

# 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 reveals the manner Jesus teaches the Apostles about their upcoming mission and trains them in the right disposition towards it. The passage contains two paragraphs, which seem to neatly present to us two of Jesus' main ideas about mission. In the first paragraph, He speaks about the hierarchy of values that His missionary disciples should adopt. He presents three categories.

**First** is about love. A missionary disciple must love Christ more than anyone else. The Lord certainly does not recommend that we disrespect our parents, for that would violate the Fourth Commandment; nor does He teach that we should sever our ties with our siblings. What He demands is that we value our relationship with Him more than all our other relationships.

**Second** is about the Cross. Jesus reveals that the most valuable possession that we should "take up" for our journey is the Cross. Since He has not been crucified yet, we can begin by taking His words here to refer to any of life's burdens that purify and strengthen us. After His Death and Resurrection, this statement becomes even more meaningful for it is by bearing the Cross that we are conformed to Jesus Christ Himself.

**Third** is on life. In instructing us to lose our life in order to find it, Jesus shows us the real secret of life, which is self-emptying love. To love Him is to entrust our life to Him. This is connected to the text where Jesus tells the disciples not to take any gold, silver or copper, no bag, or sandals.

In the second paragraph, Jesus continues His instructions on mission. But this time He talks about the would-be reaction of the people to whom the Apostles will be sent. Like in the first paragraph, Jesus presents three categories, three ways they may be received: they may be received as prophets, or as righteous men, or as worthy recipients of the charity of others. Jesus adds that those who

receive them positively will also receive their reward. Taken together, these paragraphs on mission point us to two dimensions of Christian discipleship, which we may refer to as the vertical and the horizontal dimensions. The instruction on the hierarchy of values shows the vertical dimension, while the description of how missionaries may be received shows the horizontal dimension. The vertical and horizontal aspects of discipleship paint a picture of the two beams of the Cross. The Gospel reminds us that it is in taking up our cross and following Christ that we become worthy disciples.

In today's reading from the Letter to the Romans, we can find the two dimensions of the Cross once again, in St. Paul's reflections on the meaning of Baptism. The vertical dimension is clearer: being submerged in the water unites us with Christ's death and being lifted from the water unites us with His Resurrection. But this vertical movement, Paul explains, makes it possible for us to "live in newness of life," including the horizontal movement of a renewed love of neighbour. The Cross, simply, is the icon of discipleship. As Catholics, we normally venerate the Cross in the form of a Crucifix, which shows the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Person of Christ unites the vertical and horizontal beams. We are called to become disciples of the very person who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (vertical). This is what we announce to others (horizontal).

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." – Matthew 10:38*

- What specific relationship or possession am I currently placing above my commitment to Christ?
- In what way can I turn a current burden into a vertical act of love by offering it to the Father?
- Who is the prophet or messenger in my life right now that I need to receive with greater hospitality?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please be informed that all online Mass Intentions submissions have been changed to [masscdmsgara@cdm.my](mailto:masscdmsgara@cdm.my) effective immediately.

## MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 20 Jun (5.30pm): RM1267 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM1179 (Church Expansion)  
 Sun, 21 Jun (9.00am): RM2451.40 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM1639.20 (Church Expansion)

## ROOTED IN CHRIST: PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP\*

Registrations are now open for children from Standard 1 to 6 (7-12 yr) focusing on helping children to understand the importance of being firmly grounded in Jesus, just like a tree drawing strength from its roots.

Date/Time: **Sat, 29 Aug 2026 (8.30am - 3.00pm)**

For any enquiries contact: Justine (012-477 5860), Yiing Jia (012-479 3586)

## FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER

The Parish is organising a gala dinner with entertainment and a lucky draw as a fundraiser for our new Multipurpose Community Centre. Tickets are priced at RM100/pax (10pax to a table) and will be on sale at the church porch from this weekend.

Date/Time: **Sun, 20 Sep 2026 (6.00pm)**

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Hall, Greenlane

Contact: Kevin (012-4841890) / Feona (014-9231381) / Thomas Devass (012-4951969) / Bernadette (010-4665905)

## CHOICE WEEKEND 2026

Encouraging all single, working adults (21 - 40 yr) to come and be changed by this once in a lifetime experience.

Fee: RM150/pax (incl. board & meals)

English Weekend #63: **Fri, 4 Sep - Sun, 6 Sep 2026.**

Mandarin Weekend #13: **Fri, 14 Aug - Sun, 16 Aug 2026.**

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

Contact: Ester Boo -English (017-7794690) / Lawrence Soon-Mandarin (018-7913225)

## CHOICE English KL #110

Dates/Venue: **Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at Malaysia Bible Seminary, Rawang

Contact: Cyntia Ying (010-9851200)

## PARENTING TEENS: NAVIGATING THE TEEN YEARS TOGETHER\*

The Penang Diocesan Family Life Commission invites parents, grandparents, and teenagers to participate in this workshop which would be held in both English & Mandarin.

Date/Time: **Sun, 23 August 2026 (2.00pm to 5.30pm) Closing date 16 Aug**

Venue: Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Centre (MASC) Penang, 52L Jalan Penang

Registration Fees: RM15.00 per person (Parent Workshop)

RM5.00 per person (Teen Workshop)

(Both workshops inclusive of workshop materials and light refreshment)

Contact: Theresa (017-5788192)

\*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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<b>DM Chaplet</b> Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun</b> <b>28 June</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16 Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 Mt 10: 37-42
<b>Lauds</b> Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Mon</b> <b>29 June</b>	SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles
<b>Lauds</b> Mass <b>DM Chaplet</b>	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm <b>Tue</b> <b>30 June</b>	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
<b>Lauds</b> Mass <b>DM Chaplet</b>	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm <b>Wed</b> <b>1 Jul</b>	
<b>Lauds</b> Mass <b>DM Chaplet</b>	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm <b>Thu</b> <b>2 Jul</b>	
<b>DM Chaplet</b> Holy Hour followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm <b>Fri</b> <b>3 Jul</b>	St Thomas, Apostle
<b>Lauds</b> Grotto Mass followed by Rosary <b>Novena to OMPH</b> Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm <b>Sat</b> <b>4 Jul</b>	St Elizabeth of Portugal
<b>DM Chaplet</b> Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun</b> <b>5 Jul</b>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zec 9: 9-10 Rom 8: 9, 11-13 Mt 11: 25-30

## MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 15 & 29 Jul (8.00pm)** at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

**Wed, 1 & 15 Jul (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

**Thu, 9 Jul (8.30pm)** at St JP II Adoration Room

