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



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Parish Priest speaks...

The first reading and the Gospel both deal with persons afflicted with leprosy who are then miraculously healed. In biblical times leprosy was an incurable illness and mistakenly thought to be highly contagious. In Jewish society, those affected with the disease were usually forced to live apart from their family and tribe. The pain of social isolation made their sufferings even worse. Thankfully, today, leprosy can be fairly easily treated by a combination of medications. Our first reading picks up the narrative from the Second Book of Kings. We read of Naaman plunging seven times in the Jordan river and being cleansed of all signs of leprosy, his skin being now "like the flesh of a little child." Not only is his flesh restored, so is his heart. His initial outrage forgotten, he is overwhelmed with gratitude. With childlike faith he exclaims, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Today's Gospel is the account of the ten lepers Jesus encountered as He travelled to Jerusalem by way of Syria and Galilee. In response to their request for pity, Jesus tells them to show themselves to the priests, who will verify that they are indeed free of their disease. On the way, all ten are miraculously healed, "cleansed." Only one, however, a Samaritan, "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." We are left to wonder, along with Jesus, where the other nine have gone. Where is their gratitude?

Few people today have leprosy, but all of us were born with spiritual leprosy, the incurable sin condition we inherited from our first parents. The cleansing waters of Baptism have removed the stain of sin from our souls, but the lingering effects of our original wound still hinder us from following our call to holiness. Despite our convictions and desires, we experience that our will is weak. St. Paul describes our condition well: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but the very thing I hate" (Romans 7:15).

The central issue raised by today's Gospel, however, is not the lingering effects of original sin, but our gratitude or lack of it. Through no merit of ours, we have been welcomed into Holy Mother Church, the family of God, and set on the path to eternal glory with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This was all God's work, and for most of us, it probably began in our infancy, before our first memories. Where is our gratitude? Today's Gospel Acclamation reminds us that gratitude is always the proper response to God: "In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

We have much to be grateful for, and much to share with others! St. Paul's life is an example for us. His own gratitude to God is so great that he is willing to suffer anything for the sake of spreading the Gospel. He may be chained like a criminal, "but the Word of God is not chained." For Paul, and for all of us who have faith in "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead," even death itself is not an obstacle, for "if we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with Him!"

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." – Luke 17:19

- Where is my gratitude?
- What has been my response to God for setting me free from sin's deadly consequences?
- Why have I sometimes been more like "the other nine" than like the grateful Samaritan?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our children who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Sunday, 12 October 2025. May the body and blood of Christ be an eternal sustenance as they grow in their faith journey.

COFFEE MORNING

Sun, 19 Oct 2025 by the Prison Ministry in conjunction with World Mission Sunday.

Sun, 26 Oct 2025 by BEC Zone Q.

Join in the fellowship after Mass at the St. Faustina Hall.

PRAY THE ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

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

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)

VESPERS & BLESSINGS

The Living Spring Ministry is organising a talk by Fr. Joseph Stephen CS.sR followed by fellowship. "As our earthly journey ends, a new journey begins..."

Date/Time: **Thur, 16 October 2025 (10.00am - 12.30pm)**

Venue: RCIA rooms, 3rd floor.

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

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. Registrations for our long awaited 4th Parish Renewal Experience are now open! All parishioners are welcome and it doesn't matter whether you're active in a ministry or not. Come and be spiritually renewed for God's mission!

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/js9k4>

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

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

"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS"

We welcome back a musical play by the Divine Voices of CDM where our parishioners will be bringing to life on stage the reason for the Christmas season at College General, Tanjung Bungah on the **6th and 7th December 2025**. Seats will be limited for both nights and registrations will be open soon so save the date(s)!

As the musical will be open to the public at no charge, donations or sponsorship will be much appreciated to defray the production costs.

Contact: Doris (012-454 2568) or Audrey (012-315 3037)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		
Rosary 8.30am	Sun	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 9.00am	12 Oct	2 Kgs 5: 14-17 2 Tim 2: 8-13 Lk 17: 11-19
No Mass	Mon	
	13 Oct	
Lauds 6.20am	Tue	St Callistus I,
Mass 6.45am	14 Oct	Pope & Martyr
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Wed	St Teresa of Jesus,
Mass 6.45am	15 Oct	Virgin & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Thu	St Hedwig, Religious
Mass 6.45am	16 Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Fri	St Ignatius of Antioch,
Mass 6.45am	17 Oct	Bishop & Martyr
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Sat	St Luke, Evangelist
Mass 6.45am	18 Oct	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		
Mass 5.30pm		
MISSION SUNDAY		
Rosary 8.30am	Sun	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bahasa Mass 9.00am	19 Oct	Ex 17: 8-13 2 Tim 3: 14 - 4: 2 Lk 18: 1-8



Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 22 Oct 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation: **Wed, 15 Oct 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room