

# 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...

In the Sixth Week of Easter, we continue to ponder with hope the promise of sharing life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The reading from the Book of Revelation takes us to Heaven, to the eternal Kingdom where we shall dwell with the Trinity. St. John speaks of it as "the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God," gleaming with the splendour of God. He goes on to describe its twelve gates on which were inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. On its foundation stones were inscribed the names of the twelve Apostles of Jesus, the Lamb of God. The reading reassures us of God's promise to His faithful ones, renewing our hope to this day.

The measure of our love for Jesus is manifested by our keeping His word. To "keep His word" is to trust in His love for us; it is to allow Him to reign in us, moving us to love one another. To avail ourselves of His grace, we ponder His word so that we can keep His word. In the Scriptures we ponder each day, the Lord speaks personally to us, and we encounter His living presence. Today He tells us that the Holy Spirit is the power that enables us to live by His word. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

It is no secret that it is difficult for us to remain present to the Spirit's presence dwelling within us. We forget about the Word. We get distracted by our physical needs, by the concerns we have for others, and at times, by our own emotional turmoil. At times it can feel like the Lord has left us or that we have lost Him. His closing words in the Gospel are a reassurance to us. He leaves us His peace, and He promises to come back to us. He already has returned to us and remains with us always through the Holy Spirit. In fact, He never leaves us.

How quickly we can forget that our relationship with the Lord is one of love. Because of our fallen nature, we easily reduce our friendship with Him to what do I have to do? Something similar can happen in our most intimate human relationship, marriage. After the honeymoon phase of the first years of marriage, many couples struggle with their relationship. It can break down to little more than "what are my obligations?" and "what are my spouse's obligations?" In our relationships with God and with each other, we too easily substitute rules for love, basing our relationships more on justice than on mercy.

It is important to note that as the reading from the Acts of Apostles when we welcome the guidance of the Spirit, who dwells in us and speaks through the Magisterium of the Church, the peace of Christ reigns in our hearts. Our personal and social agendas, our fixation on rules rather than on love, and our modern-day "cult of self-worship," lead only to hearts that are troubled and afraid. Jesus urges us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." His Holy Spirit draws our hearts to Him who is the "lamp" shining on the holy city, filling us all with His glory. The Spirit sends us forth as missionary disciples to shine His light on all and lead them to the Father's welcoming embrace.

**"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - John 14:23**

- How does pondering and keeping the Word expand my capacity to love others?
- Why do I sometimes live a double life, partly with God and partly still attached to the things of this world?
- When do I tend to place on others burdens beyond what is necessary?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wedding Banns: Sat, 31 May 2025 | Wedding Service at 11.00am**  
**SAGILEN A/P MARIAPAH & SYBEL MARIA LANGAN**  
**Wedding Banns: Sat, 21 June 2025 | Wedding Service at 10.30am**  
**IAN PATRICK & SOO SHENG MEI**

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

## COLLECTION OF USED BATTERIES (LAST WEEKEND OF EVERY OTHER MONTH)

"Friends of Creation" will be leaving a collection box for small used household batteries only from **Sat 31 May (5pm) to Sun, 1 June (2.30pm)** at the church entrance gate. Read further safety instructions on the box.

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

Open to catechism students from Std 1 (7yr) to Std 6 (12yr)

Date/Time: **Sat, 5 July from 8.30am to 4.00pm**

Registration: <http://tiny.cc/9xjD01>, Registrations close 31 May

For enquiry, contact Justine See (012477-5860) or Loke Yiling Jie (012 4793586)

## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025 PILGRIMAGE by CDM Family Life Ministry

➔ Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Pematang Tinggi & Chapel of Armai Vellangany, Jelapang.  
 Fee: RM10/pax (children 4yr and below not charged). Registrations close Sun, 1 June 2025.

Date/Time: **Sat, 7 June 2025; departure from CDM 8.00am and estimated arrival back 9.00pm**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Bdz2BvKjJnDQ64BZ> or meet at the church porch

Contact: Lawrence (012-430 8360) or Esther (012-452 9462).

## CHOICE MANDARIN WEEKEND #12

邀请你在信任、温暖及关爱中，一起共度宝贵的48小时，探讨心灵深处的CHOICE周末营

A self enrichment experience for single adults (21-40 years) to meet like-minded people and

making choices, looking into every aspect of our relationship with significant people in our lives.

Date: **Fri, 11 July (7.00pm) - Sun, 13 July 2025 (7.00pm)**. Registrations close 11 June

Venue: St. Anne's Domus, BM, Penang.

Cost: RM50 (stay in)

Contact persons: Agnes Lim (012-398 6 988) or Esther Boo (017-794 6901).

## ANCHORED IN HEBREWS 9:10 - CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Organised by the Shalom Glory Renewal Group (SGRG) with renowned speakers from France, Indonesia and Malaysia will be speaking on many areas that matter to us men.

Date/Time: **Sat 5 July & Sun, 6 July 2025 (9.00am - 7.00pm)**

Venue: Auditorium, Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth

Fee: Early bird promo RM50/pax (without meals) or RM80/pax (with meals) ends 15 June.

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Contact: John Raj (016 4 91 9761) or Valentine Dass (012 475 1771). Use

Registration: <https://forms.gle/vBRMh8a3f3RCieH1A> Closing date 30 June

## EXODUS - CALLED TO FREEDOM

It's not just Israel's story but also ours; revealing who God is and what He calls us to be. Learn the keys to authentic freedom and how a proper understanding of the Exodus can illuminate one's understanding of the Christian faith. No registration fee. Limited to 100 pax only.

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

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/PDNEC25Exodus> Closing date 30 Jun

Contact: Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597) or email: [neccpgdioecese@gmail.com](mailto:neccpgdioecese@gmail.com)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 25 May	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29
Rosary Tamil Mass	5.30pm 6.00pm	
No Mass	Mon 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 28 May	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 29 May	<b>DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> The Ascension of the Lord
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Rosary Mass	8.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 30 May	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 1 June	World Social Communications Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 7: 55-60 Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17: 20-26

Charismatic Renewal Group

**Wed, 28 May, 11 & 25 June 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustine Hall  
 Christian Meditation

**Wed, 4 & 18 June 2025 (8.30pm)** at St. JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation 基督徒祈祷 (華文組)

**Thu, 12 Jun 2025 (8.30pm)** at St. JP II Adoration Room



Mass Collections

Sat, 17 May: RM542.20 Sun, 18 May: RM3287