

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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

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*My dear sisters and brothers,*

Greetings of Peace & Easter blessings be upon you.

**Christus Resurrexit! Christ is Risen!**

The greatest feast of the Christian year begins with a new flame. Bringing light out of darkness, the new flame of the Paschal Candle is a symbol of Christ's resurrection. It casts its radiance upon us to remind us that in baptism we have risen with Christ. Our baptism certificate is a page from His saving life story. We share and reflect His glory. Our hearts and minds are bright with His Spirit. From the darkest tomb, God kindles a fire, a new flame, a new hope, that will never go out.

The flame of our Paschal Candle stands in direct continuity with those first Easter fires. It re-commissions us for missionary discipleship: *Why look for someone who is alive among the dead? The Lord Jesus has risen as He said.* Easter is not a day; it is a way of life, it is a way to life. For the next fifty days the new light of Easter will burn vividly in the paschal candle, the *pillar of fire* which banishes the darkness and glows to the honour of our God. This candle has no purpose but to spend itself for the glory of the Risen Christ. Like our bodies, it is marked with the cross, with the signs of beginning and of ending. Its dating reflects our lifespan. Its studs connect Christ's wounds with ours and the incense within them signifies His prayerful offering to the Father to which we are united in worship and praise. The flame is the living fire of Jesus' love, burning inextinguishably within us.

My dear friends, Easter is the most important feast we celebrate as Christian people precisely because that is exactly what has happened in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead: the stone has been rolled away, death and darkness have been defeated, and life has triumphed. We need to take this mysterious, wondrous fact as personally as we can.

This Easter, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, "He is risen." And we rejoice saying, "Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia." May God bless you with abundant faith, serenity, and joy this, Easter.

Blessed Easter!!!

**Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap**

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 28 Mar (5.30pm): RM2361.30 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)

Sun, 29 Mar (9.00am): RM5013.05 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)

**Buy and bless a visible sign of our joy!** Buntings with the image of the Divine Mercy will be sold in conjunction with our feast day celebrations for the multipurpose community centre fundraising.

### FIRST AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are trained in First Aid or with healthcare background, we would love you to join our CDM First Aid Team dedicated on standby for any eventualities whenever we expect a surge in Mass attendees on special occasions.

For more information and to sign up, contact Margaret Ng (017-494 2363)

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: A MUSICAL PLAY (AUDITIONS)

A collaboration with Church of the Risen Christ, Ayer Itam in conjunction with the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Transitus' of St. Francis of Assisi. Auditions will be open for cast (mainly 10-13 years old), choir & musicians (all ages, all levels).

Audition date at CDM: **Sun, 19 Apr 2026 (2.00pm)**

Audition date at RCC: **Sun, 26 Apr 2026 (2.00pm)**

Contact: Jocelyn (014-9055266)

### SCAM PREVENTION TALK

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

Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWMME)

Through the ME Weekend experience, couples are given a special opportunity to pause from their daily responsibilities, reflect on their marriage, and rediscover the grace of the sacrament of matrimony by deepening their relationship with one another and with God. Upcoming ME Weekends 2026

• Mandarin Weekend: **Fri, 1 May - Sun, 3 May 2026**

• English Weekend: **Fri, 7 August - Sun, 9 August 2026**

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

Registration Fee 报名费: RM50 per couple 一对夫妻

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Contact 联络: Bernard & Charlotte (010-789 4500) / Joseph & Christine (012-403 0968)

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A scriptural based retreat for anyone (man/woman) struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. All communication strictly confidential.

Dates: **Fri, 1 May - Sun, 3 May 2026**

Contact: Mary (016-419 0538) or rachelvineyard.my@gmail.com.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Weekend #147: **Fri, 8 May - Sun, 10 May 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang

Weekend #148: **Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang

Weekend #149: **Fri, 13 Nov - Sun, 15 Nov 2026** at Domus, MBSA

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

### BURNING HEARTS CONFERENCE 2026

Wherever you are in your faith, there's a place for you—Jesus Christ waits to invite you into a real and alive relationship with Him, and has a great plan for your life. Organised by the Seeds Ministry for those 18-38 yrs old.

Dates: **Fri 12 June - Sun, 14 June 2026**

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

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Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
 <b>DM Novena</b> Easter Mass	9.00am Sun 5 Apr	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9
<b>DM Novena Day 4</b> followed by Mass <i>FEAR LESS: BUILD TRUST</i>	8.00pm Mon 6 Apr	Monday within Easter Octave
<b>DM Novena Day 5</b> followed by Mass <i>LOVE MORE: INCREASE IN COMPASSION</i>	8.00pm Tue 7 Apr	Tuesday within Easter Octave
<b>DM Novena day 6</b> followed by Mass <i>GROW INTIMACY: GOD WALKS WITH US</i>	8.00pm Wed 8 Apr	Wednesday within Easter Octave
<b>DM Novena Day 7</b> followed by Mass <i>NOURISH PEACE: UNITY IN FAMILIES</i>	8.00pm Thu 9 Apr	Thursday within Easter Octave
<b>DM Novena Day 8</b> followed by Mass <i>MOVE IN MISSION: WITNESS FOR CHRIST</i>	8.00pm Fri 10 Apr	Friday within Easter Octave
<b>DM Novena Day 9</b> followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics <i>RESTORE MY FAMILY: REFRESH IN LOVE, RENEW IN MERCY</i>	5.00pm Sat 11 Apr	
<b>Mass</b> followed by Candlelit Procession with Chapelet, Benediction & Fellowship	5.30pm Sun 12 Apr	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Acts 2: 42-47 1 Pt 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31

