



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

Address: 117, Jalan Kenari, Sg. Ara, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang

Tel: 04-646 6881 / 013-584 6881 | **Email:** cdmpenang@outlook.com

Website: www.cdm.my | **Facebook:** Church of Divine Mercy Sg Ara | **Instagram:** @cdmpenang

Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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



Parish Priest speaks...

This weekend we reflect on the two greatest commandments, "the love of God and love of neighbour." These two commandments sum up our whole purpose in life. They are the foundation of the entire law and the prophets, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Today's first reading gives us practical wisdom on how to love our neighbour, while the second reading tells us how the Thessalonians turned from false gods to worship the one true God.

In the gospel we find that Jesus does not stop after stating which commandment is the greatest because love of God and love of neighbour must go together. We cannot have one without the other. St. John puts it this way: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 Jn 4:20-21).

Love is what gives life meaning and brings us true happiness. When we love in truth, we are like God, who is Love. Pope St. John Paul II says, "Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being." In his first Encyclical Letter, The Redeemer of Man (Redemptio Hominis), he writes: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it." It cannot be overstated that love is essential for us. If we do not love, we cannot discover our true selves. In fact, we destroy ourselves. We turn the spiritual energy of love, a self-gift meant for others, back toward ourselves, turning it into an unhealthy self-love. Jesus says that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves, implying the need for true self-love. The proper way of self-love is to love ourselves as God loves us. When we truly love ourselves, we choose what is for our eternal good. False self-love is actually

self-destructive, for we choose what satisfies us at the moment without concern for our eternal good.

Genuine love is not an automatic response. It is a decision, an act of the will. This is why it can be "commanded." We can obey the commandment to love because we can choose to love. Love, then, is not the same as liking someone, which tends to come naturally to us. Love takes effort. We can love even those whom we do not like. Very often we have a certain natural aversion to people who are different from us. Such people are represented in the Scriptures as we find in the reading from Exodus, namely, as the "aliens," meaning foreigners or any stranger. We also may have a natural dislike for people who make demands on our charity. These people are represented by "the poor, the widows, and the orphans." The Lord tells us that just as He "hears the cry of the poor," so must we. We cannot love only those who appeal to us or who benefit us because that is not authentic love.

The readings, then, call us to true love of self, which reflects God's love for us, true love of neighbour, which reflects God's love for them, and finally, true love of God. How are we to love God? Not only when His will appeals to us or seems to benefit us, but with our whole heart, soul, and mind. This is how God loves us with His whole being. When we love, we become true icons of God in the world.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 22:37, 39

- Why do I find it difficult to love my neighbour as myself?
- Why is it also impossible for me to love my neighbour if I do not truly love myself?
- How has love given me true meaning and true happiness in my life?

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
Rosary Mass 8.30am 9.00am	Sun 25 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes 1: 5-10 Mt 22: 34-40
No Mass	Mon 26 Oct	
Lauds Mass 6.20am 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 27 Oct	
Lauds Mass 6.20am 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 28 Oct	SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Lauds Mass 6.20am 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 29 Oct	
Lauds Mass 6.20am 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Fri 30 Oct	
Lauds Mass 6.20am 6.45am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 31 Oct	
DM Chaplet Mass 8.30am 9.00am	Sun 1 Nov	Holyday of Obligation All Saints Day Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 17 Oct (5.30pm): RM1312.70 (1st Collection) RM1075 (Mission Sunday)
Sun, 18 Oct (9.00am): RM3248.05 (1st Collection) RM1805.25 (Mission Sunday)

ALL SAINTS' DAY

We encourage everyone to wear a costume of their favourite saint as a fun, visual way to celebrate our heavenly heroes. There will be a gift for every registered 'saint' in attendance during the sunset Mass on **Sat, 31 Oct 2026 at 5.30pm**.
Contact: Audrey (012-4297730) / Aries (016-2812517)

ALL SOULS' DAY FLOWER BOUQUET

Remember your loved ones with a beautiful bouquet. Every purchase helps raise funds for CDM Multipurpose Community Centre. Place your order at church porch after Mass. Last orders on **Sun, 25 October 2026**.
Bouquet collection: **30 Oct – 1 Nov 2026**.

For enquiries, please contact Amy Wong (012-4569434) / Anne Chong (012-4387818).

ALL SOULS' DAY TAPESTRY OF REMEMBRANCE

Collect a remembrance card to write your love message. Available at church porch counters during weekend Masses until 1st Nov.

All Souls' Day on **Mon, 2 Nov 2026 with rosary at 8.00pm followed by Mass**

A COURAGEOUS DREAMER: A MUSICAL PLAY

A collaboration with the Risen Christ Catholic Church, our parishioners have been busy rehearsing for a musical play based on the life of St. Francis of Assisi in conjunction with the 800th anniversary of his Transitus. Tickets are free but limited to 500pax a night.

T-shirts are now on sale with proceeds towards the musical play expenses. Donations towards the play are most welcome.

Dates/Time: **Sat, 28 Nov or Sun, 29 Nov (7.30pm)**

Venue: College General, Penang



SCAN THE LINKTREE QR CODE FOR ALL REGISTRATION FORMS TO EVENTS / FORMATIONS.



LINKTR.EE/CDMPENANG

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 28 Oct, 11 & 25 Nov (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 4 & 18 Nov (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation:

Thu, 12 Nov (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

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

Weekend #149: **Fri, 13 Nov – Sun, 15 Nov 2026** at Domus, MBSA

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)