

Passion Week reminds us of “Suffering” (Greek meaning of Passion). We have all experienced some form of suffering in our lives. Have we stopped to ponder over the meaning of suffering? How do we usually deal with suffering? Do we long for someone to show us compassion, or have we experienced compassion during our suffering? Has our passion (suffering) informed and formed us spiritually? For example, has it given us “a well-trained tongue” so that we can, in turn, comfort “the weary” in their struggles, anxieties and afflictions? If yes, then we make good Servants of the Lord.

The beautiful poetic text of today’s first reading is one of four Servant Songs in Second Isaiah (Isaiah 40-55). Today being Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, the texts bear out the theme of righteous suffering; of being compassionate and caring, of how Jesus, though God, “emptied Himself” and taking the form of God’s Servant “humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Jesus could do this because the Holy Spirit was upon Him and empowered Him to pray and teach His followers to be strong and compassionate in times of adversity because the Father, through His Son’s Passion, fulfilled His willingness to redeem mankind. It is only fitting then that “God greatly exalted Him.” We are reminded again of God’s justification of such compassionate passion in Romans 8:33.

Indeed, the Christian meaning of suffering/passion culminates in the Gospel reading today. The nature of Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection is a key point in helping us to understand and internalise who He really was and is for us! Though the word PASSION in this context which ends with Jesus’ cruel crucifixion, sounds depressing and desolate, the very same word denotes meaningful compassion for mankind. It has not only lit our lives with hope, it has infused us with passion (devotion) for His mission on earth. So, as faithful servants of Christ, have we learned well enough that He loved us with a passion beyond compare? How then in turn, can we bear not to care? †

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25 March 2018
Palm Sunday of
The Lord’s Passion

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH



His
Compassion
for us is Borne Out
by His Passion



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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 THIS 24 MARCH – 01 APRIL 2018

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
"My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me ? .". (Psalm 21)

Sat	24	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Youth)	
Sun	25	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : RE- Form 1 & 2) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE- Form 2) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.30 pm : Kg. Sebir (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
Mon	26	8.00 pm : Eucharist (Mandarin and English) (Confessions available after Mass)		
Tues	27	8.00 pm : Eucharist (Tamil and English) (Confessions available after Mass)		
Wed	28	8.00 pm : Eucharist (BM and English) (Confessions available after Mass)		
Thur	29	HOLY THURSDAY	6.00 pm : Eucharist (Tamil and English)	8.00 pm : Eucharist (Eng / BM / Mand)
		Adoration till midnight at the Community Hall – Spend One Hour of Your Time		
Fri	30	GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am : Tamil	3.00 pm : Mand / English 8.00 pm : BM / English

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 50)

Sat 31	EASTER VIGIL AND BAPTISM OF ADULTS FROM RCIA			
EASTER VIGIL	5.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (Mandarin) 8.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (Tamil) 11.00 pm : Easter Vigil /Adult Baptism (English /BM)			
Sat 01 Apr	7.00 am : Tamil (Mass of the Resurrection) 9.00 am : English (Mass of the Resurrection) (Infant Baptism in all Masses) 11.00 am : Mandarin (Mass of the Resurrection) 1.00 pm : Bahasa (Mass of the Resurrection)			

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 : Parish Youth for Mass Animation this weekend.

i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 17/18 Mar 2018 : RM11,517.40
God Bless All Generous Donors

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

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Ashton Philip Peter (d.o.d : 19/03/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

iii) **Breakfast Sale** on 25/03/2018 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.

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

vii) **We welcome Mr. Moses Rajenthiran**, a newly joined staff as a Gardener & Maintenance worker

- **The Palm Sunday** is also the World Youth Day. Lets pray for all our Youth. Today we launch "**TAHUN BELIA**" at 9.00 am Mass. Please take a leaflet each. Next January 2019 will be World Youth Day (WYD) at Panama. Those interested may register with Glenn and team. Wishing all our Youth "**Happy Youth Day**"
- **Confessions for all** at weekend Masses & Mon - Wed (26/3 - 28/3) - 8.00 am - 10.00 am and 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm. Come BE RECONCILED this Lent.
- **Good Friday** : Way of the Cross & services
 - ~ Light a candle this Good Friday **Remembering Prisoners** . An Invitation to light a candle at home or wherever you are to remember the prisoners and say a prayer.
 - ~ Break your Fast after services . Lunch (12.00 noon) and some refreshments after 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm services. We welcome donations. Call parish office.
- **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** are available. Please make your Lenten Offerings. Return to Parish office or drop into the collection Bag.
- **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.
- **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**
 - ~ **Can We Give Back to God What He Has Given Us ?**
What will you do to look after our gift, our Home ?
 - ~ **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).....
- Lets keep all our **28 Catechumens** preparing for Sacrament of Christian Initiation this Easter
- **SPM School leavers - Assunta Hospital Full Scholarship.** Contact 03-78723078 or email : haspuniza@assunta.com.my
- **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.