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



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Parish Priest speaks...

The liturgy of Palm Sunday this weekend gives us abundant material to ponder for this week as we step into Holy Week. The liturgy presents us with opposite extremes, from joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to humiliation, betrayal, and brutal torture. We are being invited to ponder in our hearts the depth of the paschal mystery as we journey with Jesus through these holy days. In the celebration at Jerusalem this weekend we find that Jesus is looking far beyond temporal human affairs. His arrival is not meant as a threat to the Pharisees or to the Romans. What his disciples are proclaiming is true: the king of Heaven is here!

The jubilation of Palm Sunday quickly shifts to a somber focus on the Lord's gruesome Passion and Death. We are invited to penetrate more deeply the love and mercy that moves him to accept his sufferings. In his Passion narrative, Luke includes several tender and merciful moments shown by the suffering Christ. One of these is Jesus' encounter with "many women who mourned and lamented him." "We can imagine how their being eyewitnesses of Jesus' sufferings moved these women to tears. Here he was, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that the "servant of the Lord" would suffer. Jesus was truly a man who gave his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who plucked his beard.

While we too mourn Jesus' sufferings, we must not miss the lesson he gave to the women. The sufferings that he endured revealed what sin does to a human person. Sin does gruesome things to our souls, putting the image

and likeness of God into a lamentable state. Jesus invites us to deep sorrow for our sins and the sins of humanity. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." As we enter into Holy Week, we weep for our sins and reflect on Jesus Christ as our one and true Mediator.

In addition to the women, we find Jesus' interaction with another set of persons, the two criminals who were crucified with him. Criminals, then and now, are social outcasts. But Jesus shows the greatness of his mercy to them as well. After one of the criminals acknowledges his own guilt and rightly recognizes Christ's innocence and kingship, he pleads: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus assures him in the most merciful and kindest of words: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." To be repentant of our guilt and to recognize Christ's lordship in our lives is the path that will lead us to Paradise. As we step into Holy Week and into the Way of Cross, we step into the pathway to Paradise that Jesus has opened up for us all. As we follow the Lord on his path of obedience and total surrender to the Father, we confess our faith "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? - Psalm 22:1

- How has the 40 days of Lent prepared me spiritually to follow Jesus to Calvary and to his death?
- How can I dispose myself to silent recollection during this Holy Week?
- In what ways am I willing to empty myself out of love for God and others?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mass Collections

Sat, 5 Apr: (1st Collection) RM1863.30 & (2nd Collection) RM 1895.20
Sun, 6 Apr: (1st Collection) RM347.20 & (2nd Collection) RM3128.95

DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY 2025 NOVENA & MASS SCHEDULE

Good Friday, 18 Apr at 2.15pm & 7.30pm

Holy Saturday, 19 Apr at 3.00pm, Vigil Mass with baptism at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday, 20 Apr at 9.00am

Mon, 21 Apr - Fri, 25 Apr at 8.00pm

Sat, 26 Apr 2025 at 5.00pm

Sun, 27 Apr 2025 at 3.00pm followed by procession through the streets.

Let's participate and make our Parish's Feast come alive!



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
DM Chaplet Procession followed by BM Mass	8.30am 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 followed by Mass	5.30pm 6.00pm Mon 14 Apr	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 15 Apr	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 16 Apr	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.00pm 8.30pm Thu 17 Apr	Holy Thursday
DM Novena & WOTC followed by Service WOTC followed by Service	2.15pm 7.30pm Fri 18 Apr	Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
DM Novena Easter Vigil Mass (with Baptism)	3.00pm 8.00pm Sat 19 Apr	Holy Saturday
DM Novena Easter Mass	9.00am 9.30am Sun 20 Apr	Easter Sunday Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 (or 1 Cor 5: 6-8) Jn 20: 1-9 (or Lk 24: 1-12)



Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

