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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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



***Parish Priest speaks...***

The Church liturgical year is coming to an end. Next Sunday we will celebrate the great feast of Christ the King, which begins the final week of the year. As the days of the year come to an end, it is a good time for us to consider that the days of our own lives will also one day come to an end. While our theme for this week speaks of us waiting for the return of our Redeemer, we can also think of this as us waiting to return to Him upon our death. Since we know that our lives here will certainly end, we want to spend however many days the Lord gives us in storing up for ourselves "treasure in heaven" by using the gifts He has given us to build up His Kingdom.

In today's second reading, St. Paul warns us not to "fall asleep" but to "stay alert and sober." We can easily see that in the world today many people seem to be sleep-walking through life. They are busy about every little concern of the moment, just moving from one thing to the next, day after day, without ever stopping to consider what all the activity is for. Others seem to be intoxicated with the pleasures and enticements of the world comfort, power, riches, honour. They do not think about how useless these things will be when their lives come to an end.

The Psalm gives us an insight into what being "alert and sober" means for us. It says, "Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways!" The Hebrew word which is here translated as "fear" has a range of meanings. In this context it means not that we should be afraid of the Lord but that we should be in awe of His goodness; we should revere and honour Him. And to "walk in His ways" means to follow as He leads us, to do what He does. So, we could re-phrase this verse as, "Blessed are all who honour the Lord and do what He does."

What is it that God does, which we are to strive to do also? God loves! Thus, blessed are we if we love. Unfortunately, we too often think of love as an emotional state. For God, love is not merely a passing feeling; it is both what He is and what He does. God acts in love. He created us in love.

To walk in the Lord's ways is to do as He does, to act in love. Love must be acted out in concrete ways. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells us of a man going on a journey entrusting his possessions to his servants. He gave them what was his own and expected them to use it in such a way as to increase it. This is exactly what God does with us. He gives us various talents and gifts, but most of all He gives us what is His own, His love, and He expects us to make use of it in such a way as to bring an increase. How do we increase love? We are reminded of the widow who was praised by Jesus after putting two small coins into the temple treasury. It is not how much we have to give that matters. Rather, it is how much of what we have that we give. Seeking to give ourselves in love to alleviate the poverty of those around us is a most profitable way for us to spend our days.

***We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.***
***– 1 Thessalonians 5:6***

- What specific talents am I burying out of fear rather than multiplying in love?
- Whom can I concretely serve today to store up true treasure for eternity?
- What worldly pleasure must I let go of to focus on the Kingdom?

| Mass & Prayer Times | | Date | Description |
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| **DM Chaplet**<br>Mass | 8.30am<br>9.00am | **Sun**<br>**15 Nov** | *World Day of the Poor*<br>**33rd Sunday**<br>**In Ordinary Time**<br>Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31<br>1 Thes 5: 1-6<br>Mt 25: 14-30<br>(or 25: 14-15, 19-21) |
| *No Mass* | | **Mon**<br>**16 Nov** | St Margaret of Scotland<br>St Gertrude, Virgin |
| *Lauds*<br>Mass<br>**DM Chaplet** | 6.20am<br>6.45am<br>3.00pm | **Tue**<br>**17 Nov** | St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious |
| *Lauds*<br>Mass<br>**DM Chaplet** | 6.20am<br>6.45am<br>3.00pm | **Wed**<br>**18 Nov** | The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul |
| *Lauds*<br>Mass<br>**DM Chaplet** | 6.20am<br>6.45am<br>3.00pm | **Thu**<br>**19 Nov** | |
| *Lauds*<br>Mass<br>**DM Chaplet** | 6.20am<br>6.45am<br>3.00pm | **Fri**<br>**20 Nov** | |
| *Lauds*<br>Mass<br>**Novena to OMPH**<br>Mass | 6.20am<br>6.45am<br>5.15pm<br>5.30pm | **Sat**<br>**21 Nov** | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| **DM Chaplet**<br>Mass | 8.30am<br>9.00am | **Sun**<br>**22 Nov** | ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***<br>*World Youth Day*<br>**34th Sunday**<br>**In Ordinary Time**<br>Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17<br>1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28<br>Mt 25: 31-46 |

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Sat, 7 Nov (5.30pm): RM1464.50 (1st Collection) RM1254.20 (Poor)
Sun, 8 Nov (9.00am): RM2251.75 (1st Collection) RM2432.50 (Poor)

**MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING TIMES**

Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 25 Nov** (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation: **Wed, 18 Nov** (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

**BEGIN ADVENT TOGETHER IN PRAYER & REFLECTION**

With Friar John Soh, OFM through meditating on the five wounds of Jesus with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and deepening our personal walk with Our Lady through the Message of Our Lady of Fatima. No registration. Free walk-in. Be punctual.
Date/Time: **Tue, 1 Dec 2026** (8.00pm-10.00pm)
Venue: St. Faustina Hall, CDM

**REDEEMING THE TIME: ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT**

Five (5) Saturday mornings with Monty Williams, SJ.
We are invited by our lives to bring Christ into our world today by opening ourselves to the love God has for us and by accepting the love that is at the heart of each of us. In contemplation we bring those together on a journey to Christmas.
Dates/Time: Saturdays, **21 & 28 Nov, 5, 12 & 19 Dec** (8.45am - 10.00am)

**LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES**

The seven churches of Revelation faced challenges that may sound surprisingly familiar. What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today, especially through the recent Malaysia Pastoral Council 2026? Join in this Advent with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM Cap and H. Em Cardinal Sebastian Francis as we explore the messages of Revelation 2-3 and their relevance for our faith, Church & mission.
Dates/Time: Sundays **29 Nov & 6 Dec** 2026 (2.00pm - 5.00pm)
Venue: Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Centre

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