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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...

"Increase our faith." What could have prompted the Apostles to ask for an increase of faith? Isn't being with Jesus enough for them? Isn't it enough to see all his miracles and hear all his marvellous teachings and parables? This Gospel follows the story of the rich man and Lazarus, which we pondered last Sunday, and an intervening discourse on scandal and forgiveness. This placement may help us understand why the Apostles were having a crisis of faith.

For the Jews, material wealth was a sign of God's favour. So, for the Apostles to hear Jesus tell a parable about a rich man who is condemned while a poor beggar is in the bosom of Abraham must have shaken them to the core. Things only got worse for them when they heard Jesus warn them against the possibility of committing grave scandal, and when he challenged them to forgive as often as they were offended even seven times a day. Jesus was making such radical demands! He was turning things upside down! While they believed that he was the Messiah, they were finding what he was saying to be difficult. Jesus' response is peculiar. He neither grants their request nor denies it but instead speaks about how powerful even a very small amount of faith is. The image he uses, that of commanding a nearby tree to be transplanted into the sea, is symbolic. Jesus is not telling us to give orders to trees; he is telling us that faith as small as one mustard seed would give us the ability to do what is far beyond our natural powers. Why is faith so powerful? Because it opens us to the power of God. What is impossible to us is not impossible for God.

Our difficulty is that we tend to look at problems with our natural eyes only, and the solutions often look impossible to us. Part of the increase of faith that we need is to learn to see with eyes of faith. This is what the prophet Habakkuk had to learn. Habakkuk lived at a time when Israel was under the domination of the Babylonians. He had been crying out to the Lord for help but had received no relief. We can feel his frustration and discouragement as he pours out his sorrowful laments and questions before the Lord. Such disturbing questions are part of our struggle in the journey of faith. People with no faith do not expect God to do anything when injustice threatens to crush them. They have no hope, for they think they have no one to turn to. At the other extreme are people with strong faith, who persevere in times of hardship, confident that God is present, working out a marvellous plan of love. Most of us are somewhere in between. We have weak faith, but we want to grow strong. When we see everything going wrong, we cry out like Habakkuk.

Habakkuk receives an answer from the Lord, not immediate relief from the problems but a vision of what will come in the future. The Lord tells him to write it down and to wait for it with the certainty of faith. The prophet realizes that his expectations will not be disappointed after all. He simply has to be patient and wait in faith. When God makes a promise, we know it will be fulfilled. The promise itself is sufficient. We must not allow ourselves to be distraught by all that goes wrong; we do not need immediate solutions to every problem. Faith gives us a vision that is secure, no matter how shaky our life in this world may become. "The just one, because of his faith, shall live."

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS: SUN, 5 OCT AT 11.00AM

CHRISTOPH LEE YII ZER, COREY CARALERA & CHESTER JR LEWIS SPENCER

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 14 Sep: RM4465.85

Sat, 27 Sep: RM1455.60 Sun, 28 Sep: RM2585.00

PRAY THE ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

Come together as a family or with your BEC and pray during this month of the Rosary.

ARE YOU A SENIOR WITH A YOUNG SPIRIT?

Inviting all new and old members of Living Spring Ministry for a meeting and potbless!

Date/Time: **Thur, 9 Oct 2025 (10.00am)**

Venue: RCIA Classrooms on the 3rd floor.

Contact: Anne (012-438 7818) or Amy (012-456 9434)

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)

"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

YOU M.A.D 2.0 - AN IMMERSION CAMP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Spend a weekend with the Orang Asli - sharing stories, breaking bread, and experiencing life together as we listen for God's call to serve.

Dates: **Fri, 10 Oct (5.00pm) - Sun, 12 Oct 2025 (3.00pm)**

Venue: Church of Sacred Heart, Kampar

Registration: RM45/pax (include lodging and meal)

Contact: Caritas Penang (011-75122742)

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples in an intensive weekend where both are invited to examine & deepen their relationship with each other & with God.

Venue: Stella Maris, Penang

Dates: **Fri, 7 Nov - Sun, 9 Nov 2025**

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

CDM 4TH PARISH RENEWAL EXPERIENCE (PRE)

A journey to rediscovery of your faith in Christ and His Church.

Dates: **Fri, 21 Nov (7.00pm) - Sun, 23 Nov 2025 (5pm)**

Venue: CDM, Sungai Ara

Contact: Anna Tng (012-5092636), Rebecca Lee (012-4719370) Closing Date: 16 Nov 2025

Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. 2 Timothy 1:14

- Why is it necessary for me to continually cry out to God to increase my faith?
- In my journey of faith, when do I most often find that I need more patience?
- How strong is my confidence in the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within me?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
World Day of Migrants and Refugees		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14 Lk 17: 5-10
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 5 Oct	
No Mass	Mon 6 Oct	St Bruno, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Wed 8 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 9 Oct	SS. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs St John Leonardi, Priest
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Fri 10 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 11 Oct	St John XXIII, Pope
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5: 14-17 2 Tim 2: 8-13 Lk 17: 11-19
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 12 Oct	



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