



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 liturgy this weekend places parable of the Sower and the Seed alongside a passage from the prophet Isaiah where God compares the life-giving Word which comes forth from His mouth to rain, which is water "from the heavens" that makes things grow. The Word is like rain for our dry and thirsty souls. The power of the divine Word is such that it is sure to succeed: "My Word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." In the parable, the creative, efficacious, and life-giving Word of God is described as a precious and fertile seed. The question comes to us once more: if the Word of God, the seed, is so precious, why does the Sower seem to be so reckless, letting seeds fall everywhere? We can find part of the answer in the context in which this story is told. A severe division has been mounting between those who follow Jesus and those who refuse to accept His teaching. Many people have refused to repent, and the Pharisees have begun to plot to kill Him. The parable of the Sower then, highlights the fact that what seems to be recklessness on the part of the Sower is actually an image of God's overflowing generosity and tremendous patience. By allowing the seeds of His Word to fall everywhere, that is, on people of different dispositions, He gives each of them an opportunity to bear fruit and so enjoy the glory of Heaven.

Fruitfulness, however, though it is so natural to the seed of the Word, is not guaranteed to us. We are the ones who provide the seed with soil, and we have a say in what sort of soil we become. The parable challenges us to a sense of responsibility and diligence in our spiritual life. If we do nothing to strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and increase our charity, we risk remaining barren, like the first three kinds of soil.

Active receptivity to the Word of God is often difficult and challenging. St. Paul's words to the Romans can inspire us to persevere: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." In other words, our hope for future glory keeps us going while we pass through the "labour pains" of our present sufferings. Effort and perseverance are crucial in the spiritual life. This is why Jesus says in today's Gospel: "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Those who accept the teachings of Jesus and make efforts to understand and live by them will succeed, while those who make no effort will plunge into an abysmal failure.

Everything, all graces and all blessings, are from God's initiative and generosity, but our collaboration is needed, nevertheless. Our consent, faith, and active receptivity are needed. This means we must prepare the soil of our hearts getting rid of rocks and thorns so that God can act in us through His life-giving Word. This work of preparation is our constant effort of repentance and renewal, without which we cannot bear fruit and be saved.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be informed that all online Mass Intentions submissions have been changed to masscdmsgara@cdm.my effective immediately.

WEDDING BANNS: SATURDAY, 18 JULY 2026 | SERVICE AT 10.30AM

ERIC THUM & MALEEN A.E. GULDE

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 4 Jul (5.30pm): RM1390.70 (1st Collection) RM1899.70 (Poor)

Sun, 5 Jul (9.00am): RM2418.20 (1st Collection) RM1789.20 (Poor)

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANNE'S ON FRI, 24 JULY 2026

Departure from CDM at 8.00am for Mass at 10.00am celebrated by our parish priest, Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap. Only 41 seats available upon first come, first serve basis.

Fee: RM50/pax (bus fare & lunch)

Registrations and Mass intentions collection by Anne (012-4387818) / Amy (012-4569434)

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) Closing date 18 July**

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

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Weekend #148: **Fri, 7 Aug – Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang

Weekend #149: **Fri, 13 Nov – Sun, 15 Nov 2026** at Domus, MBSA

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

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)

TRIUMPH HEART OF MARY (THM) RETREAT: INTO THE DEEP

Designed to provide spiritual formation for those desiring to deepen their relationship with the Blessed Trinity and to grow as prayer warriors.

Dates: **Fri, 4 Sep – Sun, 6 Sep 2026** (for English-speaking)

Venue: Stella Maris, Penang

Fee: RM300/pax

contact: Anne Lee (012-4285033) / Teresa Lim (012-4311697)

CHOICE WEEKEND 2026 (FOR SINGLE, WORKING ADULTS 21-40YO)

COME 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 (017-77946901) / Lawrence Soon–Mandarin (018-7932225)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	Sun	Is 55:10-11
BM Mass 9.00am	12 Jul	Rom 8: 18-23
		Mt 13: 1-23 (or 13: 1-9)
No Mass	Mon	St Henry
	13 Jul	
Lauds 6.20am	Tue	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Mass 6.45am	14 Jul	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
No Mass	Wed	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	15 Jul	
Lauds 6.20am	Thu	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mass 6.45am	16 Jul	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Fri	
Mass 6.45am	17 Jul	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Sat	
Mass 6.45am	18 Jul	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		
Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am	Sun	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 9.00am	19 Jul	Wis 12: 13, 16-19
DM Chaplet 5.30pm		Rom 8: 26-27
Tamil Mass 6.00pm		Mt 13: 24-43 (or 13: 24-30)

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear." –Matthew 13:16

- How have I experienced God's overflowing generosity and tremendous patience in my life?
- What are the obstacles that threaten the growth of the life of God in me?
- How am I preparing the soil of my heart to receive the seed of God's Word?

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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



*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.