

A principal promise contained in the 1st reading today from the Old Testament is history-making. It anticipates, and then finds its fulfilment in the New Testament. God, in His boundless and unconditional love, not only forgives but is willing to forget (“... and never call their sin to mind”) the past sins of the people who rebelled against Him. He signs a “new covenant ... on their hearts” that comes sealed with a solemn promise, “I will be their God and they shall be my people.” How comforting for us! Especially when He reiterates, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come back to you” (John 14:18). It is significant because this “new covenant” of the Old Testament frames and forms the essence of our “religion.”

As His Passion draws near, it simultaneously grieves and strengthens us to learn that Jesus as man “offered up prayers and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears ...” but as Son learned that He must humbly submit “through suffering.” What does this teach us about our religion? For sure, as man, Jesus must have “sweat bullets” over the horror of torture unto death awaiting Him. For solace and strength He turned to Father-God. He obediently accepted that His Passion was His mission. Shouldn’t we do the same, instead of wallowing in self-pity in our difficulties? Foremost in our spirit should be the truth that Jesus obeyed God’s will and sacrificed His life for you and me! Think about that for a bit... .

After three earlier references that His hour had not yet come (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20), Jesus announces, “Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” Strange but true, by His death Jesus is glorified again. This is divine logic. He never ceases to teach us. His words take the form of “divine paradox,” since they appear to be self-contradictory. But life is indeed built on the principle of duality or law of “divine balance” ... sin-forgiveness, death-life, sorrow-joy, etc. So, a seed disintegrates into the ground to sprout new life; God does not favour people who are self-absorbed and live self-centred lives; He blesses those who are mission-bound and service-oriented, willing to sacrifice for the good of others. As He is our God and we His people, let us honour His call to mission with hope and passion!†

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18th March 2018
5th Sunday of Lent

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH



Honouring God’s Call to Mission with Passion



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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 17 – 25 MARCH 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) Jer 31, 31-34 Ps 50, 3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Hebr 5, 7-9 Jn 12: 20.33
"A Pure Heart Create For Me, O God. A Pure Heart Create For Me, O God." (Psalm 50)

Sat	17	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Martha)	
Sun	18	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : RE- Form 1 & 2) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Martin) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	RE(T): 8.45-0 10.15 am; RE(C) :9- 10.30 am : RE(E) & (BM) 10.45 -12.15p 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 2.30 pm : ACIES (Church)
Mon	19	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	20	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	21	No Morning Mass Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC / 7 pm- <i>Chris Mass, SIC, P.J</i> 7.45 pm : BECCOT Gathering		
Thur	22	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	23	No Morning Mass 7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/M/BM)		
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION : Is 50, 4-7, Ps 21, 8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2, 6-11 Mk 14, 1-15, 47 <i>"A Pure Heart Create For Me, O God. A Pure Heart Create For Me, O God." (Psalm 50)</i>				
Sat Mar	24	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Altar Servers)	
Sun PALM SUNDAY	25	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Youth) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE-E Form 2) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 7.00 pm : Kg. Sebir (BM)	No SundayClasses for REE (E/T/M/BM) 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. Martha (Rahang) and St. Martin (Sban 3) for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 10/11 Mar 2018 : RM9,458.95 Titi : RM95.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **RE-Eng : Parents/Catechists** meeting this Sunday for Secondary level at 10.45 - 11.15 am in the respective classrooms.
- iii) **RE-English Sacrament Camp (Form 3)** on 23 - 25 March. Keep them in prayers.

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Theresa Rayappan (d.o.d : 15/03/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon her

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2018
29/3 – Holy Thursday : 6.00 pm (Tamil / Eng)
 (Adoratiin till midnight) **8.00 pm (E/BM/M)**
30/3 – Good Friday : 10.00 am (Tamil)
 (simple lunch/refreshments after services) **3.00 pm (Mand/Eng)**
31/3 – Easter Vigil : 5.00 pm (Mandarin)
 (Adult Baptism) **8.00 pm (Tamil)**
11.00 pm (Eng /BM)
01/04 – Easter Sunday : 7.00 am (T)
 (Infant Baptism) **9.00 am (E)**
11.00 am (M)
1.00 pm (BM)
Confessions available at weekend Masses & Holy week (till Good Friday)
Good Friday – ‘Break your Fast’ together after services. We welcome donations at parish Office.
Confessions :
 19/3 (Mon) : 7.30 pm : Setapak (Good Shepherd)
 22 /3 (Fri) : 8.00 pm : Assumption, P.J.:

➤ **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

- ~ **Is it Right to Damage a Gift?**
 Do you take care of a gift that someone gives you or do you spoil it ?
- ~ **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. Specially for all the Poor, Needys., Migrants, Refugees, the elderly & aged.
- ~ 18/03/2018 (Sun) : 8.00 am - 3.00 pm at Visitation Hall
 ~ "Give a pint of Blood and save lives!"
- **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,
- Participate in the **Way of the Cross (some suggestions)**
 23/03/2018 - Individual/personal (A day of Fast & prayer for the Intentions of Pope Francis)
 Come as individuals/families/groups to make personal **Way of the Cross**,
 Crosses & Stations are available at Grotto area.
- **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** are available. Please make your Lenten Offerings.

170th Anniversary of our Parish

- A very special **Souvenir Magazine & History 'CD'** in the making. Keep the team in prayer.
- **WOW – "Walk ON Water"** a 48 hours reachout program for all. April 27th -29th
- **Mission Month (Parish / BEC level)** by Redemptorist Frs (16/4 - 20/5)
- **Month of Rosary, all homes / BECs**
- **Special NOVENA & Feast of Our Lady of Visitation - (23/5 - 31/5/18)**

- ▶ **Breakfast Sale** on 18/03/2018 by Tamil Apostolate. Kindly give your support. **We invite all BECs/Zones/Ministries** to take up a slot for Breakfast Sale at the Canteen on Sunday. Please call Nathan : 012-6840750.
- ▶ **SPM School leavers - Assunta Hospital Full Scholarship.** Contact 03-78723078 or email : haspuniza@assunta.com.my
- ▶ **Launching of "Tahun Belia"** on 24 & 25 March (Palm Sunday)
- ▶ **Special Classes for Confirmation 2018.** (Eng & BM). For those who have not received The sacrament of Confirmation, please register at parish office. Classes will commence on 15 April 2018.
- ▶ **23/3 (Fri) @ 8 am -10 am- Church cleaning for Easter.** We Need volunteers to Help!