



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

9.00am – 5.00pm (Tuesday – Friday) | 9.00am – 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



Parish Priest speaks...

The Gospel text this weekend is the continuation of last Sunday's, which highlighted the profession of faith of Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus wishes to build His Church. Today, in stark contrast, Matthew shows us the reaction of the same Peter when Jesus reveals to His disciples that He will have to suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter takes the Teacher aside and reproaches Him because this he says cannot happen to Him, to Christ. But Jesus, in turn, rebukes Peter with harsh words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." A moment before, the Apostle had been blessed by the Father, because he had received that revelation from Him; he was a solid "rock" so that Jesus could build His community upon him; and immediately afterwards he becomes an obstacle, a rock but not for building, a stumbling block on the Messiah's path. Jesus knows well that Peter and the others still have a long way to go to become His Apostles!

At that point, the Teacher turns to all those who were following Him, clearly presenting them the path to follow: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Always, today too, the temptation is that of wanting to follow Christ without the cross, on the contrary, of teaching God which is the right path like Peter: "No, no Lord! This shall never happen." But Jesus reminds us that His way is the way of love, and that there is no true love without self-sacrifice. We are called to not let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be ever more aware of the need and of the effort for us Christians to walk against the current and uphill.

Jesus completes His proposal with words that express a great and ever valid wisdom, because they challenge the egocentric mentality and behaviour. He exhorts: "whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This paradox contains the golden rule that God inscribed in the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To spend one's own talents, one's energy and one's time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself, in reality leads to losing oneself, i.e. to a sad and barren existence. Instead let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful.

In the Eucharistic celebration we relive the mystery of the Cross; we not only remember, but we commemorate the redeeming Sacrifice in which the Son of God completely loses Himself so as to be received anew by the Father and thus find us again, we who were lost, together with all creatures. Each time we take part in the Holy Mass, the love of the crucified and Risen Christ is conveyed to us as food and drink, so that we may follow Him on the daily path, in concrete service to our brothers and sisters. May Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus up to Calvary, accompany us too and help us not to be afraid of the cross, the cross with Jesus nailed to it, the Cross with Jesus, which is the cross of suffering for love of God and of our brothers and sisters, because this suffering, by the grace of Christ, bears the fruit of resurrection.

*"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Matthew 16:25

- Do I see suffering, not as an end, but as a pathway to glory?
- Are mortification and self-discipline, which is death to self, a part of my spiritual life?
- Do I take time to ponder the crucifix as the sign of God's mercy in the midst of suffering?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
			22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 30 Aug	Jer 20: 7-9
Mass	9.00am		Rom 12: 1-2 Mt 16: 21-27
Mass	8.00am	Mon 31 Aug	PUBLIC HOLIDAY 
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 1 Sep	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed 2 Sep	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu 3 Sep	St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Fri 4 Sep	
CDM Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat 5 Sep	St Teresa of Kolkata, Religious
Grotto Mass	6.45am		
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 6 Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass	9.00am		
上主慈悲经	5.30pm		Ez 33: 7-9
华文弥撒	6.00pm		Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20
(Mandarin Mass)			

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 22 Aug (5.30pm): RM1461 (1st Collection)

Sun, 23 Aug (9.00am): RM2380.40 (1st Collection)

华文弥撒

日期: 6/9/2026

时间: 6pm (5.30pm 上主慈悲经)

Mass in Mandarin on **Sun, 6 Sep 2026 (6.00pm; 5.30pm DM Chaplet)**

参加每月第二个星期四晚上8:30在朝拜室举行的基督徒默祷 (华文组)

Join in the Christian Meditation in Mandarin held on 2nd Thursdays of the month at 8.30pm in the Adoration Room

DISCOVER THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Join us for a talk by Fr. Michael Teng OFM.Cap on answering the call of St. Francis if you are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ through simplicity, humility, and joy.

Date/Time: **Sat, 12 Sept 2026 (10.00am – 12.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall, CDM

Contact: Catherine (017-4234700) / Maryanne (016-4329338)

LEARN HOW TO SOLDER WORKSHOP

A Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Exploration Day by the CDM Learning Centre. Open to all ages with limited slots.

Registration fee: RM5

Date/Time: **Sun, 13 Sep 2026 (11.00am – 1.00pm)**

Contact: Alicia (016-4411411) / Dhinesh (013-2489563)

SEE JUDGE ACT WORKSHOP BY CARITAS PENANG

An awareness programme designed to equip young people and mission-driven ministries with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Date/Time: **Sun, 13 Sep 2026 (2.00pm – 6.00pm)**

Venue: 1st floor classrooms, CDM

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWM)

Through the ME Weekend experience, couples are given a special opportunity to pause from their daily responsibilities, reflect on their marriage, and rediscover the grace of the sacrament of matrimony by deepening their relationship with one another and with God.

Dates: English Weekend: **Fri, 25 Sept – Sun, 27 Sept 2026**

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

Registration Fee: RM50 per couple

Contact: Bernard & Charlotte (010-789 4500) / Joseph & Christine (012-403 0968)

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 9 & 23 Sept (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 2 & 16 Sept (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thur, 10 Sept (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room



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