



27 APRIL 2025

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

**Address:** 117, Jalan Kenari, Sg. Ara, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang  
**Tel:** 04-646 6881 / 013-584 6881 | **Email:** divinemercyppg@yahoo.com  
**Website:** www.cdm.my | **Facebook:** Church of Divine Mercy Sg Ara | **Instagram:** @cdmpenang  
**Parish Office Hours:** Closed on Monday  
9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



LINKTR.EE/CDMPENANG

### Parish Priest speaks...

**"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - John 20:24**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis (1936-2025), who inspired the Church with the two great themes of mercy and evangelisation. As we take to heart the passing of Holy Father, I invite you stay with the words of Pope Francis as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. "Let us be renewed by the peace, forgiveness, and wounds of the merciful Jesus. Let us ask for the grace to become witnesses of mercy. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy." This is the exhortation that Pope Francis offered in his homily at Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. Easter is the fulfillment of the promise made to each of us. Jesus our Savior, has saved us from our sins. By His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, He has taken upon Himself our sins and has made perfect reparation for them to the Father. He has conquered them so that through Him we may overcome them. Not only has He won for us freedom from sin, but by His grace He has also given us eternal life. He has opened the gates of Heaven for us. This is the tremendous, unfathomable mercy we celebrate today, Divine Mercy Sunday. This great mercy, first revealed on Easter, "the first day of the week," was also the subject of Jesus' private revelations to St. Faustina, to whom He said, "My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy" (Diary, 699). Divine mercy is linked to peace, for this is what Jesus offers us, forgiveness, and peace. His first words to the Apostles were, "Peace be with you." This is the same gift He spoke about to St. Faustina: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary, 699).

A barrier to receiving the mercy which Jesus offers us is displayed in the Gospel passage. Thomas is simply unable to believe in the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. It cannot be true! He saw Jesus die. His experience tells him that Jesus is gone forever, that evil and hatred have triumphed. He simply cannot open his mind and heart to the hope that God can do something so amazing as raise Jesus from the dead. We can have this same problem when pondering our own situation. Can I believe that God can heal and restore me such that I can be united with Him forever in Heaven, with all the angels and saints? I know my own poverty and weakness. How can I believe the good news of Jesus' mercy for my own life? To me, Jesus says as He did to Thomas, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Lord is inviting us to come to the throne of grace to receive His great mercy, forgiveness, and peace. We are assured in the words of the Psalm: "His mercy endures forever." Let us confidently approach the Fount of His inexhaustible Mercy. Let us accept His gift with great gratitude, allowing ourselves to be forgiven and to receive the peace that the world cannot give, the peace of Christ. Let us repeat again and again throughout today the refrain from today's Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting!"

Pope Francis' papacy was marked by two master themes: mercy and evangelisation. In an interview, he famously remarked that the Church is a field hospital to those wounded by our postmodern, relativistic society. It must, first and foremost, heal the wounds. He had a keen awareness of the destructiveness of sin, and he encouraged the Church to show the world the merciful face of Christ. He also emphasized the importance of our personal witness to the light of faith, drawing others to the life-giving joy of the Gospel.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, please join me in praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptism Announcements: Sun, 4 May at 11.00am**  
Nathaniel Zacharias Lok Ming Yew

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

**Wedding Banns: Sat, 10 May '24 | Service at 10.00am**  
Marrtin a/ Silvam & Renuka a/p Ganasan

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

### ROOTED IN PRAYER, BEARING FRUIT IN FAITH - A PRAYER RETREAT

Deepen your prayer experience and learn from the Putri Karmel Sisters and Fr Larry Tan, SJ with "Mindfulness-Based Coping Skills (MBCS)".

Dates: **Fri, 23 May to Sun, 25 May (registration closes 15 May)**

Venue: Monastery of the Putri Karmel Sisters, Balik Pulau

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/oEJaIfUJxPRVxSDx7>

Contact: Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597)

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

A leadership formation for all serving & potential leaders in the Catechetical Ministry.

Date: **Sat, 31 May - Mon, 2 June 2025. (Registration closes 18 May)**

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)

### 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.**

### 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](mailto:rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com).

All communication strictly confidential.

### GOD IS WITH ME - PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP 2025

This camp aims to help our children understand that God is their source of courage and strength, to trust in Him and the power of prayer in their faith journey. Open to catechism children from Std 1 (7yo) to Std 6 (12yo).

Date/Time: **Sat, 5 July from 8.30am to 4.00pm. Registrations start in May**

Donations are greatly appreciated for meals and T-shirts.

For enquiry, contact: Justine See (012477-5860) or Loke Yieing Jia (012 4793586)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A retreat to rejuvenate your relationship and strengthen the marital bonds with God.

Dates: **Fri, 16 May - Sun, 18 May 2025 (Mandarin-speaking couples)**

**Fri, 10 Oct - Sun, 12 Oct 2025 (English-speaking couples)**

Fee: RM50/couple

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

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/wDTBO>

Contact: Bernard & Sharlotte (010-789 4500) or Joseph & Christine (012-403 0968)



Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>INSPIRING HOPE AGAINST ALL HOPE</b>		
Mass followed by Procession with DM Chapelet & Benediction	Sun 27 Apr	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Acts 5: 12-16 Rev 1: 9-13, 17-19 Jn 20: 19-31
No Mass	Mon 28 Apr	St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr St Louis M. Grignon de Montfort, Priest
No Mass DM Chapelet	Tue 29 Apr	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor
No Mass DM Chapelet	Wed 30 Apr	St Pius V, Pope
Mass DM Chapelet	Thu 1 May	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> St Joseph the Worker
DM Chapelet Holy Hour followed by Mass	Fri 2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary Novena to OMPH Mass	Sat 3 May	SS. Philip and James, Apostles
DM Chapelet Mass	Sun 4 May	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Rev 5: 11-14 Jn 21: 1-19 (or 21: 1-14)

### Mass Collections

Maundy Thursday, 17 Apr: RM3728.50

Good Friday, 18 Apr to Holy Land: RM6109.70 (3.00pm)  
RM4076.30 (7.30pm)

Easter Vigil, 19 Apr: RM3646.20

RM2162.70 (2<sup>nd</sup> Coll for parish expansion)

Easter Sunday, 20 Apr: RM7037.80

RM3765.70 (2<sup>nd</sup> Coll for parish expansion)

