



The text states that Abraham believed in the God “Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist” (Romans 4:17), and then it specifies: “He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about 100 years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb” (Romans 4:19). See, this is the experience that we are also called to live. The God who reveals Himself to Abraham is the God who saves, the God who makes us come out of despair and of death, the God who calls to life. In Abraham’s story everything becomes a hymn to God who liberates and regenerates, everything becomes prophecy. And it becomes so for us, for us who now recognize and celebrate the fulfilment of all this in the mystery of Easter. In fact, God “raised Jesus from the dead” (Romans 4:24), so that, in Him, we can also pass from death to life. And truly Abraham can now well say of himself “Father of many nations,” in as much as he shines as proclamation of a new humanity – us! –, rescued by Christ from sin and death and introduced once and for all in the embrace of God’s love.

At this point, Paul helps us set on fire the very close bond between faith and hope. He affirms, in fact, that Abraham “hoped against hope” (Romans 4:18). Our hope is not governed by human reasoning, expectations and reassurances; it is manifested where there is no more hope, where there is nothing more in which to hope, precisely as it happened for Abraham, in face of his imminent death and the sterility of his wife Sarah. The end was approaching them, they could not have children and, in that situation, Abraham believed and had hope against all hope. And this is great! Great hope is rooted in faith, and precisely because of this it is able to go beyond all hope. Yes, because it is not founded on our word, but on the Word of God.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, today let us ask the Lord for the grace to remain founded not so much on our securities, on our capacities, but on the hope that flows from God’s promise, as true children of Abraham. When God promises, He brings to fulfilment what He promises. He never fails in His word. And then our life will assume a new light, in the awareness that He who resurrected His Son will also resurrect us and render us truly one with Him, together with all our brethren in the faith. All of us believe. Today we are in the Square, we praise the Lord, we will sing the Our Father, then we will receive the Blessing... but this passes. But this is also a promise of hope. If our heart is open today, I assure you that we will all meet in Heaven’s Square, which never ever passes. This is God’s promise and this is our hope, if we open our hearts. †

“We must have confidence in God, Who is what He always has been, and we must not be disheartened because things turn out contrary to us.”

– St. Philip

Be Disciples of Hope

NEW REC

15th October 2017
28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Hoping Against
HOPE



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
 85-A, Jalan Yam Tuan, 70000 Seremban
 Tel : 06-7624468 / 7634934 / 7677542 Fax : 06-7677544
 Email : serembanvisitation@gmail.com
 Website : www.visitationseremban.org
 Parish Pastor : Rev. Fr George Harrison
 Assistant Priest : Fr. Andrew Kooi

DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : Witnessing Beyond Borders (Oct)
Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation
(1848 - 2018)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30 pm
 Saturday : 8.30am - 7.30 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
Confessions in Church ½ hour
*before all Weekend Masses at
 availability of priests 1/2 hour before
 all Weekend Masses at availability of priests*



OUR PROGRAMME THIS 14 – 22 OCTOBER 2017

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Is 25, 6-10 a PS 22, 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Phil 4, 12-14, 19-20 Mt. 22, 1-14
"In The Lord's Own House Shall I Dwell For Ever and Ever" (Psalm 22)

SAT	14	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 1)	
SUN OCT	15	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: St. Patrick) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 2) Eucharist (M) NO BM MASS	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am
2.00 pm : PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY (PPA)				
Mon	16	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall
Tues	17	No Morning Mass		Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC, K.L.
Wed	18	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall
Fri	20	6.45 am	Eucharist	

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : IS 45, 1, 4-6 Ps 95, 1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a and c 1Th 1, 1-5b, Mt 22, 15-21
"Give The Lord Glory And Power; Give The Lord Glory And Power" (Psalm 95)

SAT	21	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 3)	7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
SUN	22	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Tamil Apostollic) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 4) Eucharist (M) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (B M)	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM)10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am

