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



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Parish Priest speaks...

The Christian life is a joyful and fulfilling journey. However, since we follow on this journey a King who revealed His glory through the suffering and injustice of the Cross, we cannot expect to be free of all suffering. Today's readings encourage us to remain faithful to God in our day-to-day struggles so that His power and wisdom can shine forth. We should not be surprised at opposition or division. The whole Old Testament is full of examples of people resisting the Word of God and persecuting those who proclaimed it. All the prophets suffered at the hands of those to whom God sent them. The great prophet Jeremiah sometimes lamented that his faithfulness to his mission seemed to accomplish nothing more than to cause him more suffering! In today's reading, we do not hear any personal thoughts of Jeremiah himself, but we see how shamefully he is treated by the wicked princes of Jerusalem. They make a false accusation against him before the king and the weak king allows the princes to have their way, and they throw Jeremiah into a muddy cistern, leaving him there to die. This is how he is punished for the "crime" of proclaiming in the name of the Lord a message that disturbed them. Only a foreigner, Ebed-Melech, has enough courage to see and defend Jeremiah's innocence.

We too will face trials as we put our faith into practice. Anyone who stands up and defends the truth as an authentic witness of Christ will face challenges, misunderstandings, and persecution. Some will even face death. This is simply part of being a Christian. We will be able to persevere only if we rely on the power that gave Jesus the strength to endure His Passion the power of divine love, given to us by the Holy Spirit. Jesus speaks of this when He says, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" This fire is a symbol both of His love and of His Spirit. It is a fire that purifies and energizes those who welcome the Gospel. Jesus wants us all to be consumed with the same ardent love that burns in His own Sacred Heart.

Then Jesus makes the startling declaration that He has not come to establish peace on the earth but division! How can the Prince of Peace say that He is not for peace? Here He is not referring to the true inner peace that comes from doing the will of the Father. He is rejecting the pseudo-peace of the world, which comes at the cost of truth and love. It is difficult and painful for us when family members oppose us for our commitment to the Lord, but it is worse to pretend to be united with them while they remain in the darkness of sin. No one, especially the Lord, wants to separate parents from children and split families apart, but it is better to provoke division, even division in the family, than to let error and sin enslave us and our loved ones. This is why Jesus says that He did not come to bring peace but division. Whenever we strive to promote and live by the truth of the Gospel, we will be hated and persecuted by the world. History presents us with countless examples, especially the martyrs. This is no cause for discouragement. As difficult as the journey can be at times, we are never to forget the goal for which we are striving and the blessing of being counted among the Lord's children.

Our spiritual life is not only a journey; it is a race. If we decide to avoid the pains involved in running the race, we risk never reaching the finish line. The Word of God teaches us to be realistic about the challenges of faith without growing despondent or abandoning the struggle. It is essential that we keep "our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." It is the fire of His love that purifies and strengthens us to the end.

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"
Luke 12:49

- In my daily life, what makes it difficult for me to remain faithful to God?
- When have I faced challenges, misunderstandings, and persecution because of my faith in Jesus?
- When have I caused division in my family because of my faith?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNs: SAT, 30 AUGUST 2025 | MASS AT 10.30AM
SEBASTIAN RAJ A/L DAVID & JESSICA A/P AROCKIASAMY

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

SAT, 2 AUG: RM1370 (F¹) RM1375.60 (2ND)
SUN, 3 AUG: RM3499 (F¹) RM2819.25 (2ND)



CDM FAMILY FUN DAY 2025

Date/Time: **Sun, 31 Aug (11.00am - 6.00pm)** at SK Mutiara Perdana

Join us for a day of laughter, connection, and community as we celebrate "Fellowship in Motion, Hope in Action." Your cooperation in registering is much appreciated! This will greatly help us in preparing of the food, games, logistics, and ensuring that the entire day will go smoothly with the Lord's grace.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/9EPH96QGXYzMXpsr9>

MOUNT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL (MMHC): H.U.G.S CHARITY FUN RUN 2025

Date/Time: **Sun, 9 November 2025 (flag-off 7.00am)**

Venue: Straits Quay, Penang (distance 6.5km)

Registrations are open and special rates will be given on **Sat, 16 & Sun, 17 Aug** at the church porch. Contact Cheryl (016-9521093) or Bing Yang (016-5217064).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

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

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR HEALTH & WEALTH AFTER RETIREMENT

Organised by CDM Living Spring Ministry and open to all ages. Topics covered by approved financial adviser, Cheah Yoong Yoong, on the cost of longevity, how to secure care funding and to have an awareness checklist.

Date/Time: **Sun, 24 Aug (2.00pm - 4.00pm)** at St Faustina Hall

Contact: Jenifer (016-218 3933)

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)

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

CHARIS ASIA INTERCESSION CONFERENCE

Open to all Catholics in the intercession ministry or those who have a call to intercession.

Dates/Venue: **Thur, 2 Oct - Sun, 5 Oct 2025** at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/CHARIS-ASIA-CONFERENCE> closing date Sun, 31 Aug

Contact: Sheela (012-512 5866) / Priscilla (011-2612 2725)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 17 Aug	20th Sunday In Ordinary Time Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 Heb 12: 1-4 Lk 12: 49-53
No Mass	Mon 18 Aug	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 19 Aug	St John Eudes, Priest
No Mass	Wed 20 Aug	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor <i>Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Cardinal Sebastian Francis, DD</i>
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 21 Aug	St Pius X, Pope
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
DM Chaplet 9.30am Mass 10.00am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 23 Aug	St Rose of Lima, Virgin
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am DM Chaplet 5.30pm Tamil Mass 6.00pm	Sun 24 Aug	21st Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 66: 18-21 Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 Lk 13: 22-30



Charismatic Renewal Group:
Wed, 27 Aug 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation:
Wed, 20 Aug 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room