



27 JULY 2025

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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### Parish Priest speaks...

This weekend, the reflection and readings are all about prayer. As we are very aware, there are many kinds of prayer, such as formal prayers like Liturgy of the Hours and the Rosary, and more informal prayers like our spontaneous petitions for others in need or our personal expressions of the pressing desires of our hearts. We are invited this weekend to reflect on the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, the Lord's prayer, the Our Father.

The Gospel text gives us an insight of Jesus and life of prayer to this weekend reflection that the disciples of Jesus "are fascinated because they see that He does not pray like the other teachers of the time, but rather His prayer is an intimate bond with the Father, so much so that they wish to be part of these moments of union with God. How do we draw closer to the Father? It is a language that is expressed through love and strengthened by prayer. When we spend time in prayer, we begin to know God better and love Him more. When we experience how He hears and answers our prayers, we grow in trust. This growth leads to prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

In the reading from Genesis, we see other types of prayer as well. First, a prayer that rises from hearts that suffer injustice in the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord refers to this as "the cry against them that come to me." God hears and responds to the cries of the innocent, the poor, and the helpless who call out to Him. The second kind of prayer displayed in the first reading is a prayer of intercession. Abraham asks the Lord, "Will you

Abraham asks the Lord, "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" He prays for the innocent with a remarkable combination of boldness and humility. The Psalms this weekend is another beautiful prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving, praise, and worship. "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart... I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple..." It is truly an expression of the heart before God.

Ultimately, prayer requires both patience and persistence, not because God does not hear us, but because we need space for spiritual growth. The time between our prayer and God's answer is a time of growing in trust and love. Persevering in faith throughout the "waiting period" is itself a prayer of surrender and trust in God's love and mercy. Even if we cannot perceive anything happening, the Holy Spirit is active in us when we pray, teaching us how to pray as we ought, and even making intercession for us, praying in us on our behalf. When we ask, seek, and knock in prayer, the Holy Spirit assures us that we will find, receive, and have the door opened for us, the door to the heart of our loving Father.

**"...ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9**

- How do I experience Jesus bringing me closer to the Father?
- How does patience and perseverance in prayer enable me to grow spiritually?
- In what ways have I experienced the fruits and graces of intercessory prayer?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDDING BANNS: SAT, 2 AUGUST 2025 | SERVICE AT 10.00AM**

**LEE CHEAN SHEN & RACHEL HARGREAVES**

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

### MASS COLLECTIONS

SAT, 19 JULY: RM1503.20 (1<sup>ST</sup>) RM1052.95 (2<sup>ND</sup>)

SUN, 20 JULY: RM2818.20 (1<sup>ST</sup>) RM1824.70 (2<sup>ND</sup>)



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

'Friends of Creation' will be leaving a collection box for small used household batteries, only from **Sat, 26th July (5pm) to Sun, 27th July (12.30pm)** at the church entrance gate bench. Read further safety instructions on the box.

### BOTTLES OF BLESSINGS

Join us for a joyful and meaningful bottle painting session where we'll transform clean, hard plastic bottles into beautiful works of art - celebrating creativity, community, and care for our planet. Open to all senior citizens 60yo and above. Limited to 15pax. Bring your own hard plastic bottles.

Date/Time: **Wed, 6 Aug (4.00pm - 6.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM) BIBLE SHARING

Inviting all young adults for a bible sharing and reflection on a passage in the gospel of Luke. Bring your bible and join us!

Date/Time: **Fri, 8 Aug 2025 (7.00pm)**

Venue: RCIA Room, 3rd Floor Classrooms

Contact: Sachin (017-474 5737)

### CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR DRUG ABUSE

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](mailto:catholicdatinghub@gmail.com)

### 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 Last two places left!**

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](mailto:ceepenang@gmail.com))

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</b>		
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 27 July	17th Sunday In Ordinary Time Gen 18: 20-32 Col 2: 12-14 Lk 11: 1-13
No Mass	Mon 28 July	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 29 July	SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 30 July	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Thu 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
DM Chaplet Holy Hour followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm Fri 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 2 Aug	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 3 Aug	18th Sunday In Ordinary Time Ecclus 1: 2; 2: 21-23 Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 Lk 12: 13-21

Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 30 Jul, 13 & 27 Aug 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall  
Christian Meditation:

**Wed, 20 Aug 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room  
Chinese Christian Meditation 基督徒默禱 (華文組):

**Thur, 14 Aug 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

