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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...

What are the significant requirements for admission to the Kingdom of God? The readings this weekend address this important question. In the Gospel, Jesus is asked, "Will only a few people be saved?" He replies, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Those who are refused entrance will appeal, saying, "We ate and drank in your company, and you taught in our streets." It is as if they are claiming that their familiarity with Jesus is enough to get them into the Kingdom. But He responds, "I do not know where you are from."

This kind of talk can cause discomfort even for some of us who call ourselves Christians and practicing Catholics. We follow all the rules, try to be kind to others, say our prayers, and go to Mass on Sunday. Surely, we expect to be admitted to the Kingdom of God when we die. And yet, Jesus says that many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. "Strong enough" refers not to our power but to our yielding to God's power: strong in love, strong in faith, strong in hope.

Jesus' narrow way is the way of the Cross. He has invited us to follow Him in His way of obedient, self-sacrificing love. It is a way which we cannot walk by ourselves but only in communion with Him and His Body, the Church. It is the way of relationship with Him, not mere rules, personal knowledge of Him, not merely knowing about Him. According to the old story, we are confronted with two alternative directional signs: one points to one side and reads, "A Lecture on Heaven." The other points to the other side and reads, "This Way to Heaven." It is certainly less demanding and less rewarding to know about Jesus than to know Him. Which do we prefer, head knowledge or an intimate relationship?

To know Jesus as Saviour and Redeemer brings gratitude and a desire to remain or abide with Him. As we respond to the Lord's invitation to follow Him, He forms us in His image which means He changes, with our willing cooperation, all our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviour. Our self-centred attitudes, which throttle the power of Jesus' love in us, must be crucified. The childhood wounds and disappointments that make it difficult for us to trust others must be abandoned. We want to be healed and set free, yet we fear letting go of our control. The Lord counsels and encourages us today, as a Father speaking to His children: "Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." He is offering us the grace we need right now and the grace to persevere, but the decision to trust in Him is a choice we ourselves must make. Eventually, all who accept salvation, who enter through the narrow gate, will come to the New Jerusalem. The way, which looks so narrow in the eyes of the world, is vast and beautiful, for through the wounded Heart of Jesus, we enter into the infinite love of the Father.

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many,

I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Luke 13:24

- How can I better respond to Jesus' call to enter the narrow gate and be saved?
- How does following the way of the Cross transform me in the image of Jesus?
- What are my self-centred attitudes that must be crucified?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNIS: 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, 9 AUG: RM2137.50 SUN, 10 AUG: RM2780.95



Caritas Penang wishes to sincerely thank the parish community for the generous response to the recent hygiene donation drive for refugees at the immigration detention centres. Your kind contributions of essential items to be distributed in collaboration with Doctors without Borders has brought comfort and dignity to many in need. Thank you for being a sign of Christ's love.

"WHO IS SISTER MARY OF THE CROSS"

Kindly join us in a musical play on the life of St. Jeanne Jugan by the CDM Divine Voices.

Date/Time: **Sat, 30 Aug (2.00pm)**

Venue: Little Sisters of the Poor (Multi-Hall), 79 Lorong Batu Lanchang

CDM FAMILY FUN DAY 2025

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

Venue: SK Mutiara Perdana, Jalan Dato Ismail Hashim

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. There will be a shuttle bus to ease traffic congestion & parking too!

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/9EPH96QGxyzMXpsr9>

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

CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZERS

By the School of New Evangelization under the Penang Diocese New Evangelisation Commission to encourage, prepare, and equip Catholics to effectively witness and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Date: **Sat, 27 Sep (8.00am-4.30pm) & Sun, 28 Sep (11.00am-7.30pm)**

Venue: Church of the Immaculate Conception

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/CFEatCIC> (RM20/pax) Closing date 20 Sep

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)

"STREAMS OF LIVING WATER" by World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)

An evening of music, prayer, and meditation with Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB, Cam. All are welcome, registrations are not required.

Date/Time: **Tue, 7 Oct 2025 (8.00pm)**

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 24 Aug	21st Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 66: 18-21 Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 Lk 13: 22-30
DM Chaplet 5.30pm Tamil Mass 6.00pm	Mon 25 Aug	St Louis St Joseph Calasanz, Priest
No Mass	Tue 26 Aug	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 27 Aug	St Monica
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 28 Aug	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 30 Aug	
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 31 Aug	22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Ecclus 3: 17-20, 28-29 Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24 Lk 14: 1, 7-14

CDM FAMILY FUN DAY 31.08.25 (11.00AM - 6.00PM) SK MUTIARA PERDANA



Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 27 Aug, 10 & 24 Sep 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thur, 11 Sept 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 3 & 17 Sept 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room