



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...

We begin the 26th Week with a specific challenge from our Theme for the Week, "Our action or inaction will determine our eternal destiny." As baptised disciples, we are called to follow the Way, Jesus the Lord. To follow Him is to follow His way of love. Through the readings, we see that the Lord has a special place in His heart for the widow and the orphan, for the poor and the downtrodden and therefore, so must we.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos describes the lifestyle of the wealthy. Wealth in itself is not evil. However, we become evil when we use riches to satisfy our greed or to interfere with our love of God and neighbour. Amos is addressing the indifference and complacency of the rich. It is a prophetic warning to those who are comfortable. Amos exposes their inner disorder in their sensual indulgence and luxury. Their worse sin is not their sensuality but their complete lack of love for others.

The warning of the prophet Amos is continued in today's Gospel, the challenging parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The parable reminds us not only of our social responsibility in this life, but also of its connection with what happens to us in the next life. The sin of the rich man is not that he was rich, but that he was completely indifferent to his fellow man. So dull was his conscience that it was not awakened even as every morning he stepped over Lazarus lying at his doorstep. It seems that after his death the rich man still did not know why he was in torment although we learn that he did, after all, know the poor man's name.

We can imagine the rich man saying to himself, I never hurt anyone. I never did anything to Lazarus. It is obvious that he also never did anything for Lazarus either. The sin of the rich man is the sin of omission; he did not see what he should have seen, and he did not do what he should have done. In St. Paul's wise counsel to Timothy in the second reading, we are urged to see things from the perspective of eternal life, and to act accordingly. This will prevent us from falling into the moral blindness of the rich man. We owe our life to God, who gives life to all things. While in this world, we are called to keep the commandment of love.

Paul makes this even clearer in the verses that follow, where he tells Timothy how to advise the rich on the right use of their earthly possessions. The Gospel gives us an image that lingers in our imagination: Lazarus resting in the bosom of Abraham, like John resting on the heart of Jesus at the Last Supper. This is an image of Heaven, of the blessed future for which we all long. Poverty is not an obstacle to paradise, but selfishness is. "Our action or inaction will determine our eternal destiny." We give of ourselves in this life, caring for those whom God places before us, confident that when we die, Jesus longs to embrace us and to unite us with the heart of the Father.

Pursue right eousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Compete well for the faith. - 1 Timothy 6:11-12

- What is my thought on this truth: "My action or inaction will determine my eternal destiny?"
- When have I disregarded my sins of omission?
- How can I better manifest love and concern for the poor, the widow, and the downtrodden?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNES: 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.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 20 Sept: RM1539.50 (1st) RM1029.90 (2nd - church exp)
Sun, 21 Sept: RM2510 (1st) RM1228 (2nd - church exp)

BE A MEMBER - THE HEART OF CARITAS

Come join hearts and minds to spark fresh ideas, share your time and talents to bring hope and positive change to those most in need.
Contact: Jude Ravi (012-476 8506) or Yiing Jia (012-4793586)

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)

BLESSING OF PETS

Date/Time: **Sat, 4 Oct (8.00am)** at basement area
Please clean up after your pets and ensure they are leashed or contained at all times. Do remain in your vehicles with your pets if they are unable to stay calm or cause distress to others.
Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap will approach you/your vehicles one by one during the blessing.

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>
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



Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
12th Parish Anniversary		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 28 Sept
Mass	9.00am	
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Am 6:1, 4-7 1 Tim 6: 11-16 Lk 16: 19-31
No Mass		Mon 29 Sept
		SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 30 Sept
Mass	6.45am	
Day 5 Novena		
	3.00pm	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
Anniversary of the elevation of Cardinal Sebastian Francis		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed 1 Oct
Mass	6.45am	
followed by Rosary		
Day 6 Novena		
	3.00pm	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Lauds	6.20am	Thu 2 Oct
Mass	6.45am	
Day 7 Novena		
	3.00pm	The Holy Guardian Angels
Day 8 Novena	3.00pm	Fri 3 Oct
Holy Hour	8.00pm	
followed by Mass		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat 4 Oct
Grotto Mass	6.45am	
followed by Rosary		
Blessings of Pets		
	8.00am	St Francis of Assisi
Day 9 Novena		
	3.00pm	
Novena to OMPH		
	5.15pm	
	Mass 5.30pm	
World Day of Migrants and Refugees		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 5 Oct
Mass	9.00am	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14 Lk 17: 5-10