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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...

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, and now we have a sort of a pause. He is no longer with us in His physical body, but He has not yet sent the Spirit to us. In the Gospel reading for the Ascension, He told the disciples to wait in the city until they were "clothed with power from on high." The next paragraph of the reading told us that the disciples "were continually in the temple praising God." This gives us an insight into what we are to be doing during this week. We should be "continually in the temple," praising God for all that He has done in us so far, and preparing for the coming of the Spirit, who will empower us to go forth as witnesses of Christ "to all the nations." The "temple" here is the inmost depths of our hearts, where God dwells, and where we come before Him in prayer. This spiritual space is also represented by the "upper room" in which the disciples waited with Mary for the coming of the Spirit. We are called into this place during this week, to reflect, as the disciples did, on all that we have seen and known of Christ.

Ultimately this interior place in which we meet God is to be like a bridal chamber, where we are to be united with God in a way analogous to the unity of a husband and wife in the intimacy of their marital love. Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel, where He prays to the Father, "that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." It is hard to take in the fullness of what Jesus is saying here. God's plan is to bring us into perfect union with Himself, sharing with us the same love with which the Persons of the Trinity love each other: "I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The first reading shows us that this is not just a beautiful-sounding idea which has no real connection to our actual life in this world.

We see in St. Stephen an example of the union between a human person and God. Jesus is a divine Person who took on a human nature. What we see in Stephen is a human person who has to a certain extent taken on almost a divine nature, by the work of the Spirit in him. Stephen is so filled with the Holy Spirit that he has become like another Christ. Like Christ, he freely offers his life for the glory of God and the salvation of sinners. He even repeats some of Jesus' last words from the Cross.

Now we see that when the Lord commissioned us on Thursday to be His witnesses "to all the nations," He did not mean merely that we should talk to other people about Him, or write books, or even do good works in His name. We are to go into the world as "other Christs," transformed into living icons of God's loving presence, as Stephen was. This is the mission which Mother Church sets before us as we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost and the period of Ordinary Time that will follow.

We know that we can never be such witnesses by our own power. Only the Spirit can empower us to give a true witness to Christ. And thus, the Church encourages us to take good advantage of this week of preparation, waiting in the "upper room" of our hearts with Mary, doing all that we can to open ourselves to the transforming work of grace. We eagerly invite God to work in our hearts, longing for the Spirit to fill us more fully at Pentecost. Let us repeat again and again, throughout the coming week, these words from the conclusion of the Book of Revelation, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

"Behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." - Luke 24:49

- How can I be spiritually better prepared to serve as a witness of Christ to others?
- What is the Lord saying to me through the inspiring witness of St. Stephen, who freely offered his life for the glory of God?
- In what ways do I depend upon the Spirit in my daily life?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

"与祂同行" (WALKING WITH YOU)

有时候，我们忙着往前走，却忘了最重要的同行者——天主。在生活的高低起伏中，天主一直与你同行。你愿意再次感受祂的爱吗？人生路上，你不是孤单的。天主在这里，与你同行。

A spiritual retreat by CDM Chinese Apostolate for 18-39yo (RM80/pax)

Date/Venue: **Fri, 13 June - Sun, 15 June 2025** at St. Faustina Hall.

Registration: <https://shorturl.at/Byrc4> Closing date 9 June

Contact: 陈佩君 Grace (011-10500425) / 朱好涵 Josephine (012-4772817)

VOLUNTEER AT LIGHTHOUSE

Want to give back to your community? Come help out at either the Thrift Shop or our Feeding Centre as an individual or in a group. Your time can make a difference!

Contact: Grace (04-2638842 / admin@lighthouse.my)

WEBINAR ON DRUG ADDICTION AWARENESS

Drug abuse can happen to anyone - our family or friends, the risk is higher if one is ignorant, depressed, or broken. Join us in this webinar to have a better understanding about drug addiction, how it usually begins, and where we can seek help.

Date/Time: **Thurs, 26 June 2025 (8.00pm - 9.30pm)**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/F3xvVLKsKtRsyH2h8>

*The presentation will show photos of drugs and its equipment for awareness and educational purposes. Teens below 16yo are encouraged to participate together with their parents.

CHOICE MANDARIN WEEKEND #12

邀请你在信任，温馨及关爱中，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.

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

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

Cost: RM150 (stay in)

Contact persons: Agnes Lim (012-398 6918) or Esther Boo (017-794 6901).

ANCHORED (HEBREWS 6:19 - CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE)

Organised by the Shekinah 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 RM60/pax (without meals) or RM80/pax (with meals) ends 15 June.

RM80 (without meals) or RM100 (with meals).

Contact: John Raj (016 491 9761) or Valentine Dass (012 475 1771). Use

Registration: <https://forms.gle/wBKMh8s3ftRCieHIA> Closing date 30 June

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 11 & 25 June 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

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

Chinese Christian Meditation 基督徒默禱 (華文組)

Thur, 12 June 2025 (8.30pm) at St. JP II Adoration Room

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		<i>World Social Communications Sunday</i>
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 1 June	7th Sunday of Easter Acts 7: 55-60 Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17: 20-26
No Mass	Mon 2 June	SS. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 3 June	SS. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Wed 4 June	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 5 June	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	Fri 6 June	St Norbert, Bishop
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 7 June	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 8 June	Pentecost Acts 2: 1-11 Rom 8: 8-17 Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26
DM Chaplet 5.30pm Mandarin Mass 6.00pm 中文弥撒		



Mass Collections

Sat, 24 May: RM1332.10 (1st) RM1147.15 (2nd)

Sun, 25 May (9.00am): RM3325 (1st) RM2227 (2nd)

Sun, 25 May (6.30pm): RM262 (1st) RM118 (2nd)