



# 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 invites us this weekend to reflect once again on our call to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Last Sunday, we saw in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the call can come to us at any hour of the day, at any stage of our life. That parable seems to imply that everyone who is called promptly goes out to work. However, there is another possibility, as revealed by today's parable of the two sons. Those who are called might simply say yes without actually doing any work. Clearly, we are called not merely to say yes to God in our words, but to do the will of God in practice.

Jesus was aware that the religious leaders of His time were saying yes, claiming that they were faithful followers of God, but they were not converted in their hearts. They were more concerned with enforcing strict obedience to the Law than with making any interior change themselves. Meanwhile, the "sinners" the tax collectors and prostitutes responded with repentant hearts to the call of John the Baptist. The tax collectors and prostitutes who repented are described very well in the first reading. Ezekiel reveals that it is possible for a wicked man to turn from wickedness to do what is right and just. Anyone who repents "shall surely live; he shall not die." This is a beautiful revelation of how God's mercy triumphs over His justice. When we think we are worthy of God's favour, we do not like to hear that those whom we consider unworthy are surpassing us. It is not fair. In a sense, this complaint is correct for the Lord does not treat us fairly, for He does not treat us as our sins truly deserve.

The two sons in the parable are symbolic of two categories of people: those who merely talk about doing the will of God and those who actually do it. Jesus applies these two categories, the empty talkers and the repentant believers to the religious leaders and the public sinners, such as the tax collectors and prostitutes. We need to ask ourselves which category best describes us. There

is always a danger that we are satisfying ourselves with a superficial yes to God but keeping that yes in a separate compartment from the rest of our lives. If we tolerate such a split in our Christian life, if we are Christians on Sunday but not on Monday, then we are at risk of cancelling our verbal yes with a practical no.

We know that it is never right to say no to God, so we do not dare to say it. Yet there are many ways we still say no, some more subtle than others. Some no's are little more than impulsive first reactions. When we come to our senses, we can quickly change our minds and do what is right. But some no's have deeper hidden roots. We might fool ourselves into thinking that we are rather good, telling ourselves that we do not murder anyone, commit adultery or steal. This allows us to comfortably "forget" our other sins, hidden in the heart: resentment, pride, selfishness, laziness, and envy. The good news, however, is that we can be set free from all these sins if we repent and return humbly to the Lord. We can joyfully sing the words of today's Psalm: "Good and upright is the LORD; thus, He shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, He teaches the humble His way."

*"...since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die." – Ezekiel 18:28*

- Do I say yes to God in my words but do not do His will in practice?
- Am I too convinced of my own righteousness to admit that I am a sinner?
- Am I a Christian on Sunday but not on Monday and the rest of the week?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alvin Yinab & Jamie Rebecca Thanga Raj

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

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 19 Sep (5.30pm): RM1315.40 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM943.30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)  
Sun, 20 Sep (9.00am): RM2689.20 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) RM1773.30 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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!

Exciting activities include PDRM police K9 Unit Demonstration, Animal Shelter & Adoption Awareness Booth, Pet adoption Awareness Talk, Free Veterinary Consultation, and Best Dressed Pet Competition with attractive cash prizes to be won! And that's not all... breakfast will be provided!

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

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary will be celebrated on **Sun, 4 Oct 2026** with light fellowship after Mass at 9.00am

The Feast of St. Faustina will be celebrated on **Mon, 5 Oct 2026** with Mass at 8.00pm.

### INTRODUCTION TO LANDINGS

Exploring a new pastoral outreach to welcome returning Catholics.

We are looking for willing parishioners, especially if you have a history of being away, to form this ministry. Free for all to attend. Lunch provided.

Date/Time: **Sat, 3 October 2026 (9.00am – 4.00pm)**

Venue: Auditorium, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM  
Contact: Georgina Tan (016-472 2230) / Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597)

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A 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**

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

### MT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL CREATIVE COMPETITION

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital's founding, a creative competition will be held from now till **15 Nov 2026** under the theme "Showing Love, Compassion, and Care for the Sick Like St. Francis".

For Primary School students: Colouring Contest for primary school students and Poetry Contest for secondary school students. Kindly refer to your respective Catechism Class teachers for more details.



The D'Vine Gift Shop will be taking orders for the 2027 God's Word and Daily Gospel for the next two weekends after Mass.

| Mass & Prayer Times                                      | Date                    | Description                                                                                     |
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| <b>WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES</b>                |                         |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Day 3 Novena to St Faustina</b>                       | 8.30am<br>Sun<br>27 Sep | <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Ez 18: 25-28<br>Phil 2: 1-11 (or 2: 1-5)<br>Mt 21: 28-32 |
| Mass 9.00am                                              |                         |                                                                                                 |
| No Mass                                                  | Mon<br>28 Sep           | St Wenceslaus, Martyr<br>SS. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs                              |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am                              | Tue<br>29 Sep           | SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels                                                    |
| <b>Day 4 Novena</b>                                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Mass 3.00pm                                              |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am                              | Wed<br>30 Sep           | St Jerome, Priest & Doctor                                                                      |
| <b>Day 5 Novena</b>                                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Mass 3.00pm                                              |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am                              | Thu<br>1 Oct            | St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor                                                  |
| <b>Day 6 Novena</b>                                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Mass 3.00pm                                              |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Mass 6.45am                              | Fri<br>2 Oct            | The Holy Guardian Angels                                                                        |
| <b>Day 7 Novena</b>                                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm                        |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Lauds 6.20am<br>Grotto Mass 6.45am<br>followed by Rosary | Sat<br>3 Oct            |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Day 8 Novena</b>                                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Mass 5.15pm<br>Mass 5.30pm                               |                         |                                                                                                 |
| DM Chaplet Mass 8.30am<br>9.00am                         | Sun<br>4 Oct            | <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Is 5: 1-7<br>Phil 4: 6-9<br>Mt 21: 33-44                 |

*HAPPY Anniversary*

### MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC

Charismatic Renewal Group:

**Wed, 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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