

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...

This weekend we ponder the message of two of the Bible's most important Advent teachers, the great prophet Isaiah, and the even greater prophet John the Baptist. Prophets speak for God. By their words and actions, they enlighten and encourage us. They also challenge and disturb us, for they force us to face the truth in our conscience. Isaiah's prophecy tells us something fascinating about the Lord for whose coming we are preparing. When He comes, the Messiah will reveal Himself as both just and merciful; He will combine strength and compassion. On that day, the Lord will reconcile enemies and establish a wonderful harmony. He will justly punish the wicked and show mercy to the lowly and the poor. If we are well prepared, repentant, humble, and honest, we will experience the Lord's mercy. His coming will be an occasion of joyful celebration. If we remain fixed in our hypocrisy and self-centeredness, we have reason to fear His justice.

John the Baptist had a particularly powerful prophetic mission. When he began his public ministry as a preacher in the desert of Judea, he attracted great crowds from all over the region. He was so influential, in fact, that people thought he himself might be the Messiah. Like Isaiah, he too witnessed to both the mercy and the justice of God. To those who were humble enough to repent and be baptized, he gave hope of being prepared for the coming of the Lord but to the hypocritical religious leaders, he addressed some very harsh words.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows	Tue, 9 Dec 2025	10.00am & 8.00pm
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Wed, 10 Dec 2025	10.0am & 8.00pm
Church of Divine Mercy	Thurs, 11 Dec 2025	10.00am & 8.00pm
Church of the Risen Christ	Mon, 15 Dec 2025	10.00am & 8.00pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Tue, 16 Dec 2025	10.00am & 8.00pm

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, 29 Nov: RM1591.60 (1st Collection)

Sun, 30 Nov: RM3412.75 (1st Collection) RM337 (5pm Tamil)

CHRIST'S YOUTH IN ACTION (CYA) PENANG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

You are warmly invited to our Grand Christmas Celebration: Emmanuel, a night filled with joy, worship, fellowship, and the true meaning of Christmas. Let's come together as a family to celebrate this amazing truth and the hope it brings. Bring a dish that starts with the last letter of your name!

Date/Time: **Fri, 12 Dec 2025 (7.00pm - 10.30pm)**

Venue: CFCC Centre @ 6F, Harbour Trade Centre, Macallum

Dress Code: Classic Christmas colours

JUMBLE SALE

Friends of Creation wishes to announce their coming JUMBLE SALE focusing on children's things for babies, toddlers & older. All in good condition and even new! Come and take a look! Proceeds from the sale will go to CDM.

Dates/Times: **Sat, 13 Dec (3.00pm-5.00pm & 6.30pm-7.30pm)**

Sun, 14 Dec (10am-1pm)

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

PARENTING MADE EASY: THE PRAYING FAMILY

The third in the sharing formation series by CDM Family Life Ministry on emphasising a praying culture in the family, discovering personal prayer, couple prayers, family prayers and contemplative prayer, and the power of silence.

Date/Time: **Fri, 19 Dec 2025 (8.30pm-9.45pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Lawrence (012-4108360) or Esther (012-4529462)

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**

John is not being vindictive toward the Pharisees; he is being compassionate. He does not want the Messiah to arrive and find them unprepared. Like unfruitful trees, they are in danger of being cut down and thrown into the fire. John is well aware of the prophecy of Isaiah, who announced that when the Messiah comes, He will "strike the ruthless with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked." John's urgent mission is to rescue them before it is too late, to show them how to receive God's great mercy. This mission continues today as we ponder the Gospel, which warns us all to beware of the poison of hypocrisy. If our preparations for the coming of the Lord are merely for show, they make us less ready, not more.

The message of John which is also the message of Advent for us today is not one of fear but hope. All who turn to the Lord in faith can experience His merciful love. The only obstacle is sin, and God has already made it possible for us to be free of sin not only symbolically as in the case of John's baptism, but really, through the Sacrament of Baptism. Rejoicing in this gift, and continually renewing our commitment to live by it, we prepare for the Lord to dwell in us. When we fall, we can humble ourselves and return to Him in Confession. The grace we receive from the Lord makes it possible for us to live more harmoniously with each other. When we start with the awareness of our own sin condition and acknowledge that we are all struggling with the same basic weaknesses, we begin to be more accepting of one another, including those who are at different stages of repentance and transformation.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. – Matthew 3:3

- How am I a prophet to others by my words and actions?
- Do I approach the Lord in hope or in fear?
- What can I learn from Isaiah and John the Baptist about hypocrisy and self-centeredness?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
RCIA 2025/2026: RITE OF ACCEPTANCE		2nd Sunday of Advent
DM Chaplet 8.30am	Sun	Is 11: 1-10
BM Mass 9.00am	7 Dec	Rom 15: 4-9 Mt 3: 1-12
Lauds 6.20am	Mon	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 6.45am		
Rosary 8.00pm	8 Dec	followed by Mass
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Tue	St John Diego Cuauhtlatoczin
Mass 6.45am		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	9 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am	Wed	Our Lady of Loreto
Mass 6.45am		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	10 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am	Thu	St Damasus I, Pope
Mass 6.45am		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	11 Dec	
<i>Advent Penitential service at 10.00am & 8.00pm</i>		
Lauds 6.20am	Fri	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass 6.45am		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	12 Dec	
Lauds 6.20am	Sat	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Mass 6.45am		
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm	13 Dec	
Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am		3rd Sunday of Advent
Mass 9.00am	Sun	Is 35: 1-6, 10
	14 Dec	Jm 5: 7-10
		Mt 11: 2-11
Christian Meditation:		

Wed, 17 Dec 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

