

In bringing about the redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the redemption. Thus, each man, in suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemption suffering of Christ.

- St. John Paul II

This week we see Peter as being portrayed with an exuberant confidence. He stands before the crowd to proclaim that the disciples (and he) had been with Jesus - and that they had witnessed Jesus' actions first-hand. He also recounts how Jesus was put to death, and that God has raised him from the dead. And now, the disciples of Jesus are following his command to preach his message. Our first Pope is boldly at work!

Contrast this with the earlier Gospel passages, we see a different Peter. When Mary Magdalene informs them that the Body of Jesus had been removed from the tomb, Peter rushes there with John. Upon reaching the entrance, John hesitates, but Peter, in his usual innocent brashness, enters the tomb. He looks around, sees the linen wrappings and the cloth that was on Jesus' head. John follows him in, and on seeing the same things, believed. However, "as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead." It seemed that for Peter, there was nothing to be excited about. So he did not see the urgency to go and share with the rest of the disciples what they had discovered. So picture this, John and Peter then meekly returned home!

We are shown two different sides of Peter. Peter who entered the tomb with confusion was not the same person as the 'chosen' Rock who addressed the crowd in Jerusalem. We are sometimes like Peter, unsure and confused when we are far from Jesus but steady and confident when we are with Christ. We must each ask, 'What can I do to become the renewed Peter'? Or even to challenge ourselves to ask **"How has my life changed this Easter?"** "In what way have I allowed the Lord to speak and touch me? Some may even be bolder still, "Why has there been no transformation or change in my life? St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that, because we are redeemed in Christ, we cannot remain the same. We have to "cleanse out the old leaven" so that we may have a "new lump..." Easter is meant to make a difference in our lives. We must remain true to our inner hearts and ask of ourselves, Are we making a difference in our lives and in the lives of people around us? †

Weekly WORD

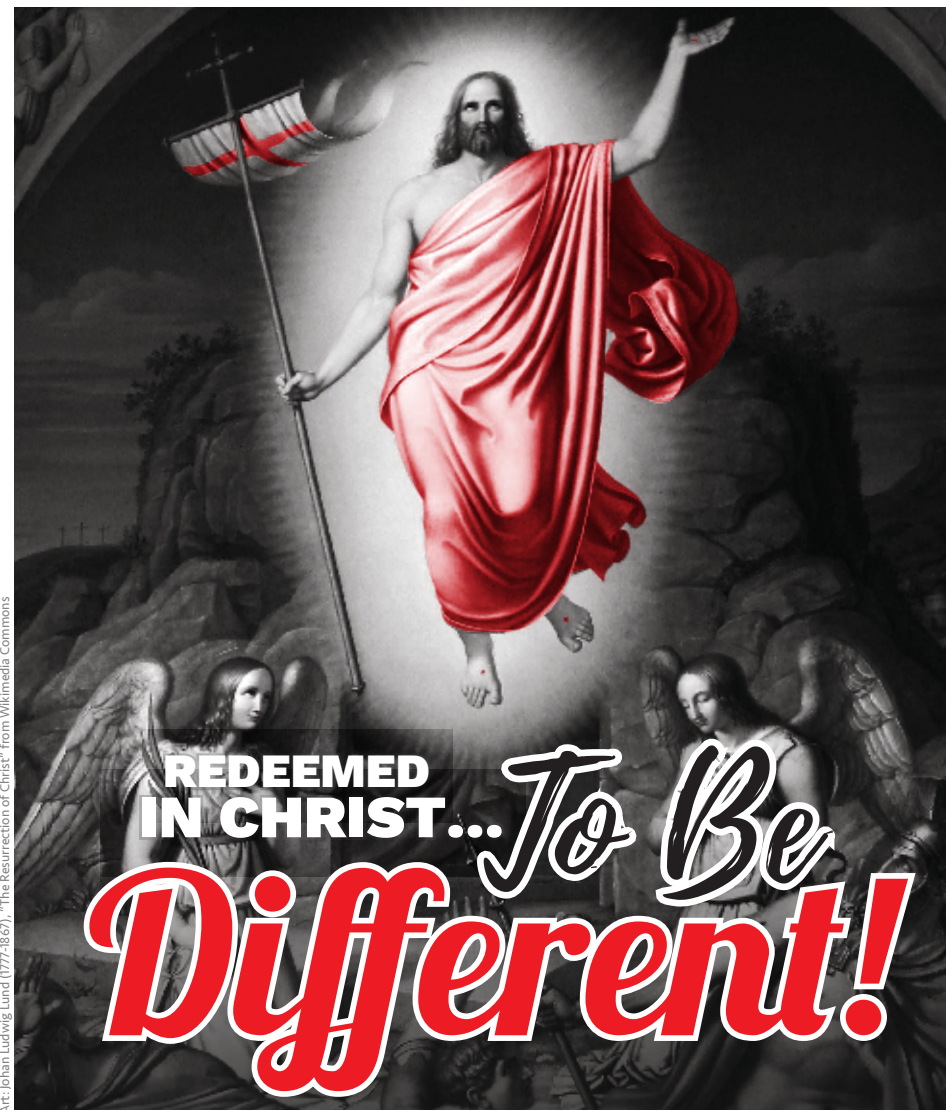
How has my life changed this Easter?

