

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...

The Gospel this weekend brings us back to Easter Day. We follow two disciples who did not remain with the others on Easter but rather left Jerusalem and went to the nearby village of Emmaus. The journey of the two disciples goes from sadness to joy, from loss and profound discouragement to discovery and great joy. They began the journey in sadness because of the absence of the Lord, and this sadness gives way to joy in the presence of the Lord. The disciples had a precise revelation of the two main parts of the Mass: the sharing of the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread, in other words, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is Jesus, walking with them but unknown to them, who opens their eyes through the Word and the Eucharist.

In reflecting on the Gospel, it can help if we imagine ourselves present in the events. We take our place beside the two disciples today or we identify ourselves as the disciples themselves. Jesus is present with us as we walk along, but we do not recognise Him. This often happens in our lives. We experience disappointments and sufferings in varied ways, such as health challenges, financial worries, and concern for our loved ones. We can feel abandoned by God precisely when we need Him most. We do not recognise Jesus, even when He is right with us, explaining things to us. Instead, we ask where is God, and why has He abandoned us?

The Gospel does not tell us that we will not experience dark times, for we surely will. What the Gospel assures us is that Jesus is with us, that He walks along with us. He identifies the disciples' problem, which is our weakness as well. "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!" The lesson that Jesus gives the disciples is meant for us too. We who have been foolish and slow to believe must take to heart the words He speaks to us here so that we learn how to find Him in times of darkness and personal

crisis. Here are the two main ways in which He reveals Himself: in the Word and in the Eucharist.

The Word of God is no ordinary word! It is a living word, a fire that burnt in our hearts, a penetrating sword, a transforming power, a source of divine light. In the Scriptures, we find wisdom that helps us make sense of what is going on in our lives. How much time do we spend reading and reflecting on God's Word? The disciples recognise Jesus "in the breaking of the bread," the Eucharist. Jesus is present on the altar at every Mass, just as much as He was present to those disciples on that Easter evening. The Lord is present now daily in a new way, in the Eucharist. This is the gift of the Real Presence, of the Lord Jesus Himself who remains with us in the Eucharist. We experience the Lord in the Word, we experience His presence in the Eucharist, and then we go forth in peace and let the world know He is alive and is present with us on the road of life.

Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us? – Luke 24:32

- How do the words of Scripture ignite and change me interiorly?
- Why do I allow my cares, sufferings, or disappointments to draw me away from the Lord?
- Reflecting on the disciples in the Gospel, how is my heart transformed when I recognise Jesus' presence in me?

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

Sat, 11 Apr (5.30pm): RM2474.20 (1st Collection)
Sun, 12 Apr (9.30am): RM4720.10 (1st Collection)

MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISING

A brick donation campaign by the Ministry of Hospitality has been launched during the Divine Mercy Sunday feast. Do meet the team at the church porch after Mass to contribute towards their goal of 300,000 bricks!

Friends of Creation will be launching a WhatsApp *fundraising shopping hub*, exclusively for CDM's parishioners who wish to buy or sell a variety of pre-loved items. A promotional drive will be held at the church porch from 25 April.

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)

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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GRIEFSHARE 2.0

Dates/Time: **Saturdays, 9 May - 5 Sept 2026 (9.00am - 11.00am)**
Venue: 3rd floor classrooms

13-session, Christ-centred, grief support programme for adults who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. It centres around 3 components; video, discussion, and a workbook which works together to help you in your path of healing.
Contact: Irinda (016-2887281) or Shana (013-5010558)
Call for a chat as this is a closed group, limited to 10 pax.

THE ANGELS CRY HOLY: CHARIS PENANG DIOCESE WORSHIP GATHERING 2026

To grow in understanding and the experience of drawing closer to God through worship.
Dates/Times: **Thurs, 4 June (7.30pm) to Sun, 7 June 2026 (1.00pm)**
Venue: The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Penang.

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: **Ministry of Chinese Christian Meditation:**

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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
3rd Sunday of Easter		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun
Bahasa Mass	9.00am	19 Apr
Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35		
Mon 20 Apr		
No Mass		
Tue 21 Apr		
Lauds	6.20am	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Wed 22 Apr		
Lauds	6.20am	St George, Martyr
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Thu 23 Apr		
Lauds	6.20am	St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Fri 24 Apr		
Lauds	6.20am	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
Mass	6.45am	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Sat 25 Apr		
Lauds	6.20am	St Mark, Evangelist
Mass	6.45am	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	
Mass	5.30pm	
Sun 26 Apr		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14, 36-41 1 Pt 2: 20-25 Jn 10: 1-10
Mass	9.00am	
DM Chaplet	5.30pm	
Tamil Mass	6.00pm	

My dear parishioners,

We thank the Lord Almighty for a Spirit-filled celebration of our parish feast. Our Novena Masses and Feast Day were well attended. I thank all Liturgical ministries, parish groups, BECs and all others who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth flow of the week-long celebrations. My sincere gratitude to all ministry groups who also contributed to the joyful celebration of our Feast Day - from planning and setup to hospitality and cleanup, your dedication, commitment and collaboration with one another are deeply appreciated. I am also truly grateful to all donors who generously reached out during this time.

"Jesus, we trust in You. May Your mercy be upon us and upon the whole world."
Fr. Michael Raymond, OFM Cap.