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Parish Priest speaks...

The Liturgical Season of Advent

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming.

(Catechism of Catholic Church; No. 524).

We are back to Advent, the season that marks the time of spiritual preparation before Christmas. It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation before the Nativity of our Lord. The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church with a focus towards the coming of our Lord. The very meaning of Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning coming or arrival.

The invitation is for the Church and for us to reflect and celebrate the coming of the Lord into the world. It is a graced moment to ponder the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking the form of humanity entering the human history to show us the way to salvation and free us from sin.

A good and spiritual way that could help us in our Advent preparations has been the Advent wreath. The wreaths are usually a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end. It is a call and a reminder that our lives, here and now is a participation in the eternity of God's plan of salvation. It reflects the complete love that Jesus shared and gave for all of us. It is the coming of Christ and the promise of eternal life that we eagerly anticipate.

Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose. The violet or purple candles symbolises prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works during this time of waiting. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday; the Sunday of rejoicing. The progression of lighting the candles are meaningful in the journey of our waiting and anticipation. It symbolises our increasing readiness to meet the Lord.

As we step into this season of Advent, we also remember the words from last Sunday's Gospel, "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. When I was naked, you clothed me," and so on. Jesus comes into our lives in the poor, the suffering, the homeless, the refugee, the exile, the prisoner, and the person who is sick. These are the ways that Jesus comes into our life. During this season of Advent, it is important that we try to do as Jesus says in the Gospel, "Stay awake! Stay alert!"

The invitation is for us to be mindful of how Jesus is present to us because He lives within each of us; present in every member of the human family made in the image and likeness of God. As we know from the Gospel, Jesus is especially present in the poor, the outcast, those who suffer, those who are homeless, those who are refugees. We must try to find Jesus in this way, too, during this season of Advent in our brothers and sisters who cry out to us from their misery and their need.

Advent provides us with the opportunity to give more of ourselves. Let us rediscover how our prayer life can be rejuvenated, and even perhaps to reach out to those in need of our love. Have a Blessed Advent.

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am	**Sun** **22 Nov**	***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*** *World Youth Day* **34th Sunday In Ordinary Time** Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46
No Mass		**Mon** **23 Nov**	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr St Columban, Abbot
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Tue** **24 Nov**	SS. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Wed** **25 Nov**	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
DM Chaplet **DM Holy Hour** followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm	**Thu** **26 Nov**	
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Fri** **27 Nov**	
Lauds Mass **ADVENT JOURNEY** Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	**Sat** **28 Nov**	
ADVENT JOURNEY Mass	8.30am 9.00am	**Sun** **29 Nov**	***First Sunday of Advent*** Is 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 1, 3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13: 33-37

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Saturday, 12 December 2026 | Service at 3.00pm
AALBAN SUDESH GEORGE & AGILA WISNATHAN
If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

MASS COLLECTIONS
Sat, 14 Nov (5.30pm): RM1845 (1st Collection)
Sun, 15 Nov (9.00am): RM2670 (1st Collection)

Make this Advent a season of meaningful reflection and prayer. Sign up for online Advent reflections daily and prepare room in your hearts for Jesus.

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FRIENDS OF CREATION: USED BATTERIES & PRELOVED CHRISTMAS SALE
The battery collection box for small used household batteries from Sat, 28 Nov (5.00pm) to Sun 29 Nov (12.30pm) outside the downstairs office area. Look out for the box where there are further instructions.

A mini Christmas sale of pre-loved items is to be held for one weekend only at the church porch with all proceeds to the fundraising for the new multipurpose community centre. All things in good & working condition.
Dates/Times: before and after Mass on **Sat, 5 Dec & Sun 6 Dec 2026**

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION
Help is needed to decorate the church! Lunch will be provided.
Date/Time: **Sat, 5 Dec 2026** (8.30am onwards)

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2026
Be there, be heard, be part of the journey. All are strongly encouraged to attend.
Date/Time: **Sun, 6 Dec 2026** (10.45am - 1.00pm)
Venue: CDM Church

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, 52L Penang Rd.