

Whilst the *Transfiguration of The Lord* has a feast of its own on the sixth of August every year, the mystery is retold as a part of our Lenten preparation for celebrating the Paschal Triduum because of its important placement in the narrative of Christ's ministry, and for the hope its revelation provides for those that would accompany Christ on the way of the cross.

The Transfiguration occurs in all three synoptic gospels shortly after Peter's confession in response to Christ's question, "Who do you say I am?" Peter declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," marking a turning point in Jesus' relationship with His disciples. No longer did they see Him as just 'teacher' or 'master', they acknowledged now that He was the long-awaited Messiah, the anointed one of God, the promised deliverer of God's people, Israel, as prophesied from of old. And yet, Jesus knew that they could not possibly comprehend the fullness of His and destiny of the Christ.

And so it was that at this time Jesus began to teach his disciples in earnest about His impending death, revealing the Messianic Secret that would upend their worldview of the Messiah and the meaning of redemption. The Transfiguration forms a part of this process of revelation: that Jesus is no ordinary man, indeed, no ordinary 'son of god' in the mortal sense; that Jesus is God Himself, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father who sent Him; that this God-made-man has come to be killed, for only through His death can man's slavery to death itself be ended; and that this God-made-man will rise again from the dead to restore life for all who would follow Him in faith to the Kingdom of His eternal glory. It was too much for His disciples to comprehend; and indeed they didn't, even as he was dragged away to be put to death, and even when the women among them rushed back with the shocking news of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. And yet these same disciples have given us their testimony, for they *"have seen His glory; the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (Jn. 1:14). And their testament is sacred witness to the Messianic Secret they came to understand; a truth that they share with us so that we might never doubt the salvation wrought for us by Christ.

We have the privilege of seeing through the eyes of the enlightened. Thus in the revelation of His glory on the night of His Transfiguration, be of no doubt that the voice of the Father speaks directly to each of us: *"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."* (Mk. 9:7)

It is too easy for us to get caught up in the anticipation of the joy of Easter without truly listening to Christ on the journey to His death in Jerusalem. Just as there is no Easter without Lent, so too is it easy for us to forget that the victory of Christ at Easter lies not on the mountaintop of the Transfiguration but on the hill of Golgotha.

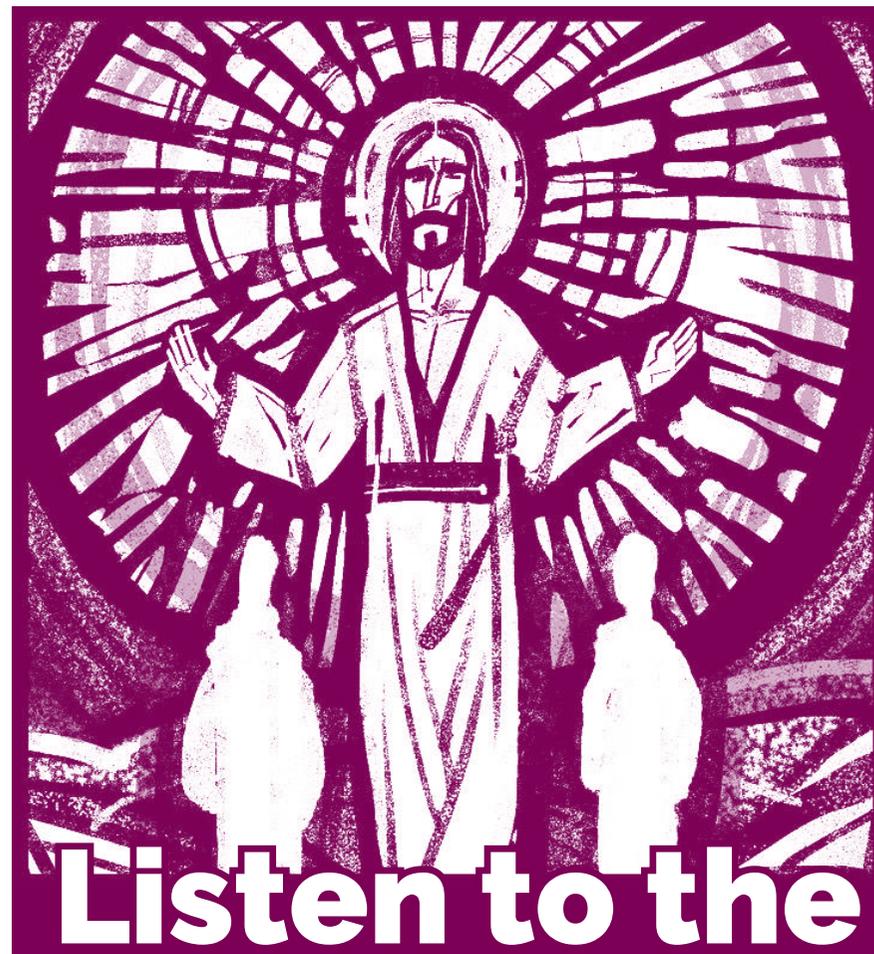
As we journey through Lent, then, let us listen to the teaching of Christ and bear witness with His disciples to His call to take up our crosses daily and follow him on the Way of the Cross; for the nature of the glory that Christ shares with us was wrought at a price. The Transfiguration should fortify our spirits as we bear the crosses we have been given in this life; the vision of His glory becoming for us an antidote for discouragement. It is in the light of His glory today that we can appreciate how our participation in the suffering of Christ is a participation in His redemptive work for ourselves and all who would turn to Him in love. In the words of Pope St. Leo the Great:

