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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...

The widow in Jesus' parable clearly represents all of us, as we bring our petitions before God in prayer, and the judge represents God. Jesus assures us that God listens to our prayers much more attentively than the unjust judge who listened to the widow, and He answers us much more speedily than the judge answered her pleas. As we step into the last line, Jesus shifts the focus to what God wants from us. The focus now moves to what God wants from us that is a response of faith. In our human nature, we tend to think first in terms of our own will, simply what we want to happen; what problems we want to solve; what we want to acquire; what we want to avoid. When we pray, we might approach God primarily from this point of view. To put it bluntly, we use prayer to tell God what we want Him to do for us. If this is our focus, we are likely to become discouraged before long, since God does not seem to answer us in the way that we hope for. But getting what we want from God is not the main purpose of prayer.

In the parable, the widow is only asking the judge to do what he should do anyway: render a just decision. She is not asking the judge to do something different from what is right and proper to his position as judge. We can conclude from this, and from Jesus' question about finding faith on earth, that we should make the primary focus of our prayer not what we want Him to do but rather our union with Him through faith. This is the purpose for which God reveals Himself to us: He wants to unite us to Himself and bring us to share eternity with Him in Heaven. We can learn from the first reading that God's

people, those who strive to respond with faith to His self-revelation, will find themselves in a battle. There are many forces which oppose God's will for us, including the devil, the world, and our own weak and sinful flesh. These forces fight to turn us away from faith in God. As long as we persevere in prayer and reliance on God, we can overcome these enemies by the power of God. But when we "let our hands rest," that is, when we stop praying, when we take our focus off God and begin to seek our own will, then our spiritual enemies will begin to get the better of us.

The first reading shows us, however, that it is difficult and tiring at times to remain faithful to God and His will. We need the support of others, as Moses needed the support of Aaron and Hur. One way that we can support one another is given to us in the second reading. We can and should proclaim God's Word to one another, not only by referencing Scripture, but more especially by living out the Word of God in our words and actions throughout the day, "whether it is convenient or inconvenient." As we strive to "remain faithful to what we have learned and believed," we serve as an inspiration to our brothers and sisters, helping them to persevere in the battle of faith.

**"Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night?" - Luke 18:7**

- What is my real purpose when I pray?
- Do I find it difficult to persevere in prayer?
- To whom do I turn for spiritual support?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wedding Banns: Sat, 8 Nov '25 | Service at 10.30am**

**Tan Jun Yuan & Angeline Foo Jia Ying**

**Wedding Banns: Sat, 8 Nov '25 | Service at 3.00pm**

**Yeap Zi Rang & Ha Thi Thuy Trang**

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

### 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.

### GO TONG-ROYONG

Date/Time: **Sat, 25 Oct 2025 from 8.00am** onwards.

We could use your help in maintaining the cleanliness of God's house! Lunch will be prepared for all volunteers.

### CDM ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

All parishioners are encouraged to participate to Celebrate, Listen & Walk together as a community in Christ.

Date/Time: **Sun, 16 Nov 2025 (10.45am - 1.00pm)**

### 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)

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>MISSION SUNDAY</b>		
		<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Rosary 8.30am	Sun	Ex 17: 8-13
Bahasa Mass 9.00am	19 Oct	2 Tim 3: 14 - 4: 2 Lk 18: 1-8
No Mass	Mon	
	20 Oct	
CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION	Lauds 6.20am	Tue
	Mass 6.45am	21 Oct
	DM Chaplet 3.00pm	
No Mass	Wed	St John Paul II, Pope
	22 Oct	
Lauds 6.20am	Thu	St John of Capestrano, Priest
Mass 6.45am	23 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Fri	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Mass 6.45am	24 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Sat	
Mass 6.45am	25 Oct	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		
Mass 5.30pm		
Rosary 8.30am	Sun	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mass 9.00am	26 Oct	Ecclus 35: 15-17, 20-22 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 Lk 18: 9-14



Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 22 Oct, 5 & 19 Nov 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

**Wed, 5 & 19 Nov 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

**Thu, 13 Nov 2025 (8.30pm)** at St. JP II Adoration Room