

The gospels recount many miracles performed by Jesus in the course of His ministry, so many in fact that the potency of their message can become dulled or even misconstrued. Whilst Christ in His great compassion for those who suffer reached out to many to alleviate their physical pain, He did so with a greater purpose than merely to grant their desire for bodily health. He desired that the faith that first led them to Him would be invigorated just as their bodies had been healed, and that with physical health restored they might have the strength to seek the wellness of their souls in the journey of new life in Him. We see in today's reading how Simon's wife's mother leapt into service of the Lord after her fever had been cured, pointing to the desire of those touched by Christ to give of themselves to be used for His will. The Gospel of the day also speaks to us of the growing crowds seeking out the Lord, pointing to the significance of these miracles as witness to the power of God.

For us, as we hear the unfolding of these miracles that will culminate in the raising of Lazarus before Jesus makes his final journey to Jerusalem, we must first guard against apathy. These are not fanciful stories that are merely symbolic. They should not lose their power to amaze us just because we have heard it all before. We must seek to be inspired by the very hope of those that witnessed them in the flesh: a hope that God will be with us in our suffering to alleviate our pain; a hope that, beyond health of body, the Lord might heal our souls and enliven our faith; a hope that our whole lives may bear witness to the power of God's love for all mankind; and a hope that when our mortal flesh fails for the last time, it may be transformed by Christ for the next life, just as we conformed our soul to Christ in this life.

And in our disposition to prayer much may be learned from the miracles that took place in Capernaum. First and foremost among these is that faith must precede any request for divine assistance, and by this I mean not faith that God will grant your desire, but faith that He can and will always grant that which will lead you to deeper communion with His love. The second is to seek in all of life's situations, good or otherwise, that disposition in prayer that is ever thankful to God for the hope He gives, which should lead our temporal lives ever further along the path to eternity with Him. The third is sensitive discernment of how God answers your prayers. His response to our supplications may not always be our heart's desire but it will always be sure necessity for our salvation. Finally, in all things we should seek first our spiritual wellbeing, or, as Jesus taught concerning the many worries of this world, "Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33) †

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : Together we are healed in Christ (February) 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 03 – 11 FEBRUARY 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) Job 7, 1-4, -7 Ps 146 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 10, 31, 11, 1 Mk 1, 40-45

"Praise the Lord Who Heals The Broken Hearted. Praise The Lord Who Heals the Broken Hearted." (Psalm 146)

Sat	03	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Claire)	
Sun	04	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Hilary) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Anne) Eucharist (C) 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
Mon	05	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	06	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	07	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	08	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	09	6.45 am	Eucharist	Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) Lev 13, 1-2, 44-45 Ps 31, 1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10, 31-11, 1. Mk 1, 40-45

"You Are My Hiding Place, O Lord, You Surround Me With Cries Of Deliverance." (Psalm 31)

Sat	10	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Youth)	
Sun	11	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm 6.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Joackim) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernard) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) Feast of Cahaya Kristus, 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 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 – St. Claire and St. Anne for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
27 / 28 January 2018 : RM12,461.40
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) There will be a second collection this weekend 03/04 February for Ministry of Social Concern.
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iii) **Visitation Praise Dance** 1st Anniversary cum CNY celebration on 10 Feb 2018 @ RM10.00 per pax.
Call Angeliine (017-6943045 / Florence (016-2819788) All are welcome.

➤ **Tables and Chairs etc** from RE classrooms /Church premises are not to be removed at all time. They are to be kept in good use and not to be tampered.

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

➤ **CNY Luncheon** on 04 March (Sun) @ 12.30 pm. Venue : Min Kok Restaurant, Tickets at :RM50/- per pax. Call Doreen : 0173326007

➤ **SSVP Visitation** - we need more volunteers with passion in visiting and serving the poor & needy. Call parish office or Louise (019-6227440)
SSVP One-Stop Center for aid will be opened only on 1st Tuesday every month. Time : 4 - 6 pm, Place : Canteen

➤ **Thank you** to all those who have participated in the Visitation Got Talent 2018 and Congrats to the Organising Committee. God Bless you all.

➤ **LENTEN RETREAT 2018 : "METANOIA" - Tear your Hearts not your Garments (Joel 2 : 13)**

Tamil : 16 Feb 2018 (Sat) - 10.00 am - 6.00 pm (Fr. Kulandaisamy, India)
 English : 17 & 18 Feb : (Sat) @9.00 am - 8.00 pm / (Sun) @ 9.00 am - 2.00pm
(Bro. Jude Antoine, K.L.)

Mandarin : 10 Feb 2018 (Sat) @ 2. pm - 6 pm (Fr. Thomas Khoo, CDD, Melaka)

BM : 10 & 11 Feb 2018 : (Sat) @ 9 am - 4 pm / (Sun) @ 9 am - 12.30 pm
(Fr. Patrick Massang, CSSR, Ipoh)

Registration after all weekend Masses.

➤ **OLL, Sagga Feast** : 9/2 (Fri) :7 pm : Rosary/Flag-raising/Holy Hour/Anointing the sick (Rantau, N.S.) 10 Feb (Sat) :6.30 pm ; Rosary/Mass / Procession
 11 Feb (Sun) : 10 am : Rosary /Feast Mass

➤ **G.E. 14 (General Election)** -Are you a registered Voter ? Have you check your status and confirm your place of Constituency ?. Please your info at the booth in the church ground.

➤ **Parish Youth Council - NEW TEAM election** : Date : 04 February 2018 (Sun) @ 5.00 pm. Venue Visitation Hall (upstairs)

➤ **Rachel's Vineyard** : A weekend retreat on 16-18 Mar 2018. Contact person confidential line 016-4190538 (Cyrilla) (between 7-9m) or email healinggracerachelsvineyard@gmail.com before 16 Feb 2018.

- **CMPC (T)** commencing on 10 Feb at 7.30 pm at Bible Hall.
- **Ad Limina** visit to meet Pope Francis, Vatican. 14 Bishops of Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei will be away in Rome on 03 - 10 February. Lets keep them in prayer.
- **Liturgy Meeting (all languages)** : 06 Feb (Tues) @ 8.00 pm in the Bible Hall.
- **Marriage Encounter (ME) (Tamil)** : 9-11 February. Contact Sam Bosco (012-5170083)
- **Ash Wednesday** : 14 Feb 2018: Mass time: 6.45 am (E) / 6.00 pm (E/M/BM) / 8.00 pm (T)
- **CNY (Chinese New Year) Mass** : 16 February 2018 @ 8.30 am
- **RCIA** : Rite of Election : 25 Feb (Sun) at Holy Family Church, Kajang.
- **Diocesan Vocation Awareness 2018** : Vocation Camp for young men on 24- 25 Feb 2018 at Good Shepherd Church : Age : 18 yrs to 35
- **Feast of Cahaya Kristus, Kg. Sebir** : 11 Feb (Sunday) @ 6.00 pm. All are welcome.