

Good News and hope for a new beginning greets us in the New Year of the Lord through a simple, solemn, yet striking revelation - God made man! The term 'Epiphany' is derived from the Greek *epiphaneia* which means a striking appearance, manifestation or revelation. Born into simple and humble beginnings in the quiet dark of the night Jesus is revealed to us as the "light of the world" (Jn8:12) and the bearer of a solemn promise of deliverance of all mankind from the snares of the world. Prophet Isaiah foretells how this light will radiate and empower the world through His Word. In His light all of humanity will see light (cf Ps36:9) because through his Epiphany Christ unites himself with humanity.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honour of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

- St. John Chrysostom

The Three Wise Men, the Gentile magi who came to do Him homage bearing gifts befitting a king, awaken within us a striking realisation that they represent all of us who are called to do likewise. United as one people of God we ought to feel urged to seek Him by journeying into the depths of our hearts and having recognised Him there, give Him praise by "falling to our knees" like the magi did, in divine worship of Him. Such an act acknowledges His kingship of the here and the hereafter - He is Emmanuel: God with us, for all times.

Read and reflect on how much comfort we can draw from today's readings! God gives us immense hope through His solemn goodwill promise of salvation because we "now share the same inheritance...and are parts of the same body..." We can also take away two parallels from the first reading for our study and life application: Firstly, the gift-bearing magi compel us to think of how we can gift the lord by making use of our gifts of time, expertise and experience, material goods... to serve others. Secondly, we note that the magi "returned to their own country by a different way." This indicates that when we encounter and enter into a relationship with Jesus, you and I will never return the same. Now, isn't that a comforting, and an inspiring thought? More than that, it is an epiphanic experience on an individual and social level for all Catholics! †



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7th January 2018
Epiphany of the Lord

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH



A Simple yet
Striking Revelation!



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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : Experiencing Christ As I Am (January) 2018
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



OUR PROGRAMME THIS 06 – 14 JANUARY 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR B): Is 60, 1-6, Ps 71, 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, Eph 3, 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2, 1-12

"All Nations Shall Fall Prostrate Before You, O Lord. All Nations Shall Fall Prostrate Before You, O Lord. (Psalm 71)

Sat	06	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Liturgical team)	
Sun	07	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Liturgical team) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Liturgical team) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 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
Mon	08	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.</i>
Tues	09	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour (T) followed by Mass at Chapel Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga
Wed	10	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour (T) followed by Mass at Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong
Thur	11	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.</i>
Fri	12	6.45 am	Eucharist	

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B): 1 Sam 3, 3b-10, 19 Ps 39, 2and 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 101 1 Cor 6, 13c -15a, 17-20 Jn 1, 35-42

"Here I Am Lord! I Come To Do Your Will. Here I Am Lord! I Come To Do Your Will". (Psalm 39)

Sat	13	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Youth)	
Sun	14	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation :) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Christopher) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (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 University / 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.*

Thank you to : BECs – Liturgical team for Mass Animation this weekend

i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 30/31 December : RM10,260.20
 New Year 1/1/18 : RM13,097.10 Titi : RM68.00
God Bless All Generous Donors

ii) There will be a 2nd collection this weekend 06/07 January 2018 for the Ministry of Social Concern
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iii) **Religious Education (RE) (all languages)**
 classes will resume on Sunday 07 January 2018 with registration in the respective RE classroom

➤ **Church of the Visitation Seremban Facebook Page (@churchofthevisitationsban)**
 Please visit our Facebook page for interesting articles and timely updates and also to dialogue with other parishioners of all age groups on one universal platform.

➤ **For Marriages in 2018**, kindly make appointment to see parish priest. Dates of marriage course are available.

➤ **Cleanliness in Church** : Keep the Church grounds (inside/outside) clean.
Grotto - Candles tray and surroundings as well.

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 a) Joseph Fernandez (d.o.d : 31/12/2017)
 b) Francis Klyne (d.o.d : 02/01/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

➤ **Archdiocesan Vocation Promotion Team (APVT)** will be here on 20/21 January 2018 for promotion of Vocations. We welcome them.

➤ **EULOGY** - "In praise of God for the deceased member". Kindly see the Parish Priest if there is a need for an Eulogy at funeral services. An Eulogy Must be written (briefly) on an A4 paper. BEC/Zone heads please take note.

➤ **Christian Unity Week** - 18 - 25 January 2018 → Week of Prayer with all our Christian Brothers and Sisters here in Seremban Town. Visitation Parish will host this Prayer gathering on Friday 26th @8 .00 pm. All are welcome

➤ **Booking of Premises/rooms/Church** for meetings /activities /practices. Advance notice of booking required through parish office. No last minute booking.

➤ **Priestly Ordination of Deacon Nicholas Hoh Jeng Kin, OCD** from the Carmelite Friary, Rahang Seremban,
 Date : 31 January 2018 (Public Holiday) @ 10.30 am
 Place : Church of St. Thomas More, Subang Jaya. All are welcome.

➤ **3rd February 2018 (170 yrs Anniversary Celebration)**. Open to all Language Groups with age 7 years and above and above.
 More info call : Adrian (E):010 8970642
 Henderson (BM)-019-4688277 / Irene (T) 016366843
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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSZ2_DaXqroHfZ0xMbPstgf75TBPyIPiTDuSLm_IiOsZAmw/viiewform?usp=sf_link



- **Fr. George** will be away on leave from 13 - 21 January 2018
- **Clergy Annual Pastoral Assembly (CAPA)** : 22 - 25 January 2018
- **"Ponggal" Festival** : 27 Jan (Sat) @ 7.00 pm : Talk in Tamil by C. Pandithurai - Title : Everyday is a Good Day
 28 January 2018 @ 2 pm - 7.30 pm - Traditional games & Cultural Show
 Venue : Visitation Hall, All are welcome.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga Feast** : 9 - 11 February 2018
- **Ash Wednesday** : 14 February 2018
- **CNY (Chinese New Year) Mass** : 16 February 2018 @ 8.30 am