

# 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...

Humility is the focus of the readings this weekend. The Kingdom of God grows within the hearts of the lowly, those who long to live in His will. To reveal His glory, the Lord chooses those who are open to His blessings. In the first reading, God tells His people to seek humility. It is the humble who will be the Lord's special remnant people. As Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven." Entering the Kingdom of God is not a matter of saying the right words or performing certain exterior actions. It is a matter of having a heart like that of Jesus, who described Himself as being "meek and humble of heart."

In the second reading, St. Paul explains why God loves humility so much. We need to know that God does not draw us to Himself based on any strength or wisdom that we have, but purely out of His love for us. He makes this clear by using the poor, the weak, and the simple to advance His Kingdom in the world, so that the wise and powerful can have the opportunity to humble themselves before Him, and so that we never think of His Kingdom as something we can achieve or control.

The Gospel is the beautiful beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, calling us to be "poor in spirit" because the poor in spirit are blessed. If we are poor in spirit, we will be meek and clean of heart. We will hunger and thirst for righteousness, and we will be peacemakers. We will also mourn, and we will be persecuted for the sake of righteousness. Because our focus is on the Lord and not on ourselves, we will grow in humility and true service to the Lord and to our neighbour.

Today's Gospel sets up a contradiction for us. Jesus, the Lord calls us to be poor and to depend totally on Him. The Lord calls us to follow Him and the path of poverty He walked during His life on this earth.

The more we choose to follow Him, the more His life within us grows. It is not an easy road. Being poor and needy will not automatically lead us to holiness. There are two kinds of poverty, each different from the other. Physical poverty, in which people lack what they should have as human beings to survive with dignity, is an evil, and we should do everything we can to alleviate that kind of poverty. Spiritual poverty, however, is a good that we must embrace. To be "poor in spirit" is to recognise and accept the fact that we are poor and lowly and that our happiness lies in God alone, the source of all good. If we accept our poverty, it can create in us a powerful openness and trust in God.

In fact, our insecurities often lead us to think that more is better than less, and that strength is better than weakness. Thus, we tend to resent our neediness in all its forms. We need to pray for the gratitude and humility to accept our weakness, recognising it as the Lord's loving work. Then we can rejoice in the fact that in our weakness the Lord is strong, and He is leading us into His Kingdom. Lord, give me the gift of true humility!

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."*

**Matthew 5:3**

- In what ways do I struggle to accept my own weaknesses and limitations as opportunities for God's strength to shine?
- How can I practice spiritual poverty by placing my trust more fully in God rather than in my own abilities or possessions?
- What small concrete steps can I take today to grow in humility and in service to others?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 24 Jan (5.30pm): RM1243.15 (1<sup>st</sup> collection)

Sun, 25 Jan (9.00am): RM2507 (1<sup>st</sup> collection)

Sun, 25 Jan (Retreat): RM475

### BREAKING THE SILENCE: TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AT HOME

A collaboration between CDM Family Life Ministry & CDM Catechesis Ministry in addressing mental health issues. This talk will be held by Dr. Stephanie Ann Sardar M.D and will be one of the various efforts in this matter. All are welcome to participate.

Date/Time: **Sun, 8 February 2026 (11.00am)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

The first BEC Coffee Morning will be by Zone J on **Sun, 8 Feb 2026** at St. Faustina Hall after morning Mass. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated as all proceeds will go towards the new multipurpose community centre.

### GOD'S WISDOM REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT

Young Adults Ministry (YAM) are inviting all young adults for a bible sharing and reflection on a passage from the weekend's readings. Bring your bible and join us!

Date/Time: **Thur, 12 February 2026. Doors open at 7.30pm**

Venue: RCIA Room, 3rd Floor Classrooms

Contact: Sachin (017-4745737)

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Date/Time: **Sat, 14 February 2026 at 10.00am (Rosary at 9.30am)**

Register your sick or elderly family and BEC members with the Communion Ministers at the church porch after Mass.

### EXPERIENCE THE VIA DOLOROSA AT CDM

Register as a family to experience the way of the cross during **Fridays in Lent (8.00pm followed by Mass)**. Meet the Parish Liturgical Team at the church porch after weekend Masses from **31 Jan 2026**.

### RETRouvaille LIVE-IN WEEKEND (ENGLISH)

There is HOPE for a better marriage. If you feel that your spouse has grown apart, or if you are considering separation or even divorce, know that healing is still possible, the Retrouvaille Weekend offers a supportive and confidential environment where couples can work together toward rebuilding their relationships.

Dates: **Fri, 6 March - Sun, 8 March 2026**

Contact: Francis (016-3330660) or Angeline: (012-2072150) or email

[retrouvaille@familylife.archkl.org](mailto:retrouvaille@familylife.archkl.org) All communication will be strictly confidential.

### LIVING THE LITTLE WAY OF ST. THERESE

Three (3) zoom sessions by Rev. Fr. Philip Tay, OCD on **Thursdays 9, 16 & 23 April 2026 at 8.00pm - 10.00pm** with an optional weekend retreat at the Putri Karmel Monastery, Balik Pulau from **Fri, 1 May - Sun, 3 May 2026**. Registrations for the Zoom sessions are free and further details on the weekend retreat fees can be found in the Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/PDNEC26LilWay>. Registrations close **24 Mar**.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK</b>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am	<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mass 9.00am	<b>1 Feb</b>	Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13 1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 5: 1-12
<b>WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE</b>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.00pm followed by Mass	<b>Mon</b> <b>2 Feb</b>	The Presentation of the Lord
Lauds 6.20am	<b>Tue</b>	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Mass 6.45am	<b>3 Feb</b>	St Ansgar, Bishop
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>Wed</b> <b>4 Feb</b>	
Lauds 6.20am	<b>Thu</b>	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Mass 6.45am	<b>5 Feb</b>	
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm	<b>Fri</b> <b>6 Feb</b>	SS. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
<b>Holy Hour</b> 8.00pm followed by Mass	<b>Sat</b> <b>7 Feb</b>	
Lauds 6.20am		
Grotto Mass 6.45am followed by Rosary		
<b>Novena to OMPH</b> 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
<b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER &amp; AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING</b>		
<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am	<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>BM Mass</b> 9.00am	<b>8 Feb</b>	Is 58: 7-10 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Mt 5: 13-16



Charismatic Renewal Group:  
**Wed, 11 & 25 February 2026 (7.15pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:  
**Wed, 4 February 2026 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:  
**Thur, 05 February 2026 (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

