

# 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, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, speaks to us about the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the Paraclete. Paraclete is a word that comes from Greek which means both comforter and advocate at the same time. This means that the Holy Spirit never leaves us alone, He is near to us, like a lawyer who assists the accused person, standing by his or her side. And He suggests to us how to defend ourselves from those who accuse us. Let us recall that the great accuser is always the devil, who puts sin inside of you, the desire to sin, wickedness. Let us reflect on these two aspects: His closeness to us, and His assistance against those who accuse us.

His closeness: The Holy Spirit, Jesus says, "dwells with you and will be in you". He never abandons us. The Holy Spirit wants to stay with us; He is not a passing guest who comes to pay us a courtesy visit. He is a companion for life, a stable presence. He is Spirit and desires to dwell in our spirits. He is patient and stays with us even when we fall. He remains because He truly loves us; He does not pretend to love us and then leave us alone when things get difficult. No. He is loyal; He is transparent; He is authentic.

Indeed, if we find ourselves in a moment of trial, the Holy Spirit comforts us, bringing us God's pardon and strength. And when He places our errors before us and corrects us, He does so gently that there is always the touch of tenderness and warmth of love in His voice that speaks to the heart. We are reminded that when He corrects us, He never humiliates us and never instils distrust. On the contrary, He conveys the certainty that with God, we can always make it. This is His closeness. It is a beautiful certainty.

The Paraclete Spirit is the second aspect. He is our advocate and He defends us. He defends us from those who accuse us: from ourselves when we do not love and forgive ourselves, when we go so far as perhaps telling ourselves that we are failures and good for nothing; from the world who discards those who

do not fit into its patterns and models; from the devil who is the "accuser" par excellence and the divider, and does everything to make us feel incapable and unhappy. In the face of all these accusing thoughts, the Holy Spirit suggests to us how to respond. How?

The Paraclete, Jesus says, is the One who "reminds us of everything Jesus told us". He reminds us, therefore, of the words of the Gospel, and thus enables us to respond to the accusing devil, not with our own words, but with the Lord's own words. He reminds us, above all, that Jesus always spoke of the Father who is in Heaven; He made the Father known to us and revealed the Father's love for us, who are His children. If we call on the Spirit, we will learn to embrace and recall the most important reality of life that protects us from the accusations of evil. And what is the most important reality in life? That we are beloved children of God. We are God's beloved children: this is the most important reality, and the Spirit reminds us of this.

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." - John 14:15-16*

- When have I found encouragement in the words of Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled"?
- How do I allow the Holy Spirit to remain with me and work within my heart each day?
- In what situations is the Lord inviting me to give a gentle and reverent witness to the hope I have in Christ?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDDING BANNS: SAT, 23 MAY 2026 | MASS AT 10.00AM**

**Jeroyd & Aphinaya**

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

## MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 2 May (5.30pm): RM1604 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM1437 (2<sup>nd</sup> Coll- Poor)

Sun, 3 May (9.00am): RM2076 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM2475.50 (2<sup>nd</sup> Coll- Vocations)

## FAITH IN ACTION SESSION

Come together to build a stronger, sustainable community by co-creating innovative and impactful fundraising ideas, align and move towards actionable initiatives across BECs and Ministries. All BEC & Ministry leaders and assistants and all interested parishioners are required to attend.

Date/Time/Venue : **Sun, 24 May (1.00pm - 5.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

## 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)**.

Hanging Over Mass: **Sun, 24 May (9.00am)**

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.

## NAVIGATING A SPIRITUAL DRY SPELL...

...in the face of sickness with Rev. Fr. Larry Tan, SJ. Free admission, all are welcome

Date/Time: **Sat, 30 May 2026 (2.00pm - 4.00pm) closing date 23 May**

Venue: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus

## BURNING HEARTS CONFERENCE 2026 BY SEEDS MINISTRY

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.

Dates/Venue: **Fri 12 June - Sun, 14 June 2026** at Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

## INTO THE DEEP 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS RETREAT

避静宗旨: 加深我们对天主圣三和圣母的认识, 从理性的认知带到心灵深处, 与主相遇。

避静体验: 与主相遇, 并具体地以我们的感官接触、感受、品尝、听到和看到主对我们深切的爱的避静对象: 渴望与天主圣三建立更亲密关系的兄弟姐妹。

Date: **Fri, 26 June - Sun, 28 June 2026 closing date 7 June**

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

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME): ENGLISH WEEKEND

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

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at: Domus St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Registration Fee: RM50 per couple

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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
Rosary 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 10 May	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21
Pesta Kaamatan, Gawai & Kesyukuran until 2.00pm Rosary "Perjalanan Salib" Welcoming Mass 5.30pm 6.00pm		
No Mass	Mon 11 May	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 12 May	SS. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs St Pancras, Martyr
No Mass	Wed 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm Rosary Mass 8.00pm	Thu 14 May	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 15 May	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 16 May	
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 17 May	World Social Communications Sunday <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 1: 12-14 1Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11

Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

