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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Let us learn to
live with
kindness, to
love everyone,
even when they
do not love us.

- Pope Francis

Occasionally, we meet acquaintances or friends who express doubt as to whether God loves them. Usually, uncertainties about God's love stems from the perception that God does not care for them or is not concerned about their needs. For example, a prayer or plea for a sick person or for financial needs may seem to have gone unanswered. Or a mishap or unfortunate event befalls the family. "Why me?" "Doesn't God care for me?" "Does God actually love me?" we ask.

The readings for this Sunday remind us that God simply does not think as we do. So God does not love as we humans imperfectly love. **God's perfect love is constant and unconditional.** How God expresses His love, however, is dependent upon His own will, wisdom and time. This can be seen in the highest expression of God's love for us, when He sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem the world by dying on the cross. What greater sacrifice or higher form of love can there be?

It is because God the Father loves us, that through Jesus, we are called the children of God, as written in the first letter of John. It is because God loves us that the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, when speaking of Jesus, says, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." It is because God loves us that Jesus himself says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep,"....for us!

In a world where the word 'love' has different meaning for different people, what is certain is that God loves us! If He did not, then He would not have sent Jesus to redeem us. Yes, we may wonder whether God loves us as we are look for certain pieces of a jig-saw puzzle which are missing in our lives. God sees and looks, however, beyond our 'missing' pieces' onto the complete picture. And because He loves us, His picture is more beautiful than we can ever imagine! †

Weekly
WORD

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REDEEMED IN CHRIST...

TO LOVE & BE LOVED



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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 21 – 29 APRIL 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : AC 4, 8-12, PS 117, 1 AND 8-9, 21-23, 25 AND 28-29 1 JN 3, 1.2, JN 10, 11-18
"The Stone Which The Builders Rejected Has Become The Corner Stone" (Psalm 117)

Sat	21	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Michael)	7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
Sun	22	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Sts. Titus & Angela) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. John Bosco) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.30 pm : 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
Mon	23	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	24	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Wed	25	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	26	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Fri	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Sacred Heart, Marjorie

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 9, 6-31 Ps 21, 26b -27, 28 30 ab 30c -32 1 Jn 3, 18-24 Jn 15-, 1-8
"You, Lord, Are My Praise In The Great Assembly. You, Lord, Are My Praise In The Great Assembly" (Psalm 21)

Sat	28	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. John Paul II)	
Sun	29	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. John Vianney) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. RE Form 3) 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 : Zone 15 BECs St. Michael and St. John Bosco (Both Seremban Jaya) for Mass Animation this weekend.

i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 14 / 15 April 2018 : 10,976.00
 God Bless All Generous Donors

ii) Collection this weekend 21/22 April is a special collection for Good Shepherd Sunday. God Bless All Generous Donors

iii) **Observe silence** inside the Church. No practice/reading allowed in between Sunday Masses. Always ensure **formal attire** while service and participating at mass.

iv) We call for those with **Sound Engineering, Audio video background** to help as members of Technical Team for the parish. Call Fr. George / Parish office. We thank Nedan and the team for their help and support given in the past.

v) **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)

vi) **We welcome Sr. Henrietta** in the I.J. Sisters Kg.Pasir. and Thank you **Sr. Josephine** who is retired and to reside at Cheras Convent. Keep her in prayer.

vii) **Ordination to the Priesthood** of Deacons Xavier Andrew, Simon Lau and Dominic Tan, 1st May 2018, @ 10.00 am Holy Family, Kajang.

viii) **Good Shepherd Sunday** - we pray for more vocation for priesthood and religious life. Light **a candle** and offer **a decade of rosary** at home

➤ **WOW - "Walk ON Water"** (Mathew 14 : 28) "Lord if it is You, Tell me to come to You across the water" a reachout program for all the poor and the needy.
 27 Apr (Fri) @ 8 pm : **Food preparation at canteen & Streets Feeding.**
 28 Apr @ (Sat) 7 am : **Outreach Begins:** Visiting Homebound and visit the Poor Families with Bags of Joy. We begin with breakfast/briefing and departure for Visits.
 We welcome **donations** for Soup Kitchen and Bags of Joy. Thank you for your support, we still need **Volunteers/helpers**. Kindly give your name this weekend after Masses.
 Contact : Edwin Moo (012-2059809) Glenn : 010-2727169

➤ **We welcome Redemptorist Frs** Patrick Massang (KL), Francis Vijayan (Spore), Eugene Lee (Spore), Joseph Abraham (India) and John Paul (India) for **"Parish Mission"** in our Parish 16/4 - 20 /5. Lets pray for them, for their ministry and a pleasant stay here.

BEC Home Masses Schedule

- a) 23 April (Mon) : St. Maria (Permai) ; BEC St. Anthony (Templer)
 St. Denis (Labu) ; BEC St. Patrick (Temiang) and
 St. Joseph Of Cupertino (Sikamat).
- b) 24 April (Tue) : Sts. Nicholas & Zaccchaeu (Temiang) ; St. Hilary 1 (Sikamat)
 St. Mary (Rasah) ; St. Raphael (Labu) ; St. Gregory (Permai)
- c) 25 April (Wed) : St. Joan (Rasah) ; St. Christopher (Rasah) ; St. Raymond (Temiang);
 St. Paul (Rasah) ; St. Leo (Permai)
- d) 26 April (Thur): St. George (Rasah) ; St. Theresa (Rasah) ; St. Robert (Thivy)
 St. Stephen (Thivy) ; St. Rose (Templer)
- e) 27 April (Fri) : St. Timothy (Thivy) ; St. Cecilia (Rasah Jaya) ; St. Claire (Rasah Jaya) ;
 St. Philip (Rasah Jaya)

Kindly contact the respective Zone/BEC Leaders for more details.

170th Anniversary **Cornerstone "Coffee Table" 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/170th Celebration - (23/5 - 31/5/18)

➤ **It's Election time again!** "A guide to Catholic voting" (see Herald Ppage - 4, - 22nd April 2018)

➤ Lets pray for GE 14 for a free and fair elections! 9th May 2018 (Wed) please check your current status at : <https://pengundi.spr.gov.org>
 Volunteers for **Polling agent** and **counting agent**, needed. Call En. Shafik (018-2801028 / 018-7772425) or Steven (012-6823777)

- All those from Sabah and Sarawak are to go back to **VOTE**, in case of any difficulties, to see parish priest.
- **Pray the Rosary** & offer up in daily prayer for GE 14.
- **Prayer Groups** T/E/M to hold special prayers. (Mon (E), Tue (M), Thur (T))
- **Special Fasting & prayer** on 4 to 5th May (Fri-Sat) for 24 hours Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for GE 14.