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Parish Priest speaks...

St. Paul in today's second reading brings this truth to the fore, stating clearly that God "wills everyone to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth." And at the centre of our knowledge of the truth is that Christ Jesus "gave Himself as a ransom for all." In view of the goal of eternal salvation, Paul requests that "supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone." He says that the purpose of such prayers is that "we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity," but He has more in mind than a peaceful life here on earth. He is doing His part for the fulfilment of God's plan that everyone be saved.

Some of the conditions for being admitted into God's house are spelt out in Psalm 15: "Lord who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue, who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. In the days of the prophet Amos, the people of Israel were failing to meet these criteria. Consumed by greed, they were cheating and oppressing the lowly and the poor. Since the Lord justly rewards everyone according to his or her deeds, the people were in grave danger of punishment. God truly loves His people. He does not want anyone to perish and lose the joy of eternal communion with Him. So, He sends Amos to the people to awaken their conscience so that they change their ways and attain the salvation that God wishes for everyone. The warning of Amos is motivated by divine love.

It is precisely against the backdrop of God's solicitude for our eternal salvation that we can comprehend the somewhat startling parable in today's Gospel, in which Jesus appears to praise a dishonest steward. Jesus tells this parable, not to praise dishonesty, but as an expression of His deep concern for our salvation. He wants to awaken us to the danger of eternal peril, and to the need for us to cooperate with grace to be saved. To tell a person the truth about eternal life and to point out how to get there is a genuine manifestation of love. The dishonest steward is confronted with the stark prospect of a perilous future for he is about to be dismissed on the grounds of squandering his master's property. He shrewdly and boldly takes advantage of his master's generosity to ensure a good future for himself. And to our surprise, the master commends him "for acting prudently."

The message of Jesus is this: just as the steward took initiative to assure for himself a happy earthly future, in the same way, we must act prudently to prepare for our future life of eternal happiness. Prudence includes the proper use of all our earthly goods. We are servants of God, not of money. If we are wise, we will cooperate with God's grace and put our trust in His mercy, not in "dishonest wealth." Just as surely as the steward in the parable is going to have to "prepare a full account of [his] stewardship," we are all going to face divine judgment. God will reward all of us according to our conduct in this life. The parable is as much a warning for our eternal salvation as is the message of Amos in today's first reading. Heeding the exhortation of St. Paul, let us renew our commitment to offer prayers for everyone, that all may "come to knowledge of the truth" and be saved.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNIS: SAT, 4 OCT 2025 | SERVICE AT 10.30AM

JONATHAN SEOW WEI JIAN & KIM EUNGYEONG

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

YOUTH NIGHT

Nurturing the seeds of faith in others. For all 13-21 year olds.

Date/Time: Fri, 26 Sep 2025 (7.00pm-9.45pm)

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

COLLECTION OF USED BATTERIES

Friends of Creation Ministry will be leaving a collection box for small used household batteries, only from **Sat, 27 Sept (5pm) to Sun, 28 Sept (12.30pm)**. Please note that the box will be left at the bench next to the Ground Floor Office.

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 gotong-royong 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://caritaspenang.com/register-gotong-royong> Closing date 22 Sep

For enquiry: 011-75122742

"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 YOUNG AD 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

"No servant can serve two masters ...

You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Luke 16:13

- What is my interior response to God as I reflect on why He has created me?
- In my journey of life, whom has God sent to awaken my conscience so that I would change my ways?
- What is the Lord telling me about my use of the things of this world?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 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)
No Mass	Mon 22 Sept	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 24 Sept	
Lauds Mass DM Holy Hour	6.20am 6.45am 8.00pm Thu 25 Sept	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet Day I Novena to St. Faustina	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 26 Sept	SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
DM Chaplet Mass (12th Parish Anniversary)	8.30am 9.00am Sun 28 Sept	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6: 1, 4-7 1 Tim 6: 11-16 Lk 16: 19-31



Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 24 Sep, 8 & 22 Oct 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation: **Wed, 1 & 15 Oct 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation: **Wed, 9 Oct 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room