We welcome new Parishioners/Students from Universities/Colleges in the vicinity of Seremban. Kindly register at the parish office or email us at: serembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 a) 07/08 Oct : RM9,382.95
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Lutheran - Catholic Commemoration Service** on 28 Oct (Sat) @ 2.30 pm at Luther Centre, P.J.. Those interested to join please call parish office. Call Christopher (019-6216194) /Parish office for registration by 22/10./17
- iii) **Parish Office will be closed on 18 October (Wed) 2017 (Deepavali holiday)**

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 a) Gabriel Wong Chee Siong (d.o.d : 08/10/17)
 b) Theresa Lee Seok Ee (d.o.d : 10/10/2017)
 c) Raphael John Narendra (d.o.d : 12/10/17)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

➤ **"FORMED" Presentation and Best Practices.**
33 Days to Morning Glory - Introduction to get you started. Date : 21 Oct @ 8.30 am -1 pm
 All RE Teachers/Ministries leaders/Zones/ BECs/Youths/Parishioners are encouraged to join. Registration after all weekend Masses. (Pls bring along smart devices (phone, Tab, Notebook, etc) Contact person : Eric (012-2972413) / Parish office by 20 Oct.

➤ **Bahai Celebration of 200 years of Birth of Baha 'u 'llah'**. at MPS Hall 22 Oct. @ 3.00 pm.
 "We Wish All Bahai Friends Happy Celebration"
 Those who wish to join in this event, please call Christopher (019-6216194)/ Parish office by 17/10.

*Wishing All Our Hindu Brothers & Sisters
 "Happy Deepavali"*

- **Mass At BECs Zone in the Month of October 2017**
 19/10 (Thur) : Z- 12 (St. Thomas) - No. 134, Taman Seremban (Patricia Chan's Residence) Nancy (016-9162913)
 20/10 (Fri) : Z- 13 (St. Mathew) - No. 45, Jln Persiaran 7, Tmn Seri Pagi, Senawang Francis Sinnappan (019-6217626)
 Z -21 (Kg. Sebir) - Chapel Cahaya Kristus, Kg. Sebir Albert Ezuli (018-2411663)
 23/10 (Mon) : Z - 14 (St. Alphonsus) -No. 1, Jln TTJ 1 S, Impian Villa, Tmn Tuanku Jaafar : Sagayarajan (019-6841672)

➤ **October - Month of Rosary.** Ten Reasons to Pray the Rosary (<http://www.catholicgentleman.net/2018/09/ten-reasons-to-pray-the-rosary/>)

- ~ What oxygen is to our lungs so is prayer to the life of our soul.
 "He who prays well lives well; he who lives well dies well ; and he who dies well, all is well" says St. Augustine.
- ~ There is a powerful means and intercessor before the throne of God, who can help us to get to heaven and to help us in our prayer life and motivate us to focus our energies on God and God alone - the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ~ Our Lady has a prayer that fills her heart with joy - the Hail Mary and the most Holy Rosary. Every time the Hail Mary is prayed with attention and sincere heart, Our Lady's heart is filled with joy
 - Our Lady of Fatima.
 - Her Title.
 - Pope St. John Paul II.
 - For the Sake of the Family.
 - For World Peace.
 - To Save our Children.
 - To Order our Disorders.
 - For Interior Peace of Mind and Soul.
 - It's a Biblical Prayer.
 - To Conquer our Adversities.

- **Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation :**
 - ~ **Souvenir Magazine** - we need volunteers to give a helping hand in this team. Please call Charles Fernandez (012-3820471)
 - ~ We welcome old collections of the Parish, archive items etc. Kindly bring to the parish office.
 - ~ **RE Children Cultural Show** on 18 November (Sat) @ 7.30 pm. Venue : Visitation Hall. All are welcome

- Fr. George will be away on 16/10 to 20/10 for Inter-Religious Ecumenical Meeting (FABC) in Bangkok
- Parish Media Team Meeting : 28 October @ 9.30 am in the Bible Hall.
- **Eucharistic Adoration Conference 2017**
 11/11/2017 @ 8.30 am to 4.00 pm at Church of St. Ignatius, P.J. Registration call [Spencer](mailto:Spencer@serembanvisitation@gmail.com) (012-23256718)