

1st reading:

Listen! It is the Lord who speaks...
In His covenantal "ten words" to us He gives
Clear guideposts through which closer to Him we may draw
By honouring and abiding with the core of His Law
Though these commandments come carved first on stone
Once engraved in our hearts, our mission in action makes them widely known

2nd reading:

Show us a sign! Where's the wisdom in this?
Both Jews and Gentiles are sceptical. This cannot be it! He died, right?
"Preaching a crucified Christ"... is to them a foolish story
It is exactly opposite to their secular expectations. Not acceptable, sorry!
Little do they know that "the foolishness of God" surpasses the wisdom of man
In the seemingly "foolishness" lies God's purposeful redemptive mission
and plan

3rd reading:

In John's Gospel Jesus manifests His authority
Early, both in His mission and divine ministry
It is the annual Jewish Passover festival held in the temple
People are engaged in transactions, including sale of sacrificial animals
A surprise awaits us ... Jesus' anger flares, He visibly bares His passion!
"Zeal" for His Father's house "devours" Him and He shows no compassion
With a burst of energy He physically puts an end to all the buying and selling
Enraged and shocked, the Jews again seek from Him a sign
...what allows what He is doing?
But alas! Their hearts are stubborn. Even as He explains they do not understand
Their spiritual blindness is so ingrained resulting in their fury being further fanned
But wait! Hope prevails ...
on hindsight His disciples come to understand the cause of His passion
So, with renewed faith and trust,
in His divine Passion they find their life's mission.

Pause for reflection:

Can we discern a message in these verses for our own life application? †

BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE

4th March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH



In His
Passion
We Find
Our Mission



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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 03 – 11 MARCH 2018
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	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) <i>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</i>
Mon	05	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	06	6.45 am	Eucharist <i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song</i>
Wed	07	6.45 am	Eucharist
Thur	08	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	09		No Morning Mass 7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/M/BM)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) 2 Chr 36, 14-16, 19-23 Ps 136, 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2, 4, 10 Jn 3, 14-21
"O Let My Tongue Cleave To My Mouth If I Remember You Not.". (Psalm 136)

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	Eucharist (T) (Animation : RE- Form 1 & 2) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. David) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) <i>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</i>

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. Faustina and St. Raphael for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
24 / 25 Feb 2018 : RM10,570.60
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) There will be a **2nd collection** this weekend 03/04 March for Ministry of Social Concern
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iii) **Church Cleaning for Easter:** (Fri) 23/3 at 8-10 am. Bring what is necessary for cleaning.
- iv) **Breakfast Sale** on 11/03/2018 by RE-Eng (Form 5) . Kindly give your support.
- v) **The Mass** - a book by Fr. Ignatius Huan. Pre-order your copy at www.ignatiushuan.com

- > BE RECONCILED THIS LENT 2018**
- 12 Mar (Mon) : 7.30 pm : Holy Family, Kajang
7.30 pm : St. Christopher, Gemas
 - 13 Mar (Tue) : 7.30 pm : Sacred Heart, Peel Rd, KL
 - 14 Mar (Wed) : 7.00 pm : St. Francis Xavier, P.J.
 - 15 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : O.L. Lourdes, Klang
8.00 pm : Mary Mother of God, Bahau
 - 16 Mar (Fri) : 12.30 pm : St. John's Cathedral, KL
 - 19 Mar (Mon) : 8.00 pm : Holy Rosary, KL
7.30 pm : Good Shepherd, Setapak
 - 22 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : Assumption, P.J.
- > 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)
- > RE-English Sacrament Camp (Form 3)** on 23 -25 March, Keep them in prayers.

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 Maria Ong Ngee (d.o.d : 25/02/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon her.

> What can I DO this LENT -(lent.aohd.org)(www.facebook.com/Lenten campaign)

- **2018 Lenten Theme: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME- STEWARDS OF ECOLOGICAL CHANGE**
 - ~ **What Have We Done to Our Home?**
We are not taking of our gift. Our Home is becoming very sick because of the bad things we are doing.
 - ~ **What outdoor activities do you like to do ?** a) b)..... c)
 - ~ **What can you do to fix the Earth, Our Common Home ?** a)b) c).....
- **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,
 - ~ We thank all Donors & helpers for the Newly furnished Kitchen for feeding the poor & all parish fellowships.
- **Ministry of the Poor** - "My Son, remember the good things you receive in your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Lk 16: 25 Can you volunteer yourself to help the priests in this Ministry. Call the parish office.
- **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 (some suggestions)**
 - 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.

- ▶ **Chrism Mass 2018** on (Wed) 23/03 at Church of Ignatius, P.J. @ 7.00 pm
- ▶ **Launching of "Tahun Belia"** on 24 & 25 March (Palm Sunday)
- ▶ **SSVP AGM** ; 25 Mar (Sun) at 3.00 pm . Venue : Visitation Hall (upstairs)