

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRMS OF HOPE

# MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE SOCIETY – CALLED TOWARDS HARMONY

# Come Back to Me with Irust

oday we affirm the doubt of Thomas that brought the hearts of believers to 'knowledge'. The full conversion of Thomas led him to confess and affectionately profess Jesus' divinity, addressing him as "My Lord and my God." Remember an earlier passage (John 11:8) when lesus announced to his disciples that he was going to Judea, they tried to stop him. And yet Thomas was not dissuaded. He boldly proclaimed: "Let us also go, that we may die with him".



"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You"

> St. Faustina (Diary, 327)

# SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 5: 12-16 Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27 Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31

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INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY BUL 17/2025 God works with scepticism like this at every instance. We too are sometimes doubtful; we also show many moments of unbelief. Yet, Thomas' scepticism allowed him to boldly evangelise in India and to die a martyr. Jesus was ever close to Thomas, as Jesus is close to those who live even with little faith.

Remember that St Peter himself denied Christ. He even ran away when discipleship mattered most. Yet, we read that St Peter's shadow, falling over the followers of Jesus could be the instrument that God uses to touch and heal. St Peter would go on to lead the flock with the others, performing great miracles. It is simply amazing to see Jesus' work amidst the weak moments in our lives. It is when we are weak, that He is strong. This is displayed over and over again in all our lives.

St Faustina teaches us the heart of these encounters in her diary, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. She shows us how God works within the unbelief, the doubters, the sceptics. She writes of Jesus, "I am love and mercy itself, let no soul fear to draw near to me..." Easter compels us to draw closer to Jesus, an understanding of his salvation through the Paschal mystery. Numerous times we too have cast aspersions or were blinded in this broken world; Divine Mercy glaringly calls us back. **Divine Mercy asks of us to come back, even as we are, to call on him and convincingly say, "Jesus, I trust in you".** 

Blessed Feast of the Divine Mercy! 💠

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APRIL         SOCIETY - CALLED TOWARDS HARMONY           DATE         TIME         ACTIVITY         MASSES IN THE PARISH					Our Collection on 18 April 2025 (Good Friday): RM 9,418.50 Our Collection on 19 & 20 April 2025 (Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday): RM 17,439.50					
Apr 27 (Sun)			DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	OL OL			C C			
Acts 5:12-16	8.00 am	MASS (M)	No Livestream		2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	on 26 & 27 April 2025	is for the Caritas Malay	ysia Myanmar Relief		
Rev 1:9-13,17-19 Jn 20:19-31	10.30 am	MASS (E)	Livestream	"God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Cor. 9:7						
			St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr	1						
Apr 28 (Mon)	6.40 am	Lauds	St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest	<ol> <li>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY   27 APRIL 2025         On 27 April 2025, Divine Mercy Sunday, the 10.30am Mass will be animated by the Inspiration Group. T Mass will be a time of prayer, reflection, and community, as we also celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, w     </li> </ol>					Oraun Thia	
	7.00 am	MASS (E)	No Livestream							
Apr 29 (Tue)	6.40 am		St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor		a special focus and blessings for Persons with Disabilities.					
	7.00 am	MASS (E)	No Livestream	The Ju	bilee Year, with it	s theme of "Pilgrims of	Hope," calls us to recogr	nize the inherent dignity	and unique	
Apr 30 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Pius V, Pope No Livestream	gifts of every individual. This special Mass is an opportunity to embrace this spirit of inclusion. This Mass is for individuals with autism and disabilities of all ages, their families, caregivers, and anyone who wishes to join us in this celebration of faith and inclusion during the Jubilee for Persons with Disabilities.						
	0.00 pm		St. Joseph the Worker							
May 01 (Thu)	6.10 pm	Vespers	(Labour Day)							
	6.30 pm	MASS (E)	No Livestream	2. <u>PARIS</u>						
May 02 (Fri)	6.10 pm	Vespers	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor		LUKE: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled					
	6.30 pm	MASS (E)	No Livestream	4	Luke The Sterry of Substation Published					
May 03 (Sat)	6.40 am		Ss. Philip and James, Apostles, Feast	This year's Sunday Gospel						
	7.00 am 5.30 pm	MASS (E) Novena to OMPH	No Livestream		Duration: 9 Saturdays (inclusive of one off Saturday) Gospel. Come join us					
	6.00 pm	followed by MASS (E)	Livestream	starting on June 14 until August 9 2025. The starting on June 14 until August 9 2025.						
May 04 (Sun)	_		3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)	1		t. Augustine Auditorium,	CHS transformed	and		
Acts 5:27-32,40-41	8.00 am	MASS (M)	No Livestream			0.00 am - 11.30 am	empowered t			
Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19	10.30 am	MASS (E)	Livestream				(actual cost RM149) or RM12 if you alreative ww.bit.ly/CHSLuke			
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#### 3. HELPING HANDS @ THE CATHEDRAL CAFÉ | 26 & 27 APRIL 2025

Please take note that the Cathedral Café will be open this weekend providing meals and some favourite snacks for all at an affordable price!

All profits and donations collected for this weekend's sale will go towards the Caritas nationwide initiative for humanitarian appeal to support victims of the recent earthquake that struck Myanmar.

Let us continue to bring HOPE to our brothers and sisters in Myanmar who are currently experiencing great hardship with our prayers. Let us be mindful of our spending and create opportunities where it can be of help to others who are in great need of help!

#### 4. CBCM'S REGIONAL SOLIDARITY APPEAL

Following the recent and devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar and Thailand where thousands have lost their lives, countless more have been injured or displaced and entire communities, including Catholic parishes and missions have been reduced to rubble, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM) has issued a pastoral letter calling for regional solidarity.

Let us, the faithful, respond not only with compassion and prayers but with concrete acts of solidarity and hope. Let us remember them in prayer s and respond generously to their urgent needs by participating in the following ways:-

- 1. Donate to special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday 26-27 April 2025.
- 2. Ongoing Donations until 31 May 2025 Additional donations can be made through the:
  - a. **Parish Office**. Cash donations may be handed in at any parish office. These will be channelled to Caritas Malaysia.
  - b. Online Transfers:-
    - Duit Now QR Code;

 Account Name: Caritas Malaysia Bank: RHB Bank
 Branch: No 380-A, Jalan Burma, 10350 Georgetown, Penang Account Number: 20708200054188
 SWIFT Code: RHBBMYKL
 Reference: CaritasMy Myanmar Relief
 Kindly email your transfer slip to info@caritas.org.my

All donations received will be directed to Caritas Malaysia, the official social charitable arm of the CBCM.

## 5. BADMINTON COURTS

Parishioners can come and play badminton every Sunday - either 3pm to 5pm or 5pm to 7pm. No charges and no registration required.

## 6. INFANT BAPTISM FOR MAY 2025 | 25 MAY 2025

For parents who wish to have their child baptised, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 25 May 2025 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.





