



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 this weekend challenges our sense of justice. In the parable, Jesus likens the Kingdom to a landowner in need of labourers for his vineyard. The main asset of a landowner is his property, and it is of utmost importance for him that it yields fruit; otherwise, the land is but dirt. To make his land productive, he needs labourers to till the soil, plant the seeds, tend the vines, and harvest the fruit. God's property is the whole of creation, which He desires to bear fruit especially man, the crown of creation. The parable, then, is about a work that is valuable to God. In fact, in the passage immediately before this parable, Peter, speaking on behalf of the disciples, almost in exasperation, said that they have given up everything to follow the Lord. Jesus assured them that their dedication to the work of the Kingdom will be abundantly rewarded. Just as a landowner chooses workers for his vineyard, so God chooses people for the much more important work of the Kingdom. That God chooses us to work for Him is already a great honour and privilege.

We may ask what exactly is the work we are to do for God? He does not need us, but He chooses us to serve Him. Today's first reading describes our task as a turning to the Lord for mercy. God who is all powerful is also "generous in forgiving." We must turn to Him and rely on Him for everything. The very fact that we exist is because of His graciousness and mercy. The parable portrays a mutual need between the landowner and the workers. The landowner needs workers in order to get fruit; the workers need someone to hire them to get a daily wage. The day labourers follow the custom of that time, making themselves available in the market with the hope of getting hired. But God's ways are not man's ways. His mercy is not human justice. Though He does not need anyone, He keeps hiring, even as the day nears its end, when only a little more work can be done.

The workers still waiting in the market are the weakest and physically weak, or aged, or disabled, they have been rejected, left behind, and they have been rejected like this many times. They face the prospect of going home without earning anything which means no food on the table for them. The parable is about man's nothingness and God's everything-ness. God's mercy shines brightest in the nothingness of man. When the physically strong who got hired first were given the same wage as that of the weak who got hired last, they complained. The landowner replies to them with: "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's generosity can be found in His mercy. It is through His mercy that we get to be part of His grand work of salvation. We have no basis for complaining. A more appropriate response to God's generosity in addition to the obvious response of overwhelming gratitude is to be generous with others. We ought to be excited to do God's work, and to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27

- Am I envious when others "less qualified" get a raise or a reward?
- How do I show my gratitude for the great honour and privilege of working to build God's Kingdom?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Saturday, 10 October 2026 | Mass at 3.00pm

Alvin & Jamie Rebecca

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 12 Sep (5.30pm): RM1552.60 (1st Collection)

Sun, 13 Sep (9.00am): RM2843.40 (1st Collection)

On **Sun, 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A 3 days/2 nights 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 rachelsvineyard.my@gmail.com)

PLOGGING @ EMPEROR VILLA TRAIL, SGARA

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)**

BLESSINGS OF PETS

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, join us for a special Blessing of Pets. Bring your beloved pets along to receive a blessing!

Date/Time: **Sat, 3 October 2026 (8.30am)**

H.U.G.S CHARITY FUN RUN 2026

Registrations are now open! Run for a cause or make a donation to support the Mount Miriam team in providing cancer treatment and hospital care to those in need.

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

Venue: Straits Quay, Penang

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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass animated by primary school catechism children	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
No Mass	Mon 21 Sep	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 22 Sep	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Wed 23 Sep	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
DM Holy Hour followed by Mass	8.00pm Thu 24 Sep	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 25 Sep	
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 26 Sep	SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
<i>Day 1 Novena to St. Faustina</i>		
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 (or 2: 1-5) Mt 21: 28-32
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 27 Sep	

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 23 Sept, 14 & 28 Oct (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 7 & 21 Oct (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

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FOR ALL REGISTRATION FORMS:)



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