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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...

The readings this weekend is full of a spirit of rejoicing in the great things that the Lord has done for His people. The first reading also describes the powerful saving action of God. He "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." He makes a way in the desert and makes rivers flow in the wasteland. He conquers powerful armies who come against His people. He wants all of us to come home to Him, and so He removes all the obstacles which stand in our way.

This is the kind of God we have for He wants to gather us to Himself. The greatest act of His saving mercy was sending His own Son to live among us and suffer and die to redeem us. As God's people, we should always be rejoicing in His goodness and mercy, knowing that we are saved and redeemed by His great power, not by our own efforts. However, we see in the Gospel that not everyone thinks this way. The scribes and Pharisees are not thinking of God's mercy when they bring before Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They are setting themselves up as judges, ready to condemn her for her sin, and using her to trap Jesus. And they are doing this in the temple area which should be a place to honour and worship God, not a place for manipulation, self-righteousness, and condemnation.

If we pay careful attention to Jesus' words and actions in this Gospel, we notice that He does not deny or minimise the woman's sin. He does not argue that what she has done is not sinful, or that it is not really so serious. This contrasts sharply with how the world views sin. There is a general attitude in today's society that minimises the reality of sin. What was Jesus' writing on the ground? We do not know, but perhaps He was writing the sins of the woman's accusers, sins which were just as serious as hers, and just as deserving of severe punishment. In His silence, He was probing their consciences, asking them to consider what their own situation would be if they would be judged by the same standard, which they were judging the woman. Jesus is not only saving the woman from these men, He is also saving the men from their own sins, and from the damage they are doing to themselves.

God does everything He can to save us, but we have our own part to play. We must acknowledge that our sin is serious and has serious consequences, and that we are not able to save ourselves. This is the journey that we have been taking during this Season of Lent. Once we have awakened to our real situation, we are in a position to cry out for a Savior, and to rejoice exceedingly when we come to know that we have that Savior in Jesus! He knows our sin, but He does not condemn us for it. In fact, His response to our sin is to take it upon Himself and suffer its consequences Himself. This is mercy! This is what we celebrate especially on Good Friday.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - John 8:7

- What are some of the obstacles that God has removed from my life so that I can draw closer to Him?
- When do I find it difficult to accept the reality of my sin?
- How do I show compassion to those who have hurt me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Announcements: Sun, 6 April at 11.00am
Gregory Ngu Kwang Hao

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.



Mass Collections

Sat, 29 Mar: RM1741.95 Sun, 30 Mar: RM3203.40

GOTONG-ROYONG

Date/Time: **Sat, 12 Apr from 8.00am**

Many hands make light work! Do bring along some rags and extra cleaning equipment to clean the church in preparation for Easter and our Divine Mercy feast day! Lunch will be prepared for all volunteers.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Will be on sale on Holy Thursday for CHOICE Penang fundraising. Supported with biodegradable packaging by Friends of Creation Ministry. Your support is much appreciated.

HO-CHIAK FOOD & FUN FAIR BY MT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL

Date/Time: **Sun, 22 June from 9.00am-2.00pm.**

Get your tickets in support and join in the vibrant celebration of community, featuring an array of delicious food and shared fellowship. The organising team will be setting up a counter at the church porch after Mass on **Sat, 17 May & Sun, 18 May.**

MODELING JESUS, LEADING WITH PURPOSE: A WORKSHOP FOR CATECHETICAL LEADERS

An evangelising catechists leadership formation for all serving leaders in the Catechetical Ministry and also potential and passionate ECs. English/multilingual ECs are highly encouraged to sign up for this leadership training session.

Date: **Sat, 31 May - Mon, 2 June 2025. Closing date for registration on Sun, 18 May 2025**

Venue: Domus St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Fee: RM200.00/pax. Meals provided for all.

Register: <https://forms.gle/ofZoc4R3Bo4MP8Dx7> or contact Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597)

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES - ENHANCING FAMILY LIFE by Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry

An event to help families build resilience & coping mechanisms when facing crisis.

Dates: **Sat, 21 June & Sun, 22 June 2025**

Venue: Domus St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

fee: RM120.00 per non-stay in couple / RM240 for stay-in couple. Meals provided for all.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Jubilee-Families> or contact Theresa (017-5788 192)

EXODUS - CALLED TO FREEDOM

Keys to authentic freedom and how a proper understanding of the Exodus can illuminate one's understanding of the Christian Faith.

Date: **Tues, 24 Jun - 2 Sep from 8.00pm-10.00pm (except 22 Jul),** via online Zoom.

No registration fee. Limited to 100 pax only.

Register: <https://forms.gle/ofZoc4R3Bo4MP8Dx7> (Closing date for registration: 10 Jun 2025)

Further enquiry: contact Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597) or email: necpgdiocese@gmail.com

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (PENANG)

A scriptural based retreat for anyone (man/woman) struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This stay-in retreat is specially designed to help participants experience the mercy, compassion, love and healing grace of God.

Dates: **Fri, 27 June - Sun, 29 June 2025. Closing date 20 May**

Contact: Mary (016-419 0538) or rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com.

All communication strictly confidential.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
5th Sunday of Lent		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 6 Apr	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8:1-11
No Mass	Mon 7 Apr	St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 8 Apr	CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Chrism Mass 8.00pm <small>at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit</small>		
No Mass	Wed 9 Apr	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 10 Apr	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm WOC 8.00pm followed by Mass	Fri 11 Apr	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 12 Apr	
Novena to OMPH Procession 5.30pm followed by Mass		
DM Chaplet Procession 8.30am followed by BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 13 Apr	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14 - 23: 56 (or 23:1-49)
DM Chaplet Procession 5.30pm followed by Mass 6.00pm		

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 9 & 30 Apr 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 16 Apr 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Wed, 10 Apr 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

