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CHECK IT OUT

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



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Parish Priest speaks...

When we speak of our physical death, which all human beings experience, it's not a result of personal sin but a general human condition for which God Himself will provide a remedy. What is really dreadful is spiritual death, which can last for all eternity. This kind of death is caused by our personal sins, which are always decisions to disobey God. When we disobey Him, we separate ourselves from the One who is Life, the real Source of Life and the consequences are most grave. This was the sad experience of those who were taken into the Babylonian exile, which, in the Biblical tradition, represents the exile from God that results from sin. Today's first reading is God's message to the exiled people, who are in a death-like, hopeless condition. Through the prophet Ezekiel, He says, "O my people, I will open your graves, and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel and I will put my spirit in you that you may live." God is the God of life for God always provides a solution to those who suffer the death experience of separation from Him through their sin. He also provides a solution to those who are experiencing death-like situations due to the sins of others. The whole of humanity is in a sort of exile, under the threat of condemnation to death. The message that God addressed to His exiled people is also addressed to us. God Himself will open our graves; He will put His Spirit in us and will settle us in the Promised Land that is Heaven. The prophecy of Ezekiel, addressed to the whole of humanity, is fulfilled for us by Jesus Christ. Jesus, knowing that on our own we are powerless to overcome death, came into the world to give us new life: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Jesus Christ Himself is the solution to the problem of death and to all the different death-like circumstances of life in which we may find ourselves. The raising of Lazarus from death is a powerful sign that Jesus is the one who has come to open our graves, just as Ezekiel prophesied. After He learned that Lazarus was sick, Jesus even waited for him to die so that He could use this "sleep" of death as an occasion to show everyone that he is truly the one who gives life. The raising of Lazarus shows that Jesus has come to put His Spirit in us that we may live.

It is also a sign and an anticipation of His own Resurrection which God wants us to share in for all eternity. Jesus has come to destroy our death and to offer us life, through His Death on the Cross and His glorious Resurrection. Thus, He says before raising Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Jesus asks Martha: "Do you believe this?" She professes her faith in Him, the faith that is a condition for eternal life. We profess this faith in the Sacrament of Baptism and in our continuing effort to live our baptismal promises by keeping the commandments. In the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, Jesus already gives us here on earth a share in His life, a share in His life-giving Spirit. Lent is a time of renewal given to us to rekindle in us the life of the Spirit. It is by doing this that we can enjoy the victory that Christ has obtained for us over Satan, sin, and death.

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John 11:25-26

- How deeply have I pondered God's desire for me to share in His life and glory for all eternity in Heaven?
- In what ways am I allowing fear, sin, or worldly attachments to keep me in a death condition, exiled from the life that Christ offers?
- How can I use the remaining days of Lent to rekindle the life of the Spirit in me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 14 Mar (5.30pm): RM1485 (1st Collection) RM1077.50 (Church Expansion)
 Sun, 15 Mar (9.00am): RM4033 (1st Collection) RM2079 (Church Expansion)

CHRISM MASS will be held at CDM on **Tue, 24 March 2026 (8.00pm)**

Please note our parking spaces would mostly be reserved for the priests and religious. There will be a shuttle service to assist those parking outside around the housing area.

GOTONG-ROYONG will be on **Sat, 28 Mar from 8.00am**. Lend a helping hand to prepare the church for Palm Sunday all the way to Divine Mercy Feast Day!

DAY OF PRAYER

A first combined day of activities by the Spirituality Group with praise & worship, praying the Divine Mercy chaplet, read and reflect on the Word of God and Christian Meditation. All are welcome!

Date/Time/ Venue: **Tue, 31 March 2026 (8.30pm - 9.30pm)** at St.Faustina Hall

HOLY HOUR followed by Mass on **Wed, 1 April 2026 (8.00pm)**. Let us dedicate this time of prayer for our RCIA Elect as they draw closer to the sacred moment of their Baptism and Confirmation. We warmly invite all Elect, sponsors, family, and friends to be present, standing with them, praying for them, and journeying alongside them in this beautiful step of faith.

CDM ALTAR SERVERS CAMP

Compulsory for current servers. Also open to children above 10yo who have already received Holy Communion. Newly registered servers will receive their commissioning on Sat, 28 Mar. Parents are encouraged to attend the sunset Mass to show their support. Dates: **Fri, 27 Mar - Sat, 28 Mar 2026**
 Contact: Espie (016-467 0821) or Teresa (017-517 2650)

SCAM PREVENTION TALK

Date/Time: **Sat, 18 April 2026 (9.0am - 11.00am)**

Venue: 3rd floor classrooms, CDM

In collaboration with Polis DiRaja Malaysia & Yayasan Pencegahan Jenayah Malaysia (MCPF) Daerah Barat Daya. Learn how to spot, stop & report the scam. Register/Contact: Amy (012-456 9434) or Rowena (012-474 9472)

LIVING THE LITTLE WAY OF ST. THERESA

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. **SCAN THE LINKTREE QR CODE AT TOP RIGHT OF THE BULLETIN! Closing date 24 Mar**

CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB WEEKEND

Organised by the Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry designed to bring together our Catholic singles and help them discern God's call to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Dates: **Fri, 17 Apr - Sun, 19 Apr 2026 closing date 31 Mar**

Venue: Domus St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne BM

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Contact: Maria (019-480 6281) or Theresa (017-578 8192)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
RCIA: 3RD SCRUTINY		
		5th Sunday of Lent
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am (for the hearing impaired)	Sun 22 Mar	Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45 (or Jn 11: 3, 7, 17, 20-27, 33-45)
No Mass	Mon 23 Mar	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 24 Mar	
CHRISM MASS 8.00pm		
No Mass	Wed 25 Mar	Annunciation of the Lord
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
DM Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	Thu 26 Mar	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 27 Mar	
Way of the Cross followed by Mass 8.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 28 Mar	GOTONG-ROYONG @ 8.00AM
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 29 Mar	Mt 21: 1-11 Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66

