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



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Parish Priest speaks...

The readings this weekend have a common theme running through them. It is the experience of a sinful person being called by God to do a particular mission, Isaiah the prophet, Paul, "the least of the apostles," and Simon Peter the fisherman. Each feels unworthy but comes to recognise that what is impossible for him is made possible by the power of God.

In the first reading, Isaiah sees the Lord in other-worldly majesty and splendour. He hears the heavenly seraphim proclaiming the Lord's holiness, and the effect of their powerful cries is that "the frame of the door shook, and the house was filled with smoke." Isaiah too is shaken. In the presence of such holiness, he recognises his utter unworthiness. "Woe is me; I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." His reaction is the normal response of a sinner who finds himself in the presence of God and not that God is against us, but it is obvious to us that our own sins render us unworthy to be near Him. The solution is revealed in the symbolic gesture of the seraph touching the prophet's mouth with an ember. It is God who removes our wickedness and purges our sins. It is God who prepares us for our vocation and gives us the grace to respond. He sets us free. The result is that we can, though we are unworthy, still accept the call to go forth in service of the Lord.

St. Paul never forgot his own sinfulness. He reminds us of it in the second reading, where he declares himself unworthy to be called an Apostle. His sin does not lead him to despair as he recalls at the same time how merciful God is in his life. Paul knows by experience that when God calls us, we are to rely not on ourselves, for we are sinners; but we can and should rely on His grace and mercy. We also ponder St. Peter's experience of being a sinner who is nonetheless personally chosen and called by God. Simon Peter is following his typical daily routine.

Some days he and his companions catch some fish and on other days they catch nothing. Jesus enters into their lives. He gets into Simon's boat. After some time teaching, He asks Simon to do something unusual, "Put out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch." Even though they have already done their best and have no hope of catching anything that day, Jesus is confident of Simon's success if he will simply respond to the call. Simon does respond. In humble obedience to Jesus' command, he lowers his nets again. The result is a catch so great that it almost sinks the boats!

There are many lessons here for us. One is that without God we cannot accomplish anything, no matter how hard we try or how long we work. Another lesson is the power of obedient faith. Even though we cannot see what is in the "deep water," we can trust that a great catch is there when God sends us. If we obey His Word, we will be able to accomplish His work.

Each one of us is called by God and sent forth to serve Him. He is both the origin of our mission and the secret of its success. Today is a new opportunity for us to "put out into deep water and lower our nets for a catch." Let us respond with faith! Like Isaiah, like Paul, like Peter, and especially like the Virgin Mary, let us take a leap of faith in our merciful and powerful God. "Here I am, Lord; send me!"

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch..."

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." – Luke 5: 4, 10

- How do I deal with my feelings of unworthiness?
- How many times have I experienced that without God I cannot accomplish anything?
- What do I learn from comparing my faith journey with that of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Collections (2nd Collection for the Poor)

Sat, 1 Feb: RM1699.70 & RM2112.50 Sun, 2 Feb: RM3362.65 & RM2568



EXPERIENCE THE VIA DOLOROSA

On **Fridays during Lent at 8.00pm** followed by Mass. Registrations will begin next weekend on **15 & 16 Feb** at the church porch.

CHILDREN'S LENT PROGRAMME: WALK THRU LENT 2025

A programme by the Catechesis Ministry & Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) team. Parents and children (ages 4 to 12 years old) are encouraged to join and walk deeper in understanding the Passion of Christ and move closer to Jesus through His faith and endurance in His last moments on earth.

Dates/Times: **Sun, 16 Feb: 11.00am – 3.00pm**
Sundays 2, 9, 16 & 23 Mar: 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Thur, 3 Apr: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Sat, 5 Apr: 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Sun, 6 Apr: 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Contact: Edmund (012-563 1674)or Audrey (012-495 4960)
Registration link: <https://forms.gle/1aMrk4uZnNpcrBv2C6> (by 12 Feb)

CATECHETICAL SESSIONS BY REV FR DR GILBERT CHOONDAL

A highly recommended formation for evangelising catechists and parents by the Penang Diocesan Catechetical Commission.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/3wfiZceP8cRXmTiy9>

Deanery sessions at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:

Sun, 23 Feb (2.00pm-3.00pm): Catechesis for Evangelizing Catechists (ECs)
Sun, 23 Feb (3.30pm-6.30pm): Catechesis for First Holy Communion ECs (Std 1-3 or 4)

Family Catechesis for Parents:

Wed, 19 Feb (8.30-9.30pm): City Parish – Our Lady of Sorrows
Sun, 23 Feb (8.00-9.00pm): Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Mon, 24 Feb (8.30-9.30pm): Church of the Immaculate Conception

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.

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>
Contact: 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 & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 9 Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6: 1-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 (or 15: 3-8, 11) Lk 5: 1-11
No Mass	Mon 10 Feb	St Scholastica, Virgin
PUBLIC HOLIDAY: THAIPUSAM		
Mass 8.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 12 Feb	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 13 Feb	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 14 Feb	SS. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop
Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.00am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 15 Feb	World Day For The Sick
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 16 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Charismatic Renewal Group:
Wed, 12, 26 Feb 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation:
Wed, 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

