

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...

Change is one of the characteristics of living things. If something is alive, every day it experiences visible or invisible changes. This is also true of the Church, which is always growing and not changing into something different but becoming more fully itself. In today's first reading, we learn about the choice of the first seven deacons, an event which shows that the Church adapts and responds in new ways to the challenges and needs of the times. Thus, the Church is truly alive.

The Church's identity, then, is not simply a matter of her established visible structures. She is made up of living people, united by one faith in the one Lord. All of us who believe in Jesus Christ are living parts of the Church which, as St. Peter tells us in the second reading, is a "spiritual house." Each of us is one of the "living stones" that make up the Church, the Body of Christ. In the first reading we can see that "stones" are not all the same. There are different gifts at work in different people. There are Apostles who are assigned to "prayer and to the ministry of the Word," and there are "reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom," who are assigned to "serve at table." There are ministers and preachers, administrators, teachers, and those who take care of the practical needs of the community and other social issues like the first deacons. We all have different tasks in the Church, but we are bound together by one faith in Christ; we do not stand alone. Together in the community of the Lord's Church, we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own." Jesus says in today's Gospel that He is "the Way and the Truth and the Life." He is the Way because He is the only way to the Father, the only way to salvation. His statement gives us a solid foundation for our conviction that anyone who is saved is saved by the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, even if they do not yet know that He is the Way. We do not subscribe to the modern idea that there are many equal paths that all lead to the same mountain top. Whatever path leads us to union with God is effective only insofar as it is the Way of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Truth, the one and only Truth. This fact calls us to be quite counter-cultural too. As the world teaches a variety of "truths," and as moral relativism flourishes, we stand our ground and believe and live by the one Truth of Jesus Christ. We Christians should be identified by our strong moral standards which are based on the Truth, not on whatever is more convenient or socially popular or politically correct.

If we follow Jesus' Way and live by His Truth, we will surely have the eternal Life that we all hope for, for He Himself is Life. There are several accounts in the Gospels where Jesus restores life to people who have died. He also restores the health of many sick people that they may have fullness in their earthly life. But more than the restoration of this temporary life, what He really wants us to experience is eternal life, which He has prepared for us in the Father's house. Only through Jesus can we gain access to this fullness of life.

We must remember at all times that Jesus, "the Way and the Truth and the Life," is the Source of our bodily and spiritual life, the Source of the life of the Church. He who lives forever makes His Church live forever. He continues to call people to be the new living stones of the Church.

"I am the way and the truth and the life." - John 14:6

- What is my task, my mission, in the Church?
- In a world of competing values, in what ways does following Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life shape the decisions I make each day?
- How do I recognise and embrace the different gifts God has given me to serve others?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 25 Apr (5.30pm): RM1337.50 (1st Collection) RM1054 (2nd Coll- Vocations)
Sun, 26 Apr (9.00am): RM2462.50 (1st Collection) RM1745.15 (2nd Coll- Vocations)
Sun, 26 Apr (6.00pm): RM491 (1st Collection) RM265 (2nd Collection - Vocations)

BEC Coffee Morning by Zone L on **Sun, 3 May 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.

YOUTH NIGHT: 2000 YEARS... STILL GOING STRONG... AND ON FIRE

Join us for a night filled with snacks, fun, fellowship, and faith! Come connect with friends, old and new as we dive into exciting icebreakers, great snacks, and a powerful session focused on the theme of Pentecost, the birth of the Church. Whether you're looking to recharge, make memories, or grow in your faith, this night is for us to gather as one community in Christ!

Date/Time: **Fri, 8 May (Doors open at 7pm!)**

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

GRIEF SHARE 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.

MOTHER'S DAY & PESTA KAAMATAN, GAWAI & KESYUKURAN 2026

Date/Time: **Sun, 10 May 2026 (from 8.30am)**

All are invited to join in the celebration of thanksgiving with lucky draw, best traditional dressed, and games. Lucky draw tickets are at RM3 each.

Contact: Jue (016-897 0534) or Jie (011-4831 816)

PERJALANAN SALIB AT CDM

Come, encounter the Cross. Be transformed in His love and go forth as Pilgrims of Hope. Welcoming Mass: **Sun, 10 May (6.00pm)**.

Check with your BEC and/or ministries for more information about the *Perjalanan Salib* and any activity or prayer dates within the two weeks the Salib is with us.

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: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
5th Sunday of Easter		
Rosary Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 3 May
		Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12
No Mass		Mon 4 May
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Tue 5 May
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Wed 6 May
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Thu 7 May
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Fri 8 May
		Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	Sat 9 May
Rosary BM Mass Rosary "Perjalanan Salib" Welcoming Mass	8.30am 9.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Sun 10 May
		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thur, 7 May 2026 (8.30pm) at St. JP II Adoration Room

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 13 & 27 May 2026 (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 6 & 20 May 2026 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

