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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 theme for this week tells us, "There is nothing in the world that can fulfill us but God alone. Our daily life engagements and our wealth on earth cannot be our ultimate purpose. To grow rich 'in the sight of God' is the only truly satisfying and joyful way of life." The book of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth) makes clear the futility of amassing wealth in this life, as he asks, "What profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has laboured under the sun?" In the end, as it points out, whatever we have acquired on earth will simply be passed on to someone else when we die. We cannot take any of it with us, nor will it count for anything in the judgment of God. Jesus likewise teaches us in the Gospel that anyone who spends his time building up wealth and power in this life is a fool. He says, "One's life does not consist of possessions." The wise person is the one who seeks to become "rich in what matters to God." We are called to reflect that the right way for us to approach the things which we acquire in this life is simply that, "Material goods are necessary, they are goods! but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest." In other words, our possessions are given to us so that we might use them to help us serve our brothers and sisters. It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel, namely, to love God with all one's being and love one's neighbour.

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MASS COLLECTIONS

SAT, 26 JULY: RM1639.10 (F<sup>ST</sup>)

SUN, 27 JULY: RM4009.50 (F<sup>ST</sup>)



### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Date/Time: **Sat, 23 August 2025 (Chaplet at 9.30am, Mass at 10.00am)** followed by refreshments at St. Faustina Hall.

Registrations start this weekend and closes on **Sun, 17 Aug 2025**.

### 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)

### YOUTH NIGHT: WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOW?

An invitation by the Genesis Youths of Mercy (GYM) to have real talk amongst real friends with real snacks!

Date/Time: **Fri, 22 Aug (from 7.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT CAMP 2025

Discover God's call in a journey of prayer, reflection, sharing and guidance. For those between 21-40 years old at RM100/pax.

Date/Time: **Thur, 4 Sep - Sun, 7 Sep 2025** at Stella Maris Retreat Center

Contact: Penang Diocese Vocation Team ([pdvt2018@gmail.com](mailto:pdvt2018@gmail.com)) or Vocation Director, Fr.

Louis Loi ([louisloiboonchew@gmail.com](mailto:louisloiboonchew@gmail.com))

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/RNjHK> closing date 25 Aug

### PARENTING MADE EASY: PARTNERSHIP IN MARRIAGE AND PARENTING

A second session by the Institute for New Evangelisation (INE) with CDM Family Life Ministry for parents to balance similarities and differences by leveraging strengths, lead by example and exploring the agreeing to disagree approach.

Date/Time: **Sat, 16 Aug 2025 (2.00pm-4.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Lawrence (012-410 8360) or Esther (012-452 9462)

### 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))

### WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (WCCM) ANNUAL RETREAT

By retreat facilitator Fr Cyprian Consiglio OSB Cam under the theme "Kenosis- the Emptying of Self - as the Heart of Christian Spirituality."

Date/Venue: **Fri, 3 Oct - Mon, 6 Oct 2025** at Flemington Hotel, Taiping, Perak

Registration Fee (full board & Stipend): Twin Share: RM680/pax; Single Room: RM880/pax

Contact: Mike Yong (012- 4217924)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8FjwKVJ9bWVTcgAw7>

St. Paul states most clearly how we are to live in this world: "Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ appears in your life, then you too will appear with Him in glory." Our first concern must be for "things above," that is, becoming rich in what matters to God, which is sacrificial love in service to our brothers and sisters. The Apostle in his letter to the Colossians gives us a great insight into how we can approach this life correctly. He tells us that we "have died" and our real life is hidden. We know that after we die, our worldly possessions will be of no use to us at all. Therefore, we should live now as if we had already died with Christ, having no attachment to possessions, but only using them to bring greater glory to God and to serve others. This is what the Gospel theme for the week refers to when it calls blessed the "poor in spirit." It does not matter whether we have possessions or power in this world; what matters is how we use what we do have. If we use it in the service of God, then we may be sure that, indeed, the Kingdom of Heaven will be ours!

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:3**

- What are the attachments in my life that are hindering my growth in the Lord?
- Why am I so preoccupied with material things that I cannot take with me when I die?
- How am I striving to seek the "things above" and thus become rich in what matters to God?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		<b>18th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
DM Chaplet	8.30am	<b>Sun 3 Aug</b> Eccl 1: 2; 2: 21-23 Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 Lk 12: 13-21
Mass	9.00am	
No Mass		<b>Mon 4 Aug</b> St John Vianney, Priest, Patron of parish priests
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Tue 5 Aug</b> Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	<b>Wed 6 Aug</b> Transfiguration of the Lord
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	<b>Thu 7 Aug</b> St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs St Cajetan, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	<b>Fri 8 Aug</b> St Dominic, Priest
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	<b>Sat 9 Aug</b> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	<b>Sun 10 Aug</b> <b>19th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Wis 18: 6-9 Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 (or 11: 1-2, 8-12) Lk 12: 32-48 (or 12: 35-40)
DM Chaplet	8.30am	
BM Mass	9.00am	<b>Holy Hour</b> for secondary students
Holy Hour	11.00am	

Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 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

