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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 speak much about rejoicing showing that the demanding missionary vocation is a joyful one when the seventy-two disciples return from their mission rejoicing. The seventy-two had been sent out in pairs to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. What Jesus told them at the beginning of their mission, He says to us today. In sending us into the world, He is giving us the privilege of sharing in His own mission, which from the very beginning was to proclaim the Gospel. This is the very message He entrusts to us. Jesus has a burning desire that everyone be saved, and He lights the same fire in our hearts. He wants us all to be "labourers," that is, harvesters, for there is a rich harvest to be gathered in.

The Gospel is a treasure. All who are entrusted with it are spiritually rich. But while the message we bear is rich, we ourselves are to be poor, so that nothing will interfere with the spread of the Gospel. This is the reason Jesus tells the seventy-two missionaries to bring nothing with them on the journey. This is important, simply that detachment from earthly things is necessary for full commitment to our mission. The Kingdom we are announcing is not based on earthly wealth and is not limited to earthly progress, it is the Kingdom of God! We can imagine that the new missionaries had some apprehension about going forward without any earthly support, no money, no bag, no sandals. They must have felt very vulnerable, very much "like lambs among wolves." They soon discover, however, that they do not need all the earthly support they used to rely on.

Their radical poverty does not leave them defenceless, for they have a Shepherd guarding and providing for them always. Thus, they return rejoicing that their mission has been so successful and that they have such power even over "the full force of the enemy."

In today's second reading, we encounter another dimension of Christian rejoicing in St. Paul's description of his boasting "in the Cross." Paul is overflowing with gratitude that he has been given the privilege of partaking in the mission of Christ and sharing His Cross. We learn that, in comparison to this gift, nothing else should matter to us. We all have crosses in our lives: the cross of physical or mental illness, the pain of broken relationships with those we love, the limitations of aging. We are led by grace from endurance to acceptance, from acceptance to embracing, and from embracing to rejoicing in our cross.

There we know by faith that we are one with Him in His redeeming work. We have died with Him that others might have life. No one can disturb our peace of soul if we know the love of God. As missionaries, this is the peace that we are to bring to others, just as the seventy-two bring the peace of Christ to every house they enter: "Peace to this household." Thus, Paul proclaims: "Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule."

"The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few..." - Luke 10:2

- How does following Jesus bring me much joy?
- Why is it important to practice detachment as I commit my life to the Lord?
- When have I experienced God's motherly love and tenderness?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNS: SAT, 19 JULY '25 | SERVICE AT 10.30AM

S. Pravin & Jacqueline Nishaantinii Francis Xavier

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 28 June: RM1431.70 (1st collection) & RM1108.25 (2nd collection - Peter Pence)

Sun, 29 June: RM2627.10 (1st collection) & RM1961 (2nd collection - Peter Pence)

'WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?' AUDITIONS

We are looking for actors, singers, and musicians to bring back to life the musical play, 'What is Christmas?' Volunteers for makeup, prop and costumes, light and sound are very much welcome as well!

Date/Time: **Sun, 20 July 2025 (1.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Joanna (016-435 9217) or Jocelyn (014-9055 266)

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (YAM) PILGRIMAGE TO MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE

This event is open to youths and all young adults aged 18 years and above. A love offering of RM35 includes transport, food and water. Wear your CDM Feast Day T-shirt!

Date/Time: **Sat, 19 July 2025 (3.00pm)**

Contact: Sachin (017-474 5737)

THE 8TH CATHOLIC SINGLES WEEKEND

A weekend of faith, friendships, and perhaps something more! A programme designed to offer Catholic singles (25-45yr old) a meaningful platform to meet, interact and grow-in faith. Supported by the Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry, this program provides a warm and respectful environment rooted in Catholic values.

Dates: **Fri, 26 - Sun, 28 September 2025 Closing date 31 Aug**

Venue: Domus St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam.

Fees: RM360.00 per person (includes 2 nights' stay, breakfast, tea-breaks, lunches & dinner)

Contact: Maria (019-480 6281) or Theresa (017-578 8192) / catholicdatinghub@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER: CARITAS PENANG

Invest your talents and time to do good for the community and bring lasting impact to the children, the sick, the elderly, and other vulnerable persons in need. Spend a couple of hours or more a week volunteer in learning centres, medical centres, homes for the aged, women's shelters, or assist with the disaster affected population. Sign up at

<https://caritaspenang.com/volunteer>

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF ESSENTIAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR REFUGEES

Caritas Penang, in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders (Butterworth), is organizing a humanitarian project to provide essential hygiene items to refugees currently detained at the Immigration Detention Centres (IDC). Donation items may be dropped off near the ground floor office **by 15 July**.

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, body soap & shampoo, feminine hygiene products, laundry soap

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MANDARIN)

准备结婚的情侣们, 请至少于六个月前见你们的本堂神父报名参加槟岛总铎区华文促进会所举办的华语婚前准备课程。2025 华语婚前准备课程详情如下:

地点 Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

#65: **Fri, 3 Oct - Sun, 5 Oct 2025**

若有所咨询, 请联络 For enquiries: Cecelia Ng (012-454 7007) / Joachim Teh (012-477 8319)

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Date/Venue: **Fri, 7 Nov - Sun, 9 Nov 2025** at Stella Maris, Penang

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun	14th Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 66: 10-14 Gal 6: 14-18 Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 (or 10: 1-9)
Mass	9.00am	6 July	
No Mass		Mon 7 July	
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 8 July	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed 9 July	SS. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu 10 July	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Fri 11 July	St Benedict, Abbot
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat 12 July	
Mass	6.45am		
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 13 July	15th Sunday In Ordinary Time Deut 30: 10-14 Col 1: 15-20 Lk 10: 25-37
BM Mass	9.00am		

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 16 & 30 Jul 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

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

Chinese Christian Meditation

Thur, 10 Jul (8.30pm) at St. JP II Adoration Room

