

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 Easter Season concludes with this glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the Church." This conclusion, then, does not imply an end but a launch forward, as we are sent out into the world, and into the future, in the power of the Spirit. The event of Pentecost that we are celebrating this weekend is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send us the Holy Spirit who would continue His work in us. The Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus and to the truth of the eternal life He gained for us on the Cross. The Church was conceived at the foot of the Cross. As Jesus offered Himself in His Passion and Death, Mary united herself with Him, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection. After Jesus ascended to the Father, Mary joined the disciples in the Upper Room, where together the Church awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. How her nurturing, prayerful presence there strengthened the faith of the disciples.

The Gospel takes us back to Jesus' first appearance to the disciples on the evening of Resurrection Day. In their fear, the disciples were hiding behind locked doors. Jesus, who easily broke free from the sealed tomb, has no trouble entering the Upper Room. He stands in their midst and says to them, "Peace be with you." The disciples rejoice as the truth begins to dawn on them. They receive the first breath of the Holy Spirit and are empowered to forgive sins in Jesus' Name. The newly conceived Church's mission is a continuation of the mission of Jesus Himself "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But yet, the disciples are still in the room, as in a womb. We recall that Jesus had told them to wait there for the promised outpouring of power from on high.

Today, we celebrate that momentous event! The reading from Acts tells in detail the story of what happened "when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled."

The disciples are set on fire, a fire of love that overcomes all fear. They immediately begin to proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. The time of waiting is over for now the missionary Church is born. Living by the Spirit, however, is a daily challenge. While we are reconciled with God, we still bear the lingering effects of original sin which confuses our thinking, weakens our will, and disorders our desires. St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians points out the ongoing war between the flesh and the Spirit within us. These sins lose their influence over us when we welcome the power and guidance of the Spirit. We have all received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and more fully in Confirmation. We have been set aflame with the same divine Fire who filled the Apostles. We can see the fruit of His action in our lives "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Paul urges us then, to live according to the gift we have received. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit."

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

- Does Mary's prayerful presence in my life strengthen my faith?
- How have I experienced the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in my ongoing battle against the works of the flesh?
- When has the fire of love in my life overcome my fears?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BANNIS: SAT. 30 MAY 2026 | SERVICE AT 10.30AM

Maheswaran a/l Ganesan & Theivia a/p Ponnazhakan

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat. 16 May (5.30pm): RM1631 (1st Collection) RM848 (2nd Collection)

Sun, 17 May (9.00am): RM2466.10 (1st Collection) RM1557 (2nd Collection)

COLLECTION OF SMALL USED HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Friends of Creation will be leaving a collection box for small used household batteries from **Sat, 30 May (5.00pm) to Sun, 31 May (12.30pm)**. Further instructions on the box. Note that the bench has been moved and is now opposite the door of the downstairs office

WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS TO STANDARD 1 CATECHISM

Date/Time: **Sundays starting June 14 (11.00am-12.00pm)**

Venue: Classroom (far end) on 1st floor

GRIEF SHARE 2.0 change of dates

A 13-session, Christ-centered grief support program for adults who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. It centres around 3 components: Video, Discussion and a Workbook (RM50 fee) which works together to help you in your path of healing.

Dates/Time: **Saturdays, 20 June - 24 Oct 2026 (9.00am - 11.00am)**

Venue: RCIA classrooms, 3rd floor

Contact: Irinda (0162887281) Shana (0135010558)

Call us for a chat as this is a close 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 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 |
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| RCIA 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 |
| No Mass | Mon 25 May | The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm | Tue 26 May | St Philip Neri, Priest |
| Mass 8.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm | Wed 27 May | <i>Public Holiday</i> St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop |
| DM Chaplet 3.00pm DM Holy Hour 8.00pm followed by Mass | Thu 28 May | |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm | Fri 29 May | St Paul VI, Pope |
| Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm | Sat 30 May | |
| Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am | Sun 31 May | The Most Holy Trinity Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13: 11-13 Jn 3: 16-18 |

Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thu, 11 June 2026 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

