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CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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



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Parish Priest speaks...

The readings this weekend highlight two important virtues in our Christian life, humility, and poverty. But even if they are important in our spiritual life, they are certainly unpopular in the world. They are an affront to modern culture's relentless self-promotion and craving for material possessions. The word humility has its roots in the Latin word humus or "soil." Soil is lowly, mere dirt, but it is the ground where life grows. Beneath every fruitful wheat field or orchard or vineyard lies ordinary soil. The Gospel ends with a statement that humility is the ground from which the glory of exaltation springs: "the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The specific example Jesus gives is that of a tax collector who takes the lowest place in the temple area: "The tax collector stood off at a distance." He is clearly someone on the periphery. His profession, collecting taxes from his fellow Jews for the Roman conquerors, makes him an enemy of his own people, and therefore a social outcast. The Jerusalem temple during Jesus' time was divided into sections that progressively separated the profane from the holy. The furthest away were the Gentiles, then Jewish women and children, Jewish men, and finally, in the holiest section, the priests and the high priest. Standing "off at a distance" shows that the tax collector considers himself to be profane, unfit for temple worship.

The humble man's prayer reveals his view of himself, which he bares before God: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." With this beautiful, simple prayer, Jesus hints at the relationship between the virtue of humility and contrition. Humility makes it possible for us to express our sorrow for sin. The virtue of

humility is not a matter of putting ourselves down, but much more of raising God and others before us. St. Paul, in the second reading, shows his humility in his spirit of selfless service. To be "poured out like a libation" is to be offered as a sacrifice. Paul writes this as he nears the end of his life. After years of tireless missionary effort, battered by constant persecution, he is confident of his future glory: "the crown of righteousness awaits me." This does not sound humble to us at all because we wrongly equate humility with sounding self-deprecating. But here the seasoned Apostle is not boasting about himself but about God. He is simply stating that God is faithful and is sure to reward those who rely on Him and pour themselves out in His service.

The first reading teaches us about the virtue of poverty, which is as baffling to contemporary secular culture as humility is. Sirach declares that while God is just and "knows no favourites," for God is especially attentive to the poor meaning the weak, the oppressed, the orphan and the widow. The practice of the virtue of poverty allows us to let go of our illusion of control and to be totally dependent on God. Another aspect of the virtue of poverty is detachment. We are meant for eternity. Everything that we accumulate while passing through this world will be left behind. We can be tempted to dedicate our whole lives to what is temporary. Instead of becoming servants of the Lord, we become slaves of the world. We all need the virtue of poverty to help us grow in detachment, so that we can put transient material things and worldly wealth in proper perspective. The reflection this weekend tells us that for humility, Jesus promises exaltation. For poverty, the Lord promises intimacy and everlasting presence.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Announcements: Sun, 26 Oct at 11.00am

Isha Arielle Subash

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

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

Tan Jun Yuan & Angelina 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.

VACANCY: MISSION MANAGER - MT. MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL

We invite Catholic candidates who are passionate about serving the community, to take the opportunity to strengthen their professional expertise in cancer care. Join us in Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital, to continue the Mission of the FMDM founders to provide the best and affordable cancer treatment with God's healing presence. Please send your resume with recent self-photo, stating expected salary to subloh@mountmiriam.com. For more information, please visit our website <http://www.mountmiriam.com>.

MASS COLLECTION

Sat, 18 Oct: RM1395.20 (P*) RM1269.20 (Mission Sunday)

Sun, 19 Oct: RM2848.50 (P*) RM1642.90 (Mission Sunday)

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)

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/j59k4>

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" MUSICAL.

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 to 300pax per night and registrations are now open!



"... for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Luke 18:14

- Do I picture myself as the tax collector or the Pharisee?
- What am I doing to cultivate the virtues of humility and poverty in my life?
- What are the worldly attachments that block my spiritual growth?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 26 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 35: 15-17, 20-22 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 Lk 18: 9-14
No Mass	Mon 27 Oct	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 28 Oct	SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles
DM Chaplet	3.00pm Wed 29 Oct	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 30 Oct	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm Fri 31 Oct	Closing of the Month of the Rosary
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 1 Nov	All Saints Day Day of Obligation
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 2 Nov	All Souls' Day Is 25: 6-9 Rom 5: 5-11 Lk 7: 11-17



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. JPII Adoration Room