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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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### Parish Priest speaks...

In this weekend's liturgy, the Church invites us to ponder the meaning and importance of the Word of God for our lives. We take time to encounter the Word, the life-giving Word who was in the beginning with God. From the Divine Word comes words that are truly "Spirit and life" for us. These words include His decrees, His precepts, and His commands, which, as the Psalm tells us, give wisdom to the simple, joy to the heart, and light to the eye. From the Book of Nehemiah we observe that the people of Israel were deeply moved, even to tears, as they listened to the Words of the law of the Lord. The people of Israel were previously in exile, which meant that for a long time they felt cut off from God and from His words. The Ark of the Covenant was lost, the temple had been desecrated, and the people had ignored or forgotten much of what God had told them. The absence of the Word of God was tantamount to the absence of God in their lives, which led to the loss of their identity and then to complete disorientation.

Now that the people have been brought back from exile and have rebuilt the walls of the city, it is an inexpressible joy for them to hear once again the Words of the Lord, to be filled with His "Spirit and life." It is like coming back to life. They are regaining their identity and once more finding meaning in their lives. It is no surprise that they spend several long hours listening attentively. In response they bow down in reverence, for the Words of the Lord are the people's living connection with the One from whom they come. The leaders remind the people that this day on which they receive the Word of God is a holy day, a day for rejoicing in the Lord.

In the Gospel, we encounter the life-giving Word of God in a new and greater way, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Jesus goes into the Nazareth synagogue and reads from the Book of the prophet Isaiah. The passage He selects is a summary prophecy of the awaited Messiah, who will come to bring good news to the poor, to set the captives free, and to give sight to the blind. The words of the prophecy mirror what we learn from the Responsorial Psalm. Just as the Words of God, His laws, decrees, precepts, and commands give Spirit and life, so too does the Word made flesh give Spirit and life.

Jesus declares that the Scripture passage He has just proclaimed is fulfilled in the hearing of His audience. It is being fulfilled in our own hearing as well, as we ponder the Word today. We meet Jesus in His Word. Conversely, when we neglect the Word, we neglect Him. "Ignorance of the Scriptures," St. Jerome says, "is ignorance of Christ." When the inspired Word is proclaimed, Christ the Messiah is proclaimed. It is He who gives sight to the blind, giving us wisdom and freedom. Jesus the Eternal Word who speaks the good news of joy through the Scriptures is the good news in person; He is not just an abstract concept or an idea, He is the Word made flesh.

### The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives. - Luke 4: 18-19

- What are the consequences when I am unfaithful to the Word of God?
- How can I express the joy of having accepted the Word of God in my life?
- How does pondering the Word enable me to find my identity and the meaning of my life?

### 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.

### MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Donations will be collected at the church porch after Mass from 28 Jan - 9 Mar. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Please bring your own candles to be blessed at the porch before Mass

Dates: Sat, 1 Feb (5.30pm) & Sun, 2 Feb (9.00am)

### CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS 新春感恩祭

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

There will be no 6.45am morning Mass.

Time时间: 9:30am (9.00am) Chapelet 9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.

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Date தேதி: Sat, 8 February 2025

### INCULTURATION OF THE FAITH

An interactive Forum for Catholics to deepen their understanding of inculturation and how it aligns with the teachings of the Church. Participants will have the chance to ask questions and clarify any doubts about inculturation and Church-approved practices

Date/Time: Sun, 30 Mar 2025 (2.00pm - 5.00pm)

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/inculturation2025>

For more info: Jeanne J Saw 016-455 4597 (WhatsApp or SMS) / necpgdiocese@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)

### Mass Collections (18 & 19 Jan 2025)

1st Collection: RM4 755.05

2nd Collection: RM3097.85



Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chapelet Mass <i>For the hearing impaired</i>	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
No Mass	Mon 27 Jan	St Angela Merici, Virgin
Lauds Mass DM Chapelet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
DM Chapelet Mass	9.00am 9.30am Wed 29 Jan	恭喜發財
Lauds Mass DM Chapelet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Thu 30 Jan	Gong Xi Fa Cai
Lauds Mass DM Chapelet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 1 Feb	
DM Chapelet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 2 Feb	WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE The Presentation Of The Lord Mal 3: 1-4 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40 (or 22-32)

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 12, 26 Feb 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 5, 19 Feb 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Wed, 13 Feb 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

