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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 readings throughout this week will return again and again to the theme of humility. Why should we be humble? Not because we have no regard for ourselves, but rather because God thinks so highly of us. Despite our unworthiness, God means to exalt us beyond anything we could imagine for He means to bring us into a total union with Himself! There is no higher place in which we could ever be. This is the Father's free gift to us; it is not something we could ever earn or achieve by our own efforts. We cannot earn a place in Heaven. We can only receive God's gracious gift with joy and gratitude.

Sadly, the enemy has lied to mankind from the beginning, telling us that God cannot be trusted. He poisons our minds with the thought that we do not need to accept glory as a gift from God, and indeed that it is offensive to us for God to suggest that we need to do that. The devil teaches that we can achieve glory for ourselves by reaching out and taking it. Rather than accepting our godlikeness as a gift from God, our enemy urges us to make ourselves godlike by using the very gifts that God has given us, our intelligence, creativity, and will, to accomplish great things and glorify ourselves. Indeed, what he wants is to see us follow his way, and to place ourselves in a state of rebellion against God.

According to this warped way of viewing things, humility is of no value at all; it is a weakness which we must shun. Greatness comes from gaining power, by achieving social or political status, by amassing wealth, by cunning dealings with others, by acquiring scientific or technical knowledge, etc.

It is painfully obvious that this is the way people in the world view life. The rich and the powerful are envied and admired, while the poor and the humble are looked at as failures, or simply ignored entirely as not even worthy of notice.

Let us examine our hearts to see to what extent this lie has infected our own thinking and ask the Lord to open our eyes to the truth of His word, so that we can reject this false teaching and accept more fully the way that God is showing us. The Psalm in the readings tells us that God in His goodness has "made a home for the poor." Why "the poor"? Doesn't God want everyone to be with Him? Why would He single out the poor? It is not that God excludes the rich; the danger is that when we think like the rich, we exclude ourselves. The home God prepares for us surpasses anything we could buy, or earn by our work, or figure out by our intelligence. We have nothing of our own which we can use to get into the home of God. In this sense we are all poor. It is only those who humbly embrace their poverty before God and gratefully accept His gift as a gift can come into His home. How do we enter this wonderful home which God has prepared for us? Jesus teaches us the way in the Gospel. We humble ourselves and allow God to exalt us. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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- What makes it difficult for me to be humble?
- Why does my nature seek to be noticed by others?
- When have I used God's gifts for my own glory?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS: SUN, 7 SEPT AT 11.00AM**  
**ADAM SIM XING CHEN**

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 16 Aug: RM2058 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) & RM1427 (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)  
Sun, 17 Aug: RM3430 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) & RM1808 (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)  
Sat, 23 Aug: RM1436.90  
Sun, 24 Aug: RM2736.05 & RM253 (Tamil Mass)



### CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

Write your name on a sticker to pledge on the banner your desire to safeguard God's creations: *reduce food waste, save water, refuse single-use plastics, save energy, donate your used books, toys, and clothes, and throw litter away responsibly.*  
Pay a visit to the Friends of Creation Ministry at the church porch to learn more.

### 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)

### 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: **Fri, 3 Oct - Mon, 6 Oct 2025**

Venue: Flemington Hotel, Taiping, Perak

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

Contact: Mike Yong (012- 427924)

### "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

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ENGLISH) WEEKEND

A live-in weekend for married couples to uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive and transformational marriage.

Dates: **Fri, 10 Oct - Sun, 12 Oct 2025**

Venue: Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/Vws9S> **Closing date 3 Oct**

| Mass & Prayer Times  | Date          | Description   |
|--|---------------|---|
| DM Chaplet 8.30am<br>Mass 9.00am   | Sun<br>31 Aug | 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time<br>Eccl 3: 17-20, 28-29<br>Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24<br>Lk 14: 1-14 |
| No Mass  | Mon<br>1 Sept | Replacement Public Holiday  |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am<br>DM Chaplet 3.00pm   | Tue<br>2 Sept |   |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am<br>DM Chaplet 3.00pm   | Wed<br>3 Sept | St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor  |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am<br>DM Chaplet 3.00pm   | Thu<br>4 Sept |   |
| DM Chaplet 3.00pm<br>Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm   | Fri<br>5 Sept | St Teresa of Kolkata, Religious   |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Grotto Mass 6.45am<br>followed by rosary<br>Novena to OMPH 5.15pm<br>Mass 5.30pm | Sat<br>6 Sept |   |
| DM Chaplet 8.30am<br>Mass 9.00am   | Sun<br>7 Sept | 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time<br>Wis 9: 13-18<br>Phm 9-10, 12-17<br>Lk 14: 25-33             |

**MERDEKA DAY**

**CDM FAMILY FUN DAY**  
31.08.25 @ 11.00AM  
SK MUTIARA PERDANA



Charismatic Renewal Group:  
**Wed, 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