



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...

Last Sunday, we pondered Jesus' challenging instructions on how to correct a fellow sinner. Today's readings give us even more challenging personal instructions on forgiveness. The Psalm sets the tone for the whole week, showing us the foundation of every decision to forgive: "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." By His very nature, God is merciful. When He calls us to participate in His life, He calls us to do what He does and to offer generous forgiveness. If we do not build on the foundation of His divine mercy, we will have little reason or motivation for forgiving those who offend us.

When the topic of forgiveness comes up, how easily we can think of offenses we have suffered. We may also recall how we have reacted. In fact, we may still be angry and resentful. Perhaps we have even retaliated for what we have suffered. Some offenses are very serious, and therefore very hard to forgive betrayal, abuse, infidelity in marriage, attacks on one's reputation, career, or property. Often there is a real injustice involved, which usually strikes us as the main point. God, however, does not look at it that way. At times we must correct and punish, as we learned last Sunday, but the main point is reconciliation, not retaliation. To forgive once is hard. Seven times seems heroic. How could anyone ever forgive seventy-seven times?

In the reading from the Book of Sirach, we learn that there is a close connection between being forgiven and forgiving. We are told, "Forgive your neighbour's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." The refusal to forgive which seem to us to be a matter of making the other person suffer, in the end only makes us suffer. Holding onto vengeance will only bring judgment upon us. The Gospel teaches us the same lesson, but with a vivid demonstration in the parable of the merciful master and his ungrateful servant. The parable forces us to turn our attention away from the sins done against us and look first at our own sins.

Jesus begins by mentioning the first debtor's very large offense against the king. To understand the parable, we need to see ourselves as this first servant, for we owe a huge debt to God. Whatever wrong has been done to us is, by comparison, a small debt. One grave wrong we commit against God, one mortal sin, is worthy of eternal punishment. Were it not for God's mercy, we would be in a hopeless state, with no way of paying back a huge amount. Yet God very freely forgives when we repent.

Once we acknowledge that we have been forgiven a huge debt, we have a proper perspective for relating to those who offend us. We must forgive, or we are wicked servants. If we do not forgive, we will not be forgiven. We harm ourselves when we do not forgive. When we pray the "Our Father" we ask the Lord to forgive us as we forgive others. Let us forgive from the heart and receive forgiveness from the heart of God.

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Psalm 103:8

- Am I still harbouring anger or resentment for an injustice?
- Do I find it difficult to forgive others?
- When I do forgive, is it from my heart or just words?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Saturday, 19 September 2026 | Service at 10.30am

Joshua Chong Tze Yeong & Koa Thong Wei

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 5 Sep (5.30pm): RM1704.10 (1st Collection) RM1523.55 (Poor)
Sun, 6 Sep (9.00am): RM2563.70 (1st Collection) RM2518.50 (Poor)
Sun, 6 Sep (6.00pm): RM400.30 (1st Collection) RM356 (Poor)

On **Sun, 13 & 27 Sept**, CDM Friends of Creation will be organising the coffee morning at Faustina Hall to coincide with the Season of Creation. To care for our environment, we encourage patrons to BYO (bring your own) containers/cups.

H.U.G.S CHARITY FUN RUN 2026

Registrations are now open! Mount Miriam team will be visiting the parish on **12th & 13th September 2026** to promote the run. If you're interested in registering or making a donation, kindly visit their booth outside the church on the day! Special rate for registration will be given upon their visitation.

Date/Time: **Sun, 15 November 2026 (7.00am)**

Venue: Straits Quay, Penang

Contact Cheryl (016-9521093) or Bing Yang (016-5217064).

SCREENS & SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE MENTAL HEALTH OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

A second talk by Dr. Stephanie Ann Sadar, M.D. Open to all.

Date/Time: **Sun, 20 September 2026 (11.00am)** previously postponed

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

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

CDM MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER

Join us for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we come together in support of the Multipurpose Community Centre project. Your participation and generous support will help build a centre that serves and benefits the wider community.

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

Venue: CHS Hall, Green Lane, Penang.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A 3 days/2nights stay-in scriptural based retreat for any man/woman struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion to experience the mercy, compassion, love and healing grace of God. It is a time of grace. All communication will be strictly confidential.

Dates: **Fri, 9 Oct – Sun, 11 Oct 2026 closing date 21 Sep**

Contact Mary (016-4190538 or email rachelvineyard.my@gmail.com)

PLOGGING @ EMPEROR VILLATRAIL, SG ARA

Meet at the trail. Parking may be limited. Carpool encouraged.

Date/Time: **Sat, 26 September 2026 (7.30am)**

MIDAUTUMN FESTIVAL FELLOWSHIP NIGHT 2026

月圆人团圆，主爱常相伴！堂区华文促进会诚挚邀请弟兄姊妹们与家人一同相聚，在主的爱与光照下共度温馨欢乐的中秋佳节！

May the warmth of Christ's love unite us as we celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival together! The CDM Chinese Apostolate warmly invites all brothers, sisters, and families to join us for a joyful evening of fellowship.

日期 Date: **2026年9月26日 (星期六 / Saturday)**

时间 Time: 7:30 PM – 9:45 PM (黄昏弥撒过后 / After Sunset Mass)

地点 Venue: 圣堂地下礼堂 Basement

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Multilingual Mass & a special blessing for Friends of CDM, all welcome!

Date/Time: **Sun, 27 September 2026 (9.00am)**

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
			24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclus 27: 30 – 28: 7 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 13 Sep	
No Mass		Mon 14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Tue 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
PUBLIC HOLIDAY			
Mass DM Chaplet	8.00am 3.00pm	Wed 16 Sep	SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Thu 17 Sep	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	Fri 18 Sep	
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	Sat 19 Sep	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
DM Chaplet Mass <i>animated by primary school catechism children</i>	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 20 Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

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