"Thus, the Lord's example calls on the faith of believers to understand that, no doubt against the promise of happiness, we must nevertheless, in the trials of this life, ask for patience before glory; the happiness of the kingdom cannot, in fact, precede the time of suffering." (Leo the Great, Sermon 38,4) †

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2nd Sunday of Lent

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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : We have Passion for Mission in Christ (March) 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 24 FEBRUARY – 04 MARCH 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) Gen 22, 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-19 Ps 115, 10 et 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8, 31 b -34 Mk 9, 2-10

"I Will Walk In The Presence Of The Lord In The Land Of The Living". (Psalm 115)

Sat	24	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Teresa of Calcutta)	
Sun	25	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Jude) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Lorenzon Ruiz) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (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 3.00 pm : RCIA Rite of Election at Holy Family , Kajang
Mon	26	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	27	No Morning Mass	6.00 pm : Vespers followed by Mass and Confessions	
Wed	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.45 pm : BECCOT Gathering
Thur	01	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	02	No Morning Mass	7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/M/BM)	

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) Ex 20, 1-17 Ps 18, 8-9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1, 22 – 25 Lk 2, 13-25

"You, Lord Have The Message Of Eternal life". (Psalm 18)

Sat Mar	03	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Faustina)	
Sun	04	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Anthony) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Raphael) 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

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. Theresa of Calcutta and St. Lorenzon Ruiz for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 17 / 18 Feb 2018 : RM11,928.05
 16 Feb (CNY) : RM4,724.35 Titi : RM598.00
 9-11 Feb (Sagga Feast) : RM2,280.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **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.
- iii) **CLEANLINESS OF CHURCH AND SURROUNDINGS.**
 Nailing on walls, stickers, glue etc are not permitted.
ALWAYS ENSURE House of God is well maintained and looked after by ALL.

> BE RECONCILED THIS LENT 2018

- 28 Feb (Wed) : 7.00 pm : CDM, Shah Alam
7.30 pm : St. Christopher, Gemas
- 01 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : Jesus Caritas, Kepong
- 05 Mar (Mon) : 7.30 pm : St. Ignatius, P.J.
- 06 Mar (Tues) : 8.00 pm : Kristus Aman (TTDI)
7.30 pm : Imm. Conception, P.D.
- 07 Mar (Wed) : 8.00 pm : St. Joseph, Sentul
7.30 pm : St. Aloysius, Mantin
- 08 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : OL Guadalupe, Puchong
7.30 pm : St. John Vianney, Tampin

- > **RCIA (Eng & BM)** will have their Retreat at P.D on 10 - 11 March 2018. Keep them in prayers.
- > **18/3 - ACIES Seremban** (Legio Marie) @ 2.30 PM (Church)
- > **Choice English Weekend** (13-15 April 2018)
Call Grace (012-3509817 or Brandon (017-6197834)
- > **The Mass** - a book by Fr. Ignatius Huan.
Pre-order your copy at www.ignatiushuan.com

Pray for the Departed souls of :

- a) Patrick Charles Felix (d.o.d : 13/02/2018)
- b) Regina a/p Swaminathan (d.o.d : 18/02/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

> What can I DO this LENT

- Read the Lenten message 2018.
- Visit the website for more info and reading (lent.aohd.org)(www.facebook.com/Lenten campaign)
- **2018 Lenten Theme: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME- STEWARDS OF ECOLOGICAL CHANGE**
 ~ **Is our Home a Gift ?**
 Our Home, the Earth with all that is beautiful in it, its God's gift to us.
 ~ **How does our Home look now ?**
 Our Home, God's gift, is now crying in pain because we do not look after it with Love.
- **Blood Donation & Medical Camp** by PIHDM/ HTJS/Catholic Doctors, K.L.
 ~ 18/03/2018 (Sun) : 8.00 am - 3.00 pm at Visitation Hall
 ~ for the "Medical Camp", we need doctors & nurses to volunteer/help with the Catholic Doctors team from KL at this Camp. Call Patricia (012-2026528) or parish office.
- **Soup Kitchen** : During Lent "Would you not want to spend one hour with ME".
 ~ Visit the Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays at 9.30 am - 11.30 am to spend time with the poor, homeless & hungry,
 ~ **Streets Feeding by the Youth of Visitation** : (Fri) 02/03/18 @ 9.00 pm (all Youth to gather at Canteen)
 ~ We thank all Donors & helpers for the Newly furnished Kitchen for feeding the poor & all parish fellowships.
- **REACH OUT to the NEEDY** : **Dry Food Items** needed for all Poor Families (e.g. Rice bags, sugar, flour, oil etc). Please send to the parish office. Thank you.
- Participate in the **Way of the Cross**
 02/03/2018 - Zone Level - **NATION BUILDING**
 09/03/2018 - BEC Level - **UNITY**
 16/03/2018 - As a Family at Home - **FORGIVENESS**
 23/03/2018 - Individual / personal (A day of Fast & prayer for the Intentions of Pope Francis)
 30/03/2018 - Good Friday - Pray and walk with the Parish Youth and pray & Candle-lighting specially for prisoners.
- **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** are available. Please make your Lenten Offerings.