometimes lack confidence and humility when I pray?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns:

Sat, 8 Feb 2025 - Service at 10.30am

RAGUNATHAN KALIAPPAN & MELANIE MICHAEL DASS

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

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS 新春感恩祭

Bilingual Mass (English & Mandarin) will be celebrated. 双语弥撒 (英文和中文)

There will be no 6.45am morning Mass.

Time时间: 9:30am (9.00am) Chant 九点慈悲经

Date日期: Wed, 29 Jan 2025 大年初一

LIVING SPRING CNY CELEBRATION

Date/Time: Sun, 9 Feb 2025 (6.00pm)

Venue: Gertak Sanggul Fishing Pond Restaurant

Contact for info: Anne Chong (012-438 7818) / Amy Wong (012-456 9434)

PONGAL CELEBRATION பொங்கல் கொண்டாட்டம்

Pongal boiling will start at 3.00pm followed by bilingual (English & Tamil) Mass at 5.30pm and fellowship at the basement area. All are welcome to join in this cultural celebration.

அனைவரையும் வரவேற்கின்றோம்

Date தேதி: Sat, 8 February 2025

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples in an intensive weekend where both are invited to examine & deepen their relationship with each other & with God.

Venue: Stella Maris, Penang

Dates: 14 - 16 Feb 2025 . 16 - 18 May 2025 . 8 - 10 Aug 2025 . 7 - 9 Nov 2025

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

PARISH RENEWAL EXPERIENCE #3

A journey of rediscovering your faith in Christ & His Church. Find meaning in your faith life and reconnect your relationship with God, your family, and your fellow Catholics. Be guided to deeper insights into Scriptures & Church teachings.

Dates: Fri, 21 Feb - Sun, 23 Feb 2025

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/nmRHA>

Contact: Anna (012-509 2636) or Rebecca (012-471 9370)



Parish Renewal Experience (PRE)
OF DIVINE MERCY

A journey of rediscovery of your faith in Christ & His Church

- Find meaning in your faith life
- Reconnect and deepen your relationship with God, your family and your fellow Catholics

Come and be Guided:

- to a spiritual growth journey
- to deeper insights into Scriptures and Church teachings
- to be healed by reconciliation
- to celebrate Mass, and fellowship

Decide NOW to take the journey!
Registration for CDM's 3rd PRE
Date: 21st to 23rd Feb 2025



For inquiry, pls contact via Call/Whatsapp (Anna Tng: 012-509 2636), Rebecca Lee (012-471 9370)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chantlet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 19 Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11
No Mass	Mon 20 Jan	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr
Lauds Mass DM Chantlet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 21 Jan	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Lauds Mass DM Chantlet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 22 Jan	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Lauds Mass DM Holy Hour	6.20am 6.45am 8.00pm Thu 23 Jan	
Lauds Mass DM Chantlet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 24 Jan	St Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm Sat 25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul The Apostle
DM Chantlet Mass For the hearing impaired	8.30am 9.00am Sun 26 Jan	Sunday of the Word of God 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 (or 12-14, 27) Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Charismatic Renewal Group:
Wed, 22 Jan 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall