

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...

These words of Jesus, taken from His prayer to the Father at the Last Supper, bring back to mind the great event we celebrated last Thursday, Jesus' Ascension to the Father. His Ascension brought to fulfilment His words, "I will no longer be in the world," and the "great commission" that He gave us to "go into the whole world and make disciples of all nations." We are reminded that our mission of making disciples of all nations depends upon our accepting and keeping the word we have received. It also depends on the divine power that has been given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. During these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, a period sometimes referred to as "Ascensiontide," in a sense we return to the Upper Room where the Apostles gathered together and awaited the coming of the Spirit.

The first reading summarises what took place during those ten days namely that the Apostles "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers." At the centre of the Cenacle is Mary. She is described here as "the mother of Jesus." In these days, we are to be united with the Church, to pray constantly, and to remain in the presence of Mary our Mother. As we observe this season of prayer in union with the whole Church, the Gospel reminds us of another essential element of prayer, the prayer of Jesus Himself. In deep communion with His Father, He prays for the Church. How consoling it is to know that Jesus is praying for us at the right hand of the Father! "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours."

When Jesus says He is not praying for the world, it does not mean He has no concern for the world. His answer to the desperate needs of the world is to send us. That is why He prays for us, that we may be filled with His own Spirit. Just as Jesus glorifies the Father by finishing the work the Father gave Him to do, so we are to glorify Him by fulfilling the mission He has entrusted to us. This mission, to continue the work of Jesus in the world, would certainly be unrealistic and overwhelming if we ever thought it depended on us. The prayer

of Jesus gives us confidence that we can fulfil our mission, because we know we have the power of His Spirit at work in us.

In the second reading, St. Peter, speaking from his own personal experience as a Spirit-filled Apostle in the world, reveals to us another aspect of the work of glorifying God, that is, our share in the sufferings of Christ. Part of our preparation for the coming of the Spirit is to open our hearts to this work as well. We know all too well how reluctant we are to suffer, or even to see any value in suffering. How much we need the strength of the Holy Spirit! Peter reminds us that a Christian should not be ashamed to suffer with Christ; rather it is a cause of rejoicing. "Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." As we prepare for Pentecost, let us rely more and more on the Spirit, so that the Father's plan can come to completion in us and through us.

"And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you." – John 17:11

- In my daily life, how can I foster the spirit of unity and prayer that the Apostles shared with Mary in the Upper Room?
- What is the role of Mary in my life as I prepare for the outpouring of the Spirit?
- What does it mean for me to be "in the world" but to belong to God today?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jeroyd Haygaen Anthony & Aphinaya a/p Thaiveegan

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 9 May (5.30pm): RM2006.60 (1st Collection)

Sun, 10 May (9.00am): RM2680.50 (1st Collection)

Sun, 10 May (6.00pm - Salib Mass): RM612.55 (1st Collection)

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.

Handing Over Mass (to *Risen Christ Church*): **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.

NAVIGATING A SPIRITUAL DRY SPELL IN THE FACE OF SICKNESS*

A talk by Rev. Fr. Larry Tan, SJ. Free admission, all are welcome

Date/Time: **Sat, 30 May 2026 (2.00pm - 4.00pm)**. Registrations close 23 May

Venue: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus

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 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

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

CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZERS*

This formation is to encourage, prepare and equip Catholics to effectively witness and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 19 June - Sun, 21 June 2026** at Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Registration Fee: RM20/pax. *Closing date 11 June*

*Scan the Linktree QR Code at top right corner of the bulletin or check the parish's Whatsapp Channel for all registration links & further information.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		<i>World Social Communications Sunday</i>
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 17 May	7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1: 12-14 1 Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11
No Mass	Mon 18 May	St John I, Pope & Martyr
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 19 May	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 20 May	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 21 May	St Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 22 May	St Rita of Cascia, Religious
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 23 May	
Rite of Commissioning Rosary 8.30am Handing Over Salib 9.00am Mass	Sun 24 May	Pentecost Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23



Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 27 May, 10 & 24 June 2026 (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 20 May 2026, 3 & 17 June (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room