

# 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 this final week of the Church's Liturgical Year with the great celebration of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When we think of the kings of the past, perhaps the first thing that comes to mind is their power and authority. We may say that a king in many cases had absolute authority. His word was law, and whatever he commanded was done. Over the years, humanity has largely rejected this type of kingship. There are still dictators who rule their countries like the kings of the past, but for the most part our world has embraced the idea that people should have some say in how they are governed, and that no one should have absolute and unrestricted power over others.

For this reason, when the Church proclaims Jesus Christ as King of the Universe, our first reaction might be somewhat negative. Are we being asked to accept that someone has absolute power over us, and can order us around without our input or consent? As a first step in beginning to understand why we must reject this attitude of opposition to Jesus' kingship over us, we can consider the behavior of the elders of Israel in the first reading. Saul, who had been their king, was slain in battle, and his son who had then ruled over them for a short time has also been killed. They are without a king, and they rush to David and ask him to be their king. He has not conquered them; he has not forced them to serve him; they are coming to him freely and begging him to accept their offer of kingship. Why would they do that? Why not rejoice in their "freedom" from having someone rule over them?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make time this Advent for a season of meaningful reflection and prayer. Sign up for online Advent reflections and resources for the family:-

\*Dynamic Catholic: [Best Advent Ever](#)

\*My Daily Visitor for prayers and videos

\*The Gifts of Advent by Loyola Press

\*Advent to Christmas reflection booklet by the Office for New Evangelisation

\*Advent & Christmas Special on [Formed](#) for kids: -

All links available at CDM Penang's Linktree QR code on the top-right of the bulletin

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 15 Nov: RM1722 (P<sup>1</sup> Collection) RMI206 (Adjacent Land Project)

Sun, 16 Nov: RM2720.60 (P<sup>1</sup> Collection) RMI689.25 (Adjacent Land Project)

### COLLECTION OF USED HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Friends of Creation will be leaving a collection box for small, used household batteries at the new indoor location, only from **Sat, 29 Nov (5.00pm) to Sun, 30 Nov (12.30pm)**. Please read further instructions on the box.

### STATE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Organised by the Christian Federation of Malaysia, jointly with the Penang State Government and Penang Harmony Corporation (HARMONICO). All are warmly invited to enjoy performances by various churches and to visit the Christmas Market.

Date/Time: **Sat, 6 Dec (from 3.00pm onwards) at St. George's Church, Georgetown**

### LIGHTHOUSE: YOUTH CAMP

Join us for an unforgettable day filled with food, fun, fellowship, and faith! Come connect with friends, old and new as we dive into exciting games, great food, and powerful sessions focused on discovering Hope and Mission. Whether you're looking to recharge, make memories, or grow in your faith, this day is for you! Registrations will be at the church porch after the weekend Masses.

Date/Time: **Sat, 29 Nov (8.00am - 10.00pm)**

Fee: RM 30/pax. Lunch and dinner provided.

### "WHAT IS CHRISTMAS" MUSICAL

Dates/Time: **Sat, 6 Dec or Sun, 7 Dec (7.30pm-10.00pm; seating at 7.00pm)**

We have increased our seating capacity to 400pax per night so this is our final call for free registrations! Bring your (non-Muslim) family and friends to rediscover the true reason for the season through song and dance.

Venue: College General, Tanjung Bungah

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/1811916112869?aff=oddtcreator>

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MANDARIN)

准备结婚的情侣们,请至少于六个月前见你们的本堂神父报名参加槟岛总铎区华文促进会所举办的华语婚前准备课程。住宿不被提供,每对 RM200 的报名费用不可退款,因此建议情侣们确定报名日期后再付款。

Couples preparing for marriage, please meet with your parish priest at least 6 months before your wedding to attend the Marriage Preparation Course organised by the Penang Island Deanery Chinese Apostolate. Accommodation will not be provided, and the registration fee of RM200 per couple is non-refundable, therefore, it is advisable that the couple is certain of the attending dates before registering.

Details of the 2026 MPC (2026 华语婚前准备课程详情以下):

地点 Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

#66: **Fri, 17 Apr - Sun, 19 Apr 2026**

#67: **Fri, 23 Oct - Sun, 25 Oct 2026**

若有所咨询,请联络 For enquiries: Cecelia Ng (012-454 7007) / Joachim Teh (012-477 8319)

Part of the answer is contained in the words that they say to David, "It was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back." David has led their armies to victory over their enemies many times in the past. They are certain that there will be enemies in the future who will threaten them again. They need a strong leader who can protect them from their enemies, or they will be easy prey to the nations around them. The elders also say to David, "the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people, Israel.' Here we learn that the true mission of a king is not to lord it over his subjects and force them to satisfy all his desires, but rather to serve the people. As a shepherd guides his flock to good pasture, makes sure that they have clean water and safe shelter, and takes care of them when they are sick or injured, so the king is to watch over his subjects, taking care of them and providing for their needs.

If we seek evidence of what kind of king Jesus is, we can ponder deeply the Gospel reading for today. We find Him hanging on the Cross, giving up even His very life for love of us. Some of the onlookers are mocking Him, telling Him to save Himself if He is really a king. But Jesus did not come to save Himself. He came for us, to save us. He makes no answer to those who mock Him. He is giving up His life to save even them. And when the other criminal humbly asks Jesus to remember him, Jesus shows that He is always ready to help anyone who turns to Him: "Amen, I say to you, today, you will be with Me in Paradise."

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom. - Luke 23:42**

- Who is Jesus Christ the King to me personally?
- How do I experience Him as the Good Shepherd?
- What do I learn when I meditate on Jesus hanging on the Cross for love of me?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>WORLD YOUTH DAY</b>		<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Sam 5: 1-3 Col 1: 12-20 Lk 23: 35-43</b>
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	<b>Sun 23 Nov</b>	
No Mass	<b>Mon 24 Nov</b>	SS. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>Tue 25 Nov</b>	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>Wed 26 Nov</b>	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Holy Hour 8.00pm	<b>Thu 27 Nov</b>	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>Fri 28 Nov</b>	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	<b>Sat 29 Nov</b>	
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	<b>Sun 30 Nov</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Is 2: 1-5 Rom 13: 11-14 Mt 24: 37-44
DM Chaplet 5.30pm Tamil Mass 6.00pm		



Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 19 Nov & 3 Dec 2025 (8.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall  
Christian Meditation:

**Wed, 19 Nov, 3 & 17 Dec 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room  
Chinese Christian Meditation:

**Wed, 4 Dec 2025 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room