



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Priest speaks...

Jesus told us in the Gospel last Sunday that if we want to be His disciples, we must pick up our cross and follow Him. Carrying our cross and ultimately uniting ourselves with Christ in His death upon the Cross, is not optional for His followers. Why is this? Why is the Cross so important? The Gospel Acclamation gives us an answer: "We adore you O Christ, and we bless you because by your Cross you have redeemed the world." The world is redeemed and reconciled to the Father through the Cross of Christ and by no other way. Sin and death are defeated by the Cross of Christ and by no other way. We are restored to our status as sons and daughters of God by the Cross of Christ and by no other way. Without the Cross of Christ, there is no salvation, there is no chance of Heaven, there is no wedding feast in which we are united to God in an eternal union of love. The Cross is not easy to carry, and it can happen that we grow tired of carrying it. We can fall into complaining against God and His ways, as the Israelites did in today's first reading. They knew when they left Egypt that they were heading into the desert. What were they expecting to find on their journey? They wanted freedom from what they were leaving behind, but they did not anticipate the hardships that go with choosing freedom. We also want freedom, but we quickly forget the cost. Christ told us clearly what to expect as we follow Him: He told us that we must carry our cross. He warned us to sit down and think seriously about whether we want to start this "project" of being His disciple, so that we do not begin something that we are not able to finish. We should not now be complaining about our experience of suffering, or about how heavy the Cross is at times. He told us to expect that.

To be set free from the trap of a complaining attitude, we must "look upon Him whom we have pierced." Jesus tells Nicodemus that "the Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." In this case "believes in Him" does not mean simply "believes that He exists." The devil believes that Jesus exists. "Believes in Him" here means believing that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It means believing that He is the most important one in our lives; the centre of our existence, the one on whom we fix our eyes and whom we strive to imitate. Jesus did not complain about the mission which the Father gave Him. St. Paul tells us that "He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a Cross." He humbled Himself and obeyed His Father's plan even to the point of dying on the Cross, out of love for His Father and love for us. He came to sacrifice Himself so "that the world might be saved through Him." Today is not a day of sadness, but of celebration of Jesus' death on the Cross that was not a tragic accident, but the triumphant fulfilment of the Father's plan to conquer sin and death and restore humanity and all of creation. And the wonderful thing is that we are invited to have a part in this triumphant sacrificial act. As we keep our eyes fixed on the Pierced One, and as we follow in His footsteps, allowing ourselves to be pierced with Him, we make up part of the Mystical Body of Christ, offered in sacrifice for the redemption of the world. This is how the love of Christ is revealed in our own hearts.

"...so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that every one who believes in Him may have eternal life." - John 3:14-15

- Why do I sometimes find myself complaining against God about the crosses He asks me to carry?
- What crosses am I carrying right now?
- How can I celebrate the triumph of Jesus' Cross today?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 6 Sep: RM1487.20 (1st Collection) RM1419.00 (for the poor) 
Sun, 7 Sep: RM2975.50 (1st Collection) RM2151.80 (for the poor)

CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZERS

By the School of New Evangelization under the Penang Diocese New Evangelisation Commission to encourage, prepare, and equip Catholics to be effective witnesses.
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/CFEatCLC> (RM20/pax) **Closing date 20 Sep**

BOTTLES OF BLESSINGS PT.2 BY LIVING SPRING MINISTRY

We are turning glass bottles into colourful works of art with acrylic paints, bring along clean glass bottles (any shape/size), acrylic pens and your imagination & good cheer!
Date/Time/Venue: **Tue, 30 Sep 2025 (4.00pm - 6.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall
Contact: Amy (012-456 9434) / Boon (012-418 3989)

NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN-UP

Join us this Season of Creation for a go-tong-to-yong with locals, migrants, and refugees as we care for our common home together. Learn about recycling, listen to personal life stories, build peace across communities, and be part of something meaningful.
Date: **Sat, 4 Oct (7.00am - 11.30am)**
Venue: Flat Taman Pulasan, Bukit Minyak
Registration: <https://karitaspenang.com/register-go-tong-royong> **Closing date 22 Sep**
For enquiry: 011-7522742

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

An evening of music, prayer, and meditation with Fr. Cyprian Conisiglo, 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 transformative marriage.
Dates: **Fri, 10 Oct - Sun, 12 Oct 2025**
Venue: Domus Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
Registration link: <http://shorturl.at/Vwv9S> **Closing date 3 Oct**

CARTAS YOUNG AD2.0

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/young-ad-camp **Closing date 29 Sep**



Charismatic Renewal Group
Wed, 24 Sep 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation:
Wed, 17 Sept 2025 (8.30pm) at St. JP III Adoration Room

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am 慕慧經 5.30pm 中文弥撒 6.00pm	Sun 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Num 21: 4-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17
No Mass	Mon 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Mass 8.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 16 Sept	SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Laud's 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 17 Sept	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor
Laud's 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 18 Sept	
Laud's 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 19 Sept	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Laud's 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 20 Sept	SS. Laurent Lambert, Bishop; Jacques Chastan, Priest; SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest; Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 21 Sept	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8: 4-7 1 Tim 2: 1-8 Lk 16: 1-13 (or 10-13)