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

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





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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 31 MARCH – 08 APRIL 2018

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION : Ac 10, 34a, 37-43 Ps 117, 1-2, 16ab, 17, 22-33, Col 3, 1-4 Jn 20, 1-9
"This Day Was Made By The Lord; We Rejoice And Be Glad, Alleluia!". (Psalm 117)

Sat 31	EASTER VIGIL AND BAPTISM OF ADULTS FROM RCIA		
EASTER VIGIL	5.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (Mandarin)	8.30 pm : Titi (M)	
	8.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (Tamil)		
	11.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (English /BM)		
Sun 01 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY		
	7.00 am : Tamil (Mass of the Resurrection)	(Infant Baptism in Tamil & Eng Mass)	
	9.00 am : English (Mass of the Resurrection)		
	11.00 am : Mandarin (Mass of the Resurrection)		
	1.00 pm : Bahasa (Mass of the Resurrection)		
Mon 02	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Tues 03	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Wed 04	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Thur 05	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Fri 06	7.30 pm	Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (E) (1st Friday) Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) – Chapel Rahang	
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 <i>"Give Thanks To The Lord, For He Is Good, For His Love Has No End". (Psalm 117)</i>			
Sat 07	5.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction	
	6.00 pm	Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Joseph)	
Sun 08	7.00 am	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Sts. Joseph & Pio)	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C): 9-10.30 am : RE(E) & (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm
	9.00 am	Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Stanislaus)	RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm
	11.00 am	Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M)	RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M): 9.00 -10.30 am
	1.00 pm	Eucharist (BM)	

➤ Congratulations to all our **28 New Baptised** this Easter. We welcome and support them.

➤ **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** are available. Please make your Lenten Offerings. Return to Parish office or drop into the collection Bag.

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 (Fri) 9.00 am - 29th (Sun) 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"
- **Mission Month (Parish /O 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)

➤ **Full Scholarship - SKM Tahap 3 (Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia) at Kolej JSJ, Seremban**
 Accounting and Drafting Skills for SPM completed .
 Contact person : Joseph Rajen -012-6129732

➤ **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)

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 : Liturgical team for Mass Animation this weekend.

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 24 /25 Mar 2018 : RM12,670.55 Titi : RM91.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Collection for Ministry of Social Concern** suppose to be this weekend will be collected next weekend 7 & 8 April 2018
- 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.

iii) **Are we prepared for GE 14 ?**
 Come, listen, reflect and prepare at this special Forum on **8th April (Sunday) @ 10.30 am Church Hall**

iv) **SPM School leavers - Assunta Hospital Full Scholarship.** Contact 03-78723078 or email : haspuniza@assunta.com.my

v) **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.

vi) **Parish Office** will be closed for Good Friday / Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday - 30 March to 01 April 2018



Happy & Blessed Easter to All of You.
May the Risen Lord Bless all our Homes
and Bless us All with New Life and
Spirit in Him

