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



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Parish Priest speaks...

In our Gospel Acclamation for today, we cry out to God, "Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws." In the Responsorial Psalm we make a similar prayer; "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." We ask God to teach us His ways because we recognize, as the first reading so eloquently describes, that we can hardly even understand the things of this world, and can never know the things of God unless He reveals Himself and His ways to us. We may ask the question, why should we be concerned to learn about the things of God anyway? Many people in this world spend all their time focused only on the things of this world. Should that not be enough for us?

It is important for us to understand that we were created by God in His own image and likeness. We were created to share His very life with Him. There is no distinction between the "things of God" and the "things of human beings." God is our beginning and our end. He is our meaning and our purpose. In the Gospel for today, Jesus is answering our prayer to be taught the ways of God. He teaches us that anyone who wishes to follow Him into the fullness of life with God must renounce his family, his possessions, and even his own life. This strikes us as very hard work. Jesus is asking us to make great sacrifices. Jesus is leading us towards our final destiny of sharing in the very life of the Trinity in Heaven.

What seems like harsh demands to us are actually words of great love, warning us against clinging so tightly to lesser goods that we run the risk of losing out on the greatest good.

Although this week opens with a Gospel which speaks of great sacrifice, we will see that the readings throughout the week repeatedly exhort us to rejoice in the Lord. For example, we read in today's Psalm, "Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days." Perhaps we are reading these very readings and this meditation at daybreak. The Lord is indeed filling us right now with His kindness of answering our prayer for Him to teach us His ways. He teaches us that He loves us with an infinite, merciful love, and that He wants to show us the way to be united with Him eternally in Heaven. The right response, then, is not to be dismayed at what the Lord is asking us to sacrifice, but to "shout for joy and gladness all our days" at what He is offering us.

St. Paul, in the second reading, shows us a good example of how to live the words of Jesus in a practical situation. He is imprisoned because of his witness to Christ, but he is not focused on his own hardship. In fact, although he says that he would have liked to have kept Onesimus with him to help him, he is instead sending him back to Philemon. Paul is not trying to cling to persons or possessions for his own benefit, rather he does all that he does out of love, seeking to serve as Christ served. In giving of himself in love in this way, he finds his joy of the new life that God himself sets before us.

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:27

- Am I more concerned about worldly things than the things of God?
- Why? What are the things I am clinging to for my own benefit?
- When have I experienced the joy of new life?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be informed that effective Tue, 9 September 2025, the email address divinemercypg@yahoo.com will **NO LONGER BE IN USE**. Kindly send all future correspondence/general inquiries/printing requests to the new email address: cdmpenang@outlook.com

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 30 Aug: RM1598.70 (1st Collection)

Sun, 31 Aug: RM2807.55 (1st Collection)



WHAT DOES WALKING WITH GOD LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

A young adult ministry bible sharing session! Contact Sachin (017-4745737) for more information

Date/Time: **Fri, 19 Sep 2025 (7.30pm)**

Venue: RCIA Rooms 3rd floor

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**

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- 4217924)

"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**

CARITAS YOUM.A.D 2.0

Caritas Penang is organising an immersion camp for young Catholics (18-40 years) in conjunction with the Season of Creation 2025. The camp offers participants the chance to live with the Orang Asli community, reflect on Scripture, listen to the cry of the poor and the earth, and engage in community-building action.

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

Venue: Church of Sacred Heart & Ladang Care (Kampar)

Fee: RM45 (meals & lodging included)

Registration link: caritaspenang.com/youmad-camp **closing date 29 Sep**

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass 8.30am 9.00am	Sun 7 Sept	23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Wis 9: 13-18 Phm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14: 25-33
No Mass	Mon 8 Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet 6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Tue 9 Sept	St Peter Claver, Priest
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet 6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Wed 10 Sept	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet 6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Thu 11 Sept	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet 6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Fri 12 Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH 6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	Sat 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet BM Mass 慈悲经 中文弥撒 8.30am 9.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Sun 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Num 21: 4-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17



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, 17 Sep 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room