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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 central figure in today's Gospel is the Good Samaritan, the one who looked with compassion upon a stranger in need and treated him with mercy. Throughout this week we will find that we can gain a deeper insight into the readings if we ponder them in light of the Good Samaritan, seeking to learn more fully what Jesus wants to teach us by means of this parable.

The message of the parable is clear. It gives practical guidance, built on the principles that Jesus approved in the answer of the scholar who initiated the discussion. The scholar said, correctly, that the essence of the law of God, the way to "inherit eternal life," is to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbour as ourselves. In the parable Jesus teaches us that these two laws are connected. If we truly love God, then we love our neighbour, because God is present in our neighbour. We cannot say that we love God if we do not love our neighbour. We cannot claim to be committed to the service of God if we refuse to serve our neighbour in need. We are reminded in scriptures that loving our neighbour cannot be merely a matter of good thoughts or words. The priest and the Levite who passed by without helping the man might have been thinking that they were doing a good job of loving God and keeping His commandments. They might have even said a prayer for the man as they passed by. But in failing to act with mercy towards the man, they failed in love of God as well.

In order to understand better why we should act toward others as the Good Samaritan did, we can recall Jesus' parable about the servant who owed his king a huge sum of money which he could not pay. The king forgave his debt, but then that servant refused to forgive his fellow servant who owed him only a small amount. Clearly, Jesus means to show us that, like the first servant, we

have been shown overwhelming mercy and compassion. This is the basis for the compassion we show to one another. In our sinful condition we were far worse off than the traveller in today's parable, and God reached out to us with infinite mercy. We are called to follow His example. The Psalm also speaks of God's care for us. The Lord saves us when we are "afflicted and in pain." He causes the hearts of the lowly ones who seek Him to revive. He "hears the poor, and His own who are in bonds He spurns not."

St. Paul in the letter to the Colossians speaks about the Son of God, who "humbled Himself to share in our humanity". He took on our human nature, served all whom He encountered throughout His life, and finally poured out His Blood for us on the Cross. This goes far beyond what the Good Samaritan did for the wounded traveller!

This is the kind of God we have, the very Best Samaritan! He is always "moved with compassion" at the sight of our needs, and He acts to save us. As He has shown us mercy and compassion, so we must reach out with mercy to those around us who are in need. "For the LORD hears the poor and His own who are in bonds He spurns not." If He does not spurn them, we dare not do so. Can we be so ungrateful as to spurn the One who has given everything to us?

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

- How have I experienced the compassion of God, the very Best Samaritan, in my woundedness?
- How do I express my gratitude to God who has given me everything?
- How can I improve my practice of being merciful to others?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANN: 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.

'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)

CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR DRUG ABUSE

Drug abuse is an alarming issue in Malaysia. Since 2022, as much as 60000 youths below 18 are addicted to various kinds of substances. In this training, we will equip each parish's Caritas with the skills to journey with drug users, design plans, and eventually help them recover. Also open for other parish outreach ministries and anyone who is keen to learn.

Date/Time: **Sat, 9 Aug 2025 (9.00am-4.00pm)** at Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Center
Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Y5UN4LNbVkJXanwHD9> closing date July 29

THE 8TH CATHOLIC SINGLES WEEKEND

A weekend of faith, friendships, and perhaps something more! A programme rooted in Catholic values designed to offer Catholic singles (25-45yr old) a meaningful platform to meet, interact and grow-in faith.

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

By Caritas Penang, in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders (Butterworth). Donation items for refugees currently detained at Immigration Detention Centres (IDC) 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城总铎区华文促进会所举办的华语婚前准备课程。2025 华语年婚前准备课程详情以下:

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 BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 13 July	15th Sunday In Ordinary Time Deut 30: 10-14 Col 1: 15-20 Lk 10: 25-37
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	No Mass	Mon 14 July	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
	Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
	DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
	Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 17 July	
	DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 18 July	
	Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 19 July	
	Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
	DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 20 July	16th Sunday In Ordinary Time Gen 18: 1-10 Col 1: 24-28 Lk 10: 38-42

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



Mass Collections

Sat, 5 July: RM1610.90 (1st) RM1583.35 (2nd)
Sun, 6 July: RM2707 (1st) RM2124 (2nd)