

Set a guard, LORD,
before my mouth,
keep watch over
the door of my lips.
Do not let my heart
incline to evil,
to perform deeds
in wickedness.
On the delicacies
of evildoers
let me not feast.

— Psalm 141:3-4

“Forgive your neighbour’s injustice. Then when you pray, your sins will be forgiven”, advises Sirach. Breaking the cycle of hate, fear and disunity requires the Gift of Forgiveness. We need TO:

- Forgive → Bring Justice
- Let Go of Anger → Bring Healing
- Be Merciful → Bring Joy/Unity

Fixated on our present ‘Malaysian dilemma’ that involves money, power, threats & silence amidst confrontation, our readings at Mass today points to our need to go beyond ourselves in order to seek mercy that triumphs over judgement. It is timely that our Bishops call us to be disciples of HOPE since our Hope is still hanging on the Cross. But when will this Hope come down?

On 27th July 2017, it was reported that in Pakistan, village elders ordered the rape of a 17-year-old girl after her brother was accused of raping another girl aged 12 years old. How is this “revenge rape” justice? Does this bring healing to the families?

John Monbourquette in ‘To Forgive’ spells out the path from grief, thru’ resentment & fixation on the bad that has taken place... to end up in REVENGE. Is there a PATH that leads us away from pain & grief? Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, of late, has been encouraging us to share such distressing stories, relate them to God’s words, & see how the Psalms & the Cross can bring us to a greater realization of the God of love who consoles us and leads us to a higher level of acceptance.

Such an openness to the Spirit is found in Jesus words’ as He tells us to go beyond ‘seventy seven times’. But is this not stupidity? Take note then that in the parable is shown how failure to forgive will bring severe punishment upon ALL ‘inclusive of wife, children & property’ So, choose your plate – to show mercy & then Hope becomes your motivation OR judge & you may be condemned too! Revenge, resentment & reactions saps all our energy to reach out in love.

Our news is filled with all sorts of intrigues, cover-ups, excuses & self justification as we heap one lie/half-truth over the other until what comes out of our mouth smells like a rotten body that has just been discovered thrown somewhere. Such may be the result of any society once revenge becomes the story of the day! No, no, no – let us smell of the Body of Christ so that His Hope enters us in order that we move our distressed, agitated & uncontrollable brethren beyond their egoistic & revenge-filled selves. Let us move beyond revenge thru’ Hope. †

Be Disciples of Hope

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17th September 2017
24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Beyond **REVENGE**

thru’ Hope





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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : Transforming Beyond Self (Sept)
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 16 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Sir 27, 33-28, 9 Ps 102, 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14, 7-9 Mt 18, 21-35
"The Lord Is Compassion And Love, Slow To Anger And Rich In Mercy" (Psalm 102)

SAT	16	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Joseph)	Go Mad 2 Carnival : 8.00 am - 4.00 pm
SUN	17	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: RE-Catechists) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE-Catechists) Eucharist (M) Eucharist (BM)	RE(T): No Class ; 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
Mon	18	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Tues	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Wed	20	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	21	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Fri	22	6.45 am	Eucharist	

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Is 55, 6-9 Ps 144, 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1, 20c -24, 27a Mt. 20, 1-16a
"The Lord Is Close To All Who Call Him. The Lord Is Close To All Who Call Him" (Psalm 144)

SAT	23	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bosco)	7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
SUN	24	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation :St. Cecilia) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Migrants) Eucharist (M) 4.30 pm : Titi No BM Mass 7.00 pm : Kg. Sebir (BM)	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 SEPTEMBER 2017

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 09 / 10 September : RM7,178.35
God Bless All Generous Donors
- **Please take note, the small Gates near the Church Canteen and in front of the Church will be CLOSED during the weekdays. This is to ensure SECURITY in the Church surroundings. Kindly use the Main Gate (Gate . 2) near the Church Hall.**
- ii) **ATTIRE (Dress Code) at Mass**
 Refrain from using Short Pants/Revealing(sleeveless) attires, Singlets and Japanese slippers
 Please give reverence during Mass
 Come in your SUNDAY BEST!

- **Care for Creation - 'Laudato Si Orang Asal Day'** on 16 & 17 Sept. Exhibition at the parish. We wish all our Orang Asal God's Blessings.
- **Catechetical Sunday 17 Sept :** Special Blessings for all RE Children & Teachers at respective language Masses.

- **Migrant Sunday: 24 September 2017.**
Theme : "Child Migrants: Vulnerable and Voiceless"
 9.00 am : Migrant Mass.
 Exhibition on the Way of life of Migrants will be put up at the Car park near the Visitation Parlour. All are welcome.
 Calling all BECS who have migrants in their communities, please bring them along for the Migrant Sunday Mass.
- **Toilets : Newly refurbished Toilets at the Canteen are now ready for use. Kindly take care and keep clean always.**

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Sinnapan a/I Thawidy (d.o.d : 10 /09/17)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him,

- **Congratulations on the Success of 'Go Mad 2'.** May God Bless all of you for your support and prayers. Lets continue to "MAKE A DIFFERENCE " in our lives and others TODAY!.

- **"Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation"**
- **Dinner & Dance : "Malaysia Day"** - 21 September 2017 (Thur) eve of public holiday. For tickets please call: Jerome : 019-7908071. Please support.

- **World Day of Prayer for Creation :** Pope Francis calls for attention to environment September 1 to October 4. Christians around the Globe will be praying for and taking action on behalf of creation. Join us online prayer, help organize a symbolic action at : [http:// seasonofcreation.org/online-events/](http://seasonofcreation.org/online-events/)

Events: Join in prayer of Creation in Mass. Pledge signing, Actions of Laudato Si, Exhibitions, Religious Leaders pledge for prayer of Creation. Signing of Pledge at the Grotto after all weekend Masses.
 A special prayer will be said and Plant a tree at the site at Kg. Sebir.

- **October - Month of Rosary.** All BECs kindly organize Rosary prayer at every home. Zone Heads, kindly take note of the Zone gatherings for Rosary & mass by the Priests. For info , please call John Maynard (012-6656411)
- **Special Blessing for Pets** (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) on 08 Oct. (Sun) @ 5.00 pm at the Grotto

- **PPC Meeting** on 19 Sept (Tues) @ 8.00 pm at the Bible Hall.
- **Home Visits by Fr. George :** BEC St. Angela (Zone 10) - 20/9 (Wed) @ 8.00 pm.
- **Interfaith Youth Leadership Seminar :** 23 Sept (Sat) @ 8.30 am - 5.30 pm at V. Hall
- **Choice English KL 100 Weekend :** Calling all single Working Adults aged 23-40, Choice program on 22 - 24 Sept 2017 at APC, KL. Call Andrew (016-3366050) or Ashley (017-3310275) or visit website : www.choicekl.org
- **PCC Meeting :** 26 Sept 9 (Tues) @ 8.00 pm at the Visitation Hall. All Ministries Heads and members to be present.
- **BECCOT Gathering :** 27 Sept (Wed) at Visitation Hall.
- **Fr. George** will be away on 29 Sept to 01 October , conducting CMPC (T) Course at APC, K. L
- **Parish Pastoral Assembly : 15 October (Sun) @ 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm** at Vicitation Hall