

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...

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Diary, 475)

Divine Mercy Sunday holds a special place deep in our hearts. This feast day takes place at such a wonderful time – the second Sunday of Easter. We have just cleansed our souls through spiritual fasting during Lent and filled our hearts with God's glory by celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

It is significant that we had begun the Novena to Divine Mercy on Good Friday with the forgiveness of Jesus on the cross on Calvary and we end on this Sunday with the gospel where Jesus creates a forgiving people "those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven".

In our daily life we struggle with our own failures and lack of forgiveness. It may be an addiction, a family quarrel, a row that festers beneath the surface and deprives us of peace. In our culture today, forgiveness is an enormous challenge, both on the part of those who are hurting and those causing the hurt. Each of us needs to ask, "Am I convinced that I have been forgiven by God or by others."

At times we may feel helpless, paralysed by our own weakness and sinfulness as we endeavour to find a way forward. Each one of us could identify with the frightened disciples in today's gospel. We too may be living behind closed doors, when we have human doubts about the silence of God and the apparent success of evil, bringing about the collapse of religious values and various structures which are sacred and dear to us. Divine Mercy reminds us that God has intervened, giving us an opportunity to begin anew and overcome our fears. It is relatively easy to identify with and understand the reaction of Thomas in today's gospel. He is crying out for reassurance and wants to be convinced that Christ's presence is real and powerful. Are there not times when we wish that God would show his hand more clearly and enable us to be convinced that He is in control despite the chaos which surrounds us.

Today's Gospel began with closed doors and disciples locked in fear. At every Mass, we begin by acknowledging our sinfulness, the doors we have closed, the things which deprive us of peace, our need for God's forgiveness.

At the end of every Mass, the Lord sends us out on mission "go in peace." This is the peace which the risen Lord breathed on the frightened disciples that Easter Sunday evening and which He breathes on us this Divine Mercy Sunday.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, I invite and encourage each of you to be merciful to others whenever you can. There is so much suffering in our world today, but if we can be empathetic and treat each other with compassion – we can achieve peace. I also want you to remember that God's mercy is unconditional. Though you may have sinned and hurt those around you, God is always there to forgive you and be merciful.

Wishing all a Blessed Feast Day.

Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap & Deacon Richard Wilson

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNS: SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2026 | MASS AT 10.00AM

CLIMOND RAJ & ALEZIA MARY

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Thurs, 2 Apr (8.30pm): RM4844.30

Fri, 3 Apr (2.30pm): RM2367.45 (2.30pm) RM3370.30 (7.30pm)

Sat, 4 Apr (8.00pm): RM3302.45 (1st Collection) RM2323.25 (2nd Collection - Poor)

Sun, 5 Apr (9.30am): RM7010.20 (1st Collection) RM4190.50 (2nd Collection - Poor)

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

A collaboration with Church of the Risen Christ, Ayer Itam in conjunction with the 800th 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: 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)

SEXUALITY & SAFETY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

A seminar for parents, immediate family members, guardians & caregivers of children with disabilities. Kindly register before 3 May as seats are limited.

Date/Time: **Sat, 9 May 2026 (10.00am - 11.30am)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

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

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)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
RESTORE MY FAMILY: REFRESH IN LOVE, RENEW IN MERCY		
Mass followed by Candlelit Procession with Chaplet, Benediction & Fellowship	5.30pm Sun 12 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2: 42-47 1 Pt 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31
No Mass	Mon 13 Apr	St Martin I, Pope & Martyr
No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm Tue 14 Apr	
No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm Wed 15 Apr	
No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm Thu 16 Apr	
No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm Fri 17 Apr	
Lauds	6.20am	
Mass	6.45am	Sat 18 Apr
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	
Mass	5.30pm	
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 19 Apr
Bahasa Mass	9.00am	
		3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35



Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thur, 23 April 2026 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room