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



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Parish Priests speaks...

We all do recognise in ourselves the desire to find some fulfilment by possessing things. If I can only get a new car, or a bigger house, or nicer clothes, that would really make me happy! We differ in exactly what it is that we want to acquire, but we are all tempted to believe that some things will make us happier if only we had them. We can also admit that we are tempted by human glory. Some want to be admired by great crowds, while others crave honour and respect by the few people around them, but in any case, we want to be thought well of, to be admired, to be consulted, to be considered important. This is not bad in itself, but it can easily become an idol for us, such that we place the good opinion of others over being faithful to God and seeking our worth in Him alone. All of us can find these tendencies in ourselves to a greater or lesser degree. As we are aware they are traps of the enemy which will only lead us to ruin. For this reason, the Lord has given us this blessed Season of Lent. He calls us to follow the leading of the Spirit out into the desert with Him.

The first reading reminds us of how God saved His people from slavery in Egypt. They were maltreated and oppressed, and they cried out to the Lord. He heard their cry and brought them out of slavery and into freedom, out of Egypt and into a land where they were free to worship Him. Moses gives the Israelites instructions on how they are to return thanks to the Lord for His goodness to them. They are to bring Him an offering of their first fruits and then bow down in His presence. These symbolic actions teach us that the key to remaining free after the Lord has saved us is to acknowledge Him as our saviour and to worship Him as

Lord.

The Psalm for today tells us that if we "dwell in the shelter of the Most High, and abide in the shadow of the Almighty," no evil shall befall us. Later in the Psalm we learn that the one who dwells with the Lord is the one who clings to Him. This is a good word for us to ponder today. When someone clings to something, he grasps it tightly and will not let it go under any circumstance. We should cling to the Lord and His word.

We see in the Gospel what this looks like. The devil tries repeatedly to tempt Jesus to reject the will of God and follow him instead. Jesus simply clings to the Word of God, answering every temptation with a relevant scripture passage. The devil is completely defeated for it has no way to gain any influence over Jesus. The gifts of God are eternal and lead to everlasting joy and true glory. Which gifts are we pursuing? We should take time now, as we begin this Lent, to be clear in our minds about the difference between the two, so that with God's help we can firmly reject the lies and temptations of the devil and instead cling to the word of truth spoken personally to us by our most gracious and merciful God.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;

I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. - Psalm 91:14

- Why do I search for true happiness in earthly possessions?
- Why do I want to be admired and considered important in the eyes of others?
- During this Lent, how will my prayer enable me to cling to God and draw closer to Him?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Collections

Sat, 1 Mar: RM5777.05
Sun, 2 Mar: RM4476.10



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



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/NUPOf>

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

DRY FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

CDM Caritas will be preparing LENTEN Baskets for dry food donations. Please be considerate and check **expiry dates** and packaging conditions before dropping them off. You can also place your LENTEN contribution envelopes in the box provided at the church entrance.

- Beverages: Coffee/Tea/Milk/Milo
- Rice (5kg)
- Dry Noodles/Bee Hoon
- Flour
- Ketchup/Chilli Sauce
- Canned Food
- Cooking Oil (5kg)
- Cereal/Oats
- Curry Powder
- Washing Detergent



Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am 慈悲经 5.30pm 中文弥撒 6.00pm	Sun 9 Mar	1st Sunday of Lent Deut 26: 4-10 Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13
No Mass	Mon 10 Mar	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 11 Mar	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 12 Mar	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 13 Mar	Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis
DM Chaplet 3.00pm WOC 8.00pm followed by Mass	Fri 14 Mar	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 15 Mar	
DM Chaplet 8.30am Children's 9.00am Animated Mass	Sun 16 Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18 Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1 (or 3: 20 - 4: 1) Lk 9: 28-36



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

