



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 presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The scene takes place in a deserted place, where Jesus had retired with His disciples. But the people found Him so as to listen to Him and to be healed: indeed, His words and His gestures restore and bring hope. At sundown, the crowd was still present and the disciples' practical men invited Jesus to send them away so that they could find something to eat. But He answered: "You give them something to eat". We can imagine the disciples' faces! Jesus was well aware of what He was about to do, but He wanted to change their attitude: not to say, "send them away," "let them fend for themselves," "let them find something to eat," but rather, "what does Providence offer us to share?" These are two opposite ways of behaving. And Jesus wants to bring them to the second way of behaving because the first proposal is that of the practical person but is not generous "send them away so they can go and find, let them fend for themselves" Jesus wants to use this situation to educate His friends, both then and now, about God's logic. What is God's logic that we see here? The logic of taking responsibility for others. The logic of not washing one's hands, the logic of not looking the other way. No. The logic of taking responsibility for others. That "let them fend for themselves" should not enter into the Christian vocabulary.

As soon as one of the Twelve says, "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish" Jesus answers, "Bring them here to me." He takes the food in His hands, raises His eyes heavenward, recites the blessing and begins to break it and give the pieces to the disciples to hand out. And those loaves and fish did not run out; there was enough and plenty left over for thousands of people. It is with this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power, not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children.

In this Gospel passage we can perceive a reference to the Eucharist, especially in the description of the blessing, the breaking of the bread, delivery to the disciples, and distribution to the people. It is noteworthy how close the link is between the Eucharistic bread, nourishment for eternal life, and daily bread, necessary for earthly life. Before offering Himself to the Father as the Bread of salvation, Jesus ensures there is food for those who follow Him and who, in order to be with Him, forgot to make provisions. At times, the spiritual and the material are in opposition, but in reality, spiritualism, like materialism, is alien to the Bible. It is not biblical language. The compassion and tenderness that Jesus showed towards the crowds is not sentimentality, but rather the concrete manifestation of the love that cares for the people's needs. And we are called to approach the Eucharistic table with these same attitudes of Jesus' compassion for the needs of others, this word that is repeated in the Gospel when Jesus sees a problem, an illness or these people without food... "He had compassion." Compassion is not a purely material feeling: true compassion is *painem con* [to suffer with], to take others' sorrows on ourselves. Perhaps it would do us good today to ask ourselves: Do I feel compassion when I read news about war, about hunger, about suffering and pain? So many things... Do I feel compassion towards those people? Do I feel compassion towards people who are near to me? Am I capable of suffering with them, or do I look the other way, or "they can fend for themselves"? Let us not forget this word "compassion," which is trust in the provident love of the Father, and means courageous sharing.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Psalm 145: 16

- How has the Lord's hand been visible in meeting my deepest needs?
- When have I turned a deaf ear to the Word of Jesus?
- What barriers has my heart built that keep me from resting in God's affection?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 July RM173.00 Sun, 26 July RM499.400

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

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

Weekend #14B: **Fri, 7 Aug - Sun, 9 Aug 2026** at Stella Maris, Penang

Weekend #14C: **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: Malignor Abyssus Spirituality Centre (MASC) Penang, 52L Jalan Penang

Registration Fees: RM500 per person (Parent Workshop)

RM500 per person (Teen Workshop)

(Both workshops inclusive of workshop materials and light refreshment)

Contact: Theresa (017-578 9192)

YOUNG ADULTS - 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

Facilitator: Rev. Fr. Paul Dass, SJ

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

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 (012-428 5033) / Teresa Lim (012-438 697)

CHOICE WEEKEND 2026 (FOR SINGLE WORKING ADULTS 21-40 Y.O.)

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 (017-77 946 901) / Lawrence Soon - Mandarin (018-798 3225)

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Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
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
No Mass	Mon 3 Aug	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 4 Aug	St John Vianney, Priest, Patron of parish Priests
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 5 Aug	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 6 Aug	The Transfiguration of the Lord
DM Chaplet 3.00pm CDM Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	Fri 7 Aug	St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs St Cajetan, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 8 Aug	St Dominic, Priest
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	Sun 9 Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 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

