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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

B E D I S C I P L E S O F H O P E

Man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.

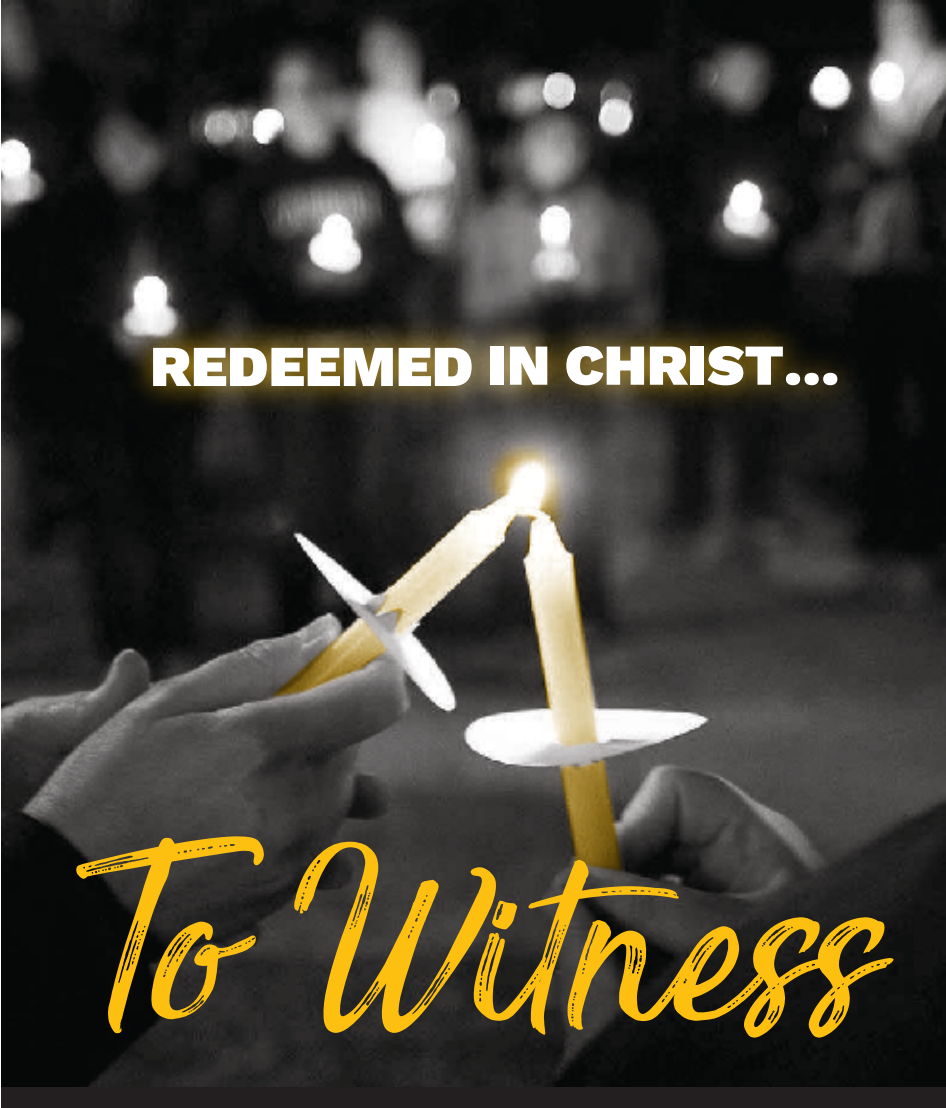
- Pope Paul VI

In this Sunday's gospel passage, we are presented the scene where Thomas, one of the apostles of Jesus, had doubts whether Jesus had risen from the dead and had appeared to the other disciples. Dubbed "Doubting Thomas" for his unbelief, Thomas is often portrayed in Christianity, as someone who lacks faith or who questions the tenets of faith. Yet, Thomas also represents those who seek clarity and truth in matters of the faith. In a world filled with views and opinions, which at times can obstruct or confuse believers, like Thomas, Christians have to critically and sincerely reflect on aspects of the faith. Faith and Reason do sometimes appear to collide.

We know that not every question related to faith can be answered by the use of reason or intellect only. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "... there are many obstacles which prevent reason from the effective and fruitful use of this inborn faculty (CCC, 37). Nevertheless, we have to use our God-given faculties of intellect and reason to seek the truth. When Thomas asked for evidence that Jesus has risen, Jesus himself, although rebuking Thomas for his unbelief, did not deny Thomas the evidence he was seeking. In fact Jesus helped Thomas believe and He helps us everyday, as we too make sense of all that is happening in our lives.

As a people baptised in this light, we are called to present evidence of who we are and what we believe, so that others may believe in Christ. We do this through our words and actions. We do this with our lives, no matter our station.

In the first reading, the early Christian community demonstrated evidence of its faith in the way its members shared their possessions and cared for one another. In second reading, John writes that the key evidence Christians can show that they love one another is by loving God and by obeying His commandments. In other words, as Christians, we have to "walk the talk". Today, everyone, especially young people, are looking out for role-models. They are seeking people who are unafraid to be authentic witnesses of the truth,... and of Jesus. The evidence we present them through our lives will depict whether we have truly been redeemed in Christ. †



REDEEMED IN CHRIST...

