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



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Parish Priest speaks...

As we draw closer towards the Season of Lent, the Liturgy on this Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us great insight into the relationship between our exterior behaviour and our interior life, between what everyone can see and what God sees. What is within us, good or evil, will eventually be manifested in our words and actions.

In the Gospel, Jesus points out that when it comes to seeing one another's interior life, we are often like blind guides. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" Obviously, we must be able to see before we can guide others. But what we tend to see is other people's minor faults, how easy it is for us to see them while we remain blind to our own major faults. Or at least we find it very difficult to see and honestly acknowledge our own faults. Jesus asks us, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" What blinds us is our pride, our need to consider ourselves as better than others. Shame and insecurity also distort our vision. These are ongoing consequences of the original fall. We are still hiding behind fig leaves, thinking that God does not see us, and pointing the finger of blame at others.

When it comes to seeing our own inner life, our speech is a dead give-away, for, as Jesus says, "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." The first reading describes well how our words reveal what is hidden in our hearts: "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind." What do we hear when we pause to listen to ourselves? We may discover how quick we are to criticise the behaviour of others even to gossiping.

In our efforts to look good, or simply to enhance our own self-esteem, we look for the worst in others. There is a little of the self-righteous Pharisee in all of us. Thus, we can hear ourselves complaining, especially when we are facing

trials. We are convinced that we certainly do not deserve to suffer in this way or be treated so badly. God uses times of trial to test and to expose our true character. When we hear ourselves complaining, blaming, judging, boasting, sulking, defending ourselves, then we have evidence of what is going on in our hearts. After all, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."

But we, for the most part, are quite blind to all this! How can we see? How can we get the beam out of our own eyes? Today's Responsorial Psalm gives us a **secret: gratitude**. "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." When we practice the discipline of praise and thanksgiving, whether we feel like it or not, our gaze is lifted from our narrow focus on ourselves. We gain right perspective and begin to see ourselves as the Lord sees us. We repent of our petty complaints, and we recommit ourselves to the Lord who has been faithful throughout our night of trial.

We do not have to be preoccupied with "fixing" people, taking all the splinters out of the eyes of all our neighbours. When we begin to see others with the eyes of Jesus and love them with His Heart, we can become sighted guides. In our broken world, where so many are spiritually blind, our work is to lead them to Jesus for His healing touch. What a great blessing it is for us to be called to share in His saving, the healing work.

"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" - Luke 6:39

- When do I recognise my interior life revealed by my exterior behaviour and speech?
- Why do I still tend to see the faults of others and refuse to acknowledge my own?
- How do I benefit from dedicating myself to praise and gratitude?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Collections

Sat, 22 Feb: RM1756
Sun, 23 Feb: RM2895.60



Please place your old blessed palm leaves into the baskets/collection boxes prepared near the ground floor office in order to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.



Dear Parents of Catechism children, Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap would like to speak with you on **Sun, 2 Mar (10.45am)** at St. Faustina Hall. Your attendance is important as it concerns your children's faith journey.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS: PENANG ISLAND DEANERY

Mon, 17 Mar	10.00am & 8.00pm	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Tue, 18 Mar	10.00am & 8.00pm	Church of Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed, 19 Mar	10.00am & 8.00pm	Risen Christ Catholic Church
Thur, 20 Mar	10.00am (M) & 8.00pm (M&E)	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus
Wed, 2 Apr	10.00am & 8.00pm	Church of Divine Mercy
Thur, 3 Apr	10.00am & 8.00pm	Church of the Immaculate Conception



EXPERIENCE THE VIA DOLOROSA



Registrations are now open at the church porch for families or small groups of 4pax to carry the cross during Way of the Cross on **Fridays during Lent at 8.00pm**. Deepen your Lenten journey and experience the Via Dolorosa!

Find renewal and peace as you journey through Lent.

(links available via our Linktree QR)

40 Days in the desert: <https://shorturl.at/J38Sa>

Lent & Easter Reflections Series 2: <https://shorturl.at/NUPQf>

Consecration to Divine Mercy: <https://shorturl.at/8L5sl>



LITURGICAL SEMINAR: THEORY & PRACTICAL (in Bahasa Malaysia)

"Friends, let's follow this seminar with an open and loving heart. As liturgical ministers, we are called to renew the spirit in our service. May each session bring us closer to God and our neighbors."

Date/Time: **Sat, 29 Mar & Sun, 30 Mar (8.30am - 5.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall, CDM

Registration fee: RM35

Contact for registrations: JieJie (011-483 816) or Jusnie (016-897 0534)

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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 2 Mar 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclus 27: 4-7 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45
No Mass	Mon 3 Mar	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Tue 4 Mar St Casimir
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Wed 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
DM Chaplet followed by Mass	8.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Thu 6 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet WOC	3.00pm 8.00pm	Fri 7 Mar SS. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Sat 8 Mar St John of God, Religious
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 9 Mar 1st Sunday of Lent Deut 26: 4-10 Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13
慈悲经 中文弥撒	5.30pm 6.00pm	

Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thu, 13 Mar 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

