



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 narrates the parable of a merchant in search of precious gemstones, who, Jesus says, "on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it". Let us pause a little on the actions of this merchant, who first seeks, then finds and finally buys.

The first action: to seek. He is an enterprising merchant, who does not stand still, but leaves his house and sets out in search of precious pearls. He does not say: "I am satisfied with the ones I have"; he looks for more beautiful ones. And this is an invitation to us not to close ourselves up in habit, in the mediocrity of those who are complacent, but to revive desire, so that the desire to seek, to go on, is not extinguished; to cultivate dreams of good, to seek the newness of the Lord, because the Lord is not repetitive. He always brings newness, the newness of the Spirit.

The merchant's second action is to find. He is an attentive person who "has a keen eye" and knows how to recognise a pearl of great value. This is not easy. Let us think, for example, of the fascinating oriental bazaars, where the stalls, filled with goods, are crowded along the walls of streets filled with people; or of some of the stalls one sees in many cities, full of books and various objects. Sometimes if one stops to look closely in these markets, one can discover treasures: precious things, rare volumes that, mixed in with everything else, one does not notice at first glance. But the merchant in the parable has a sharp eye and knows how to find, he knows how to "discern" to find the pearl. This too is a teaching for us: every day, at home, on the street, at work, on holiday, we have the possibility of glimpsing good. And it is important to know how to find what counts: to train ourselves to recognise the precious gems of life and to distinguish them from junk. Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things, pastimes that leave us empty inside, while everyday life offers us the precious pearl of the encounter with God and with others! It is necessary to know how to recognise it: to discern in order to find it.

And the merchant's last action: he buys the pearl. Realising its immense value, he sells everything, he sacrifices all his goods just to have it. He radically changes the inventory of his warehouse; there is no longer anything other than that pearl: it is his only wealth, the meaning of his present and his future. This too is an invitation for us. But what is this pearl for which one can renounce everything, the one of which the Lord speaks to us? This pearl is Him: it is the Lord! Seeking the Lord and finding the Lord, encountering the Lord, living with the Lord. The pearl is Jesus: He is the precious pearl of life, to be sought, found and made one's own. It is worth investing everything in Him because, when one encounters Christ, life changes. If you meet Christ, your life changes.

Let us then return to the merchant's three actions: seeking, finding and buying and ask ourselves some questions. Seeking, am I searching, in my life? Do I feel fine, accomplished, do I settle for things, or do I exercise my desire for good? Am I in spiritual retirement? How many young people are in retirement? The second action, finding. Do I practice discerning what is good and comes from God, knowing how to renounce what leaves me with little or nothing? Finally, buying. Do I know how to spend myself for Jesus? Is He in first place for me, is He the greatest good in life?

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." – Matthew 13:45-46

- What specific "treasures" are currently distracting me from my search for Jesus?
- In what area/s of my life do I most need the Gift of Understanding right now?
- How can I better prioritise the Kingdom of God in my daily decisions?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION OF USED BATTERIES

Friends of Creation will leave their battery collection box for small, used household batteries from **Sat, 25 Jul (5.00pm) – Sun, 26 Jul (12.30pm)** outside the downstairs office area. Look out for the box where there are further instructions.

BIBLE SHARING BY CDM YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Inviting all young adults age 21-39 years old for a time of bible reflection and fellowship. Date/Time: **Fri, 31 July 2026 (8.00pm-10.00pm)**

Venue: RCIA room, 3rd floor
Contact: Sachin (017-4745737)

SCREENS & SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE MENTAL HEALTH OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

A second talk by Dr. Stephanie Ann Sadar, M.D. Open to all parents, guardians, and teachers.

Date/Time: **Sun, 23 Aug 2026 (11.00am)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall
Contact: 012-410 8360 (Lawrence) / 016-453 4207 (Dr. Ivan)

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)

YOUM.A.D 3.0 – MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE CAMP FOR PARISH YOUTH COORDINATORS*

Providing young people with the opportunity to step outside the church walls and experience the lives of poor and marginalized communities through active outreach and immersion. This year, under the theme of "Missionary Experience," the camp offers an opportunity to learn the See-Judge-Act pastoral methodology through immersion, service, spiritual formation and reflection, and planning.

Dates: **Thur, 3 Sept – Sun, 6 Sept 2026 Deadline 1 Aug**

Venue: Chapel of St. Michael Batu Arang, Selangor

Formator: Rev. Fr. Paul Dass, SJ

Fee: RM100 per participant (Actual cost is RM300; Caritas Penang subsidizes RM200)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 26 Jul	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52 (or 13: 44-46)
No Mass	Mon 27 Jul	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 28 Jul	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 29 Jul	SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 30 Jul	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 31 Jul	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Grotto Mass 6.45am followed by Rosary Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY "BE CHRIST TO OTHERS"		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 2 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 29 Jul, 12 & 26 Aug (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 5 & 19 Aug (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thur, 13 Aug 2026 (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.