To Witness





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**DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.**  
 Hope : Redeemed in Christ (April) 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 07 – 15 APRIL 2018**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** : Ac 4, 32 – 35 Ps 117, 2-4 16ab 17-18, 22-24 , 1 Jn 5, 1-6 , Jn 20, 19 - 31  
*"Give Thanks To The Lord, For He Is Good, For His Love Has No End". (Psalm 117)*

Sat	07	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Joseph)	
Sun	08	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Sts. Joseph & Pio) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Stanislaus) 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 10.30 am : Forum : GE 14 at Visitation Hall. All are welcome
Mon	09	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Tues	10	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Wed	11	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga
Thur	12	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Fri	13	6.45 am	Eucharist	

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** : Ac 3, 13-15, 17-19 Ps 4, 2, 4, 6b-7, 9 1 Jn 2, 1-5a Jn 24, 35-48  
*"Lift Up The Light of Your Face On Us O Lord, Lift Up The Light of Your Face On Us O Lord" (Psalm 4)*

Sat	14	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Youth)	
Sun	15	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Ireaneus) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Francis) 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](mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com). You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

**Thank you** : BEC Jalan Tok Ungku for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
- Holy Thursday 29 Mar 2018 : RM8,516.50
  - Good Friday 30 Mar 2018 : RM7,811.90
  - Easter Vigil 31 Mar 2018 : RM10,437.20
  - Easter Sunday 01 April 2018 : RM13,623.20
- God Bless All Generous Donors**
- ii) There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Ministry of Social Concern this weekend 07/08 April 2018  
 God Bless All Generous Donors

**Pray for the Departed soul of :**  
 N. Xavier a/I Nayagam (d.o.d : 04/04/2018)  
 May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

- **Full Scholarship - SKM Tahap 3 (Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia) at Kolej JSJ, Seremban**  
 Accounting and Drafting Skills for SPM completed Joseph - 012-6129732
- **SPM School leavers - Assunta Hospital Full Scholarship.** Contact 03-78723078 or email : haspuniza@assunta.com.my
- iv) **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.
- v) Thank you to the **Liturgical team** and all who have one way or another given their support and help in the Holy Week. God Bless all.
- vi) Congratulations to all the **Newly Baptised** and thanks to all in the **RCIA team.**

- **WOW - "Walk ON Water"** a 48 hours reachout program for all. April 27<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 9.00 am - 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 9.00 am. (**Mathew 14 : 28**)  
 Peter : "Lord if it is You, Tell me to come to You across the water". Jesus said "COME". Like Peter, lets be courageous and faithful disciples to go out and reach out to all in the society today for JESUS, for Jesus who bids us to "COME"  
 27 Apr @ 8 pm : **Streets Feeding**  
 28 Apr @ 9 am : **Visiting Home Bound** and at 1 pm : Visiting poor Families with Bags of Joy. We welcome donations for Soup Kitchen and Bags of Joy. We need Volunteers for Soup Kitchen/ Drivers / Photographers/ Videographers in this entire programme.  
 Contact : Edwin Moo ( 012-2059809) Glenn : 010-2727169
- **MISSION MONTH** (Parish /BEC level) by Redemptorist Frs (16/4 - 20/5)  
**BEC Home Masses**
  - 16 Apr ((Mon) : BECs St. Cecilia (Z5) and St. Albert (Z1)
  - 17 Apr (Tue) : BECs St. Daniel (Z5) and St. Ambrose (Z3)
  - 18 Apr (Wed) : BECs St. Hilary 2 (Z3) and St. Aloysius (Z5)
  - 19 Apr (Thur) : BECs St. Basil (Z3) and Kem Sikamat (Z3)
  - 20 Apr (Fri) : BEC St. Margaret (Z1)
 Kindly contact the respective Zone Leaders for more details.
- **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** : Kindly return to Parish office or drop into the collection Bag.
- A very special **Souvenir Magazine & History 'CD'** in the making. Keep the team in prayer.
- **MAY - Month of Rosary**, all homes / BECs to be included in the BEC masses.
- **Visitation Parish Feast/Novena/170<sup>th</sup> Celebration** - (23/5 - 31/5/18)
- **Helping Hands** : Starting April 2018, we begin with subjects such as Sejarah (Form 5) and Mathematics (Form 3). We call for more students to join these classes. Please call Francis Jesu (012-2964336) or Hilary Sta Maria (019-6547347)
- **It's Election time again!** Lets pray for GE 14 and for better MALAYSIA ! We need to know , ask Questions, Be informed on GE 145, COME & LISTEN  
 ➔ **FORUM today 8/4/2018 @ Visitation (10.30 am)**
- **Migrants Easter Fellowship** (Sun)15/4/2018 @ 2 pm - 5 pm at Visitation Hall

**"HAPPY EASTER TO ALL"**