

Christ is calling you, the church needs you, the Pope believes in you and he expects great things of you.

- Pope John Paul I

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, the word "abide" appears eight times. The word comes from the old English word 'a-bid', which means: 'await', 'remain', 'lodge', 'sojourn', 'dwell', 'continue' and 'endure.' It also means: "to put with", "to wait patiently", "to remain in place", "to continue to exist", "to conform", "to comply", "to reside", "to remain faithful", "to sustain" and "without yielding".

Every interpretation seems to indicate that the word 'abide' is connected to something that is strong, fixed, firm, enduring, permanent, existing and rooted in place. It cannot be easily moved or shaken. Therefore, when Jesus says "Abide in me", he speaks about a relationship that is bound so tightly, strong and unyielding, that regardless the circumstances and challenges of life, it endures.

It means that if we settle for a superficial relationship with Jesus, in a way, we become less than useful disciples of Jesus. As Jesus says, "Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire and burnt." Here, Jesus is referring to the practice of wine-growers who prune or cut off the weaker branches, so that the vine, the most important part of the plant, becomes strong, healthy and productive. In other words, branches with 'weak' connections to the vine are removed.

"What type of relationship do I have with Jesus?" "Is it one that is strong, firm and fixed on him regardless the circumstances of life?" If yes, then God will prune you to become stronger, firmer and more enduring in your discipleship. However, if your relationship is dependent on your emotions, feelings and moods, and you find yourself not trusting him when times are tough, then your discipleship to Jesus may be weak and fragile.

God wants us to become healthy and productive branches, joined closely and firmly with Jesus. We are reminded that it is not enough for us to be a Christian in name only, but that we must 'abide' in Jesus and allow Jesus to 'abide in us'. We have to become so fixed to him that nothing or no one can shake, break or separate us from his everlasting love. So with this reasoning and understanding, **"do you truly abide in Jesus?"** †

Weekly
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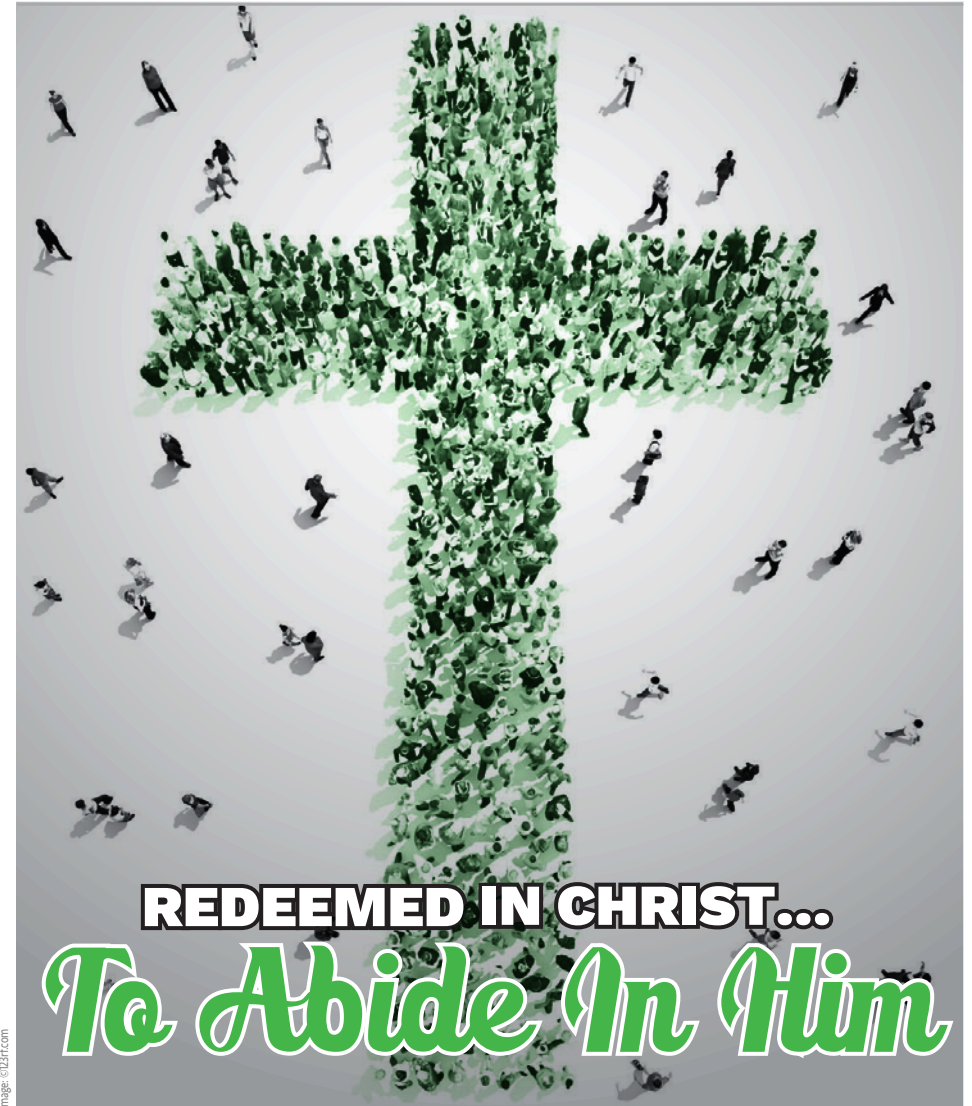
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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To Abide In Him



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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
 Hope : Family powered in Christ (May) 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 28 APRIL – 06 MAY 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 9, 26-31 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
Mon	30	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	01	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Wed	02	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	03	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Fri	04	No Morning Mass		7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (E) 1ST Friday

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48 Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4 1 Jn 4, 7-10 Jn 15, 9-17

"The Lord has Shown his salvation to the nations. The Lord has Shown his salvation to the nations." (Psalm 97)

Sat	05	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 1)	
Sun	06	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Maria) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. St. Bruno 2) 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 : BEC St. John Paul II (Seremban 2) and RE Form 3 for Mass Animation this weekend.

i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 21 / 22 April 2018 : RM11,154.10, Titi : RM 47.00
God Bless All Generous Donors

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

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 Anthonisamy a/I Selvam (d.o.d : 22/04/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

- **"Pump up de' Jam !"** A special formation for all Youths of Visitation. Sun 6/5/18 @ 4 pm - 7pm (by Frs. Pat M & Eugene Lee)
- A big Thank you to all who assisted & helped in cash/donations/ kindness for the success of **WOW Walk On Water** project (27-28th April 2018).
- **"Why me Lord? Discover the Joy of Discipleship"** Calling **all Leaders of the Parish**, BEC/Zone/Ministries are to be present for the special formation by CSSR Frs. Sat 5/5/18 @ 9 am - 1 pm (E/BM/T/M) - at Visitation Hall.
- 8/5/18 (Tues) @ 4 pm for **all Legionaries E&T "Mary - Perfect example of Discipleship"**. On 6/5/18 for (M) Legionaries.
- **2nd & 3rd Week of May, Special visits to the sick / home bound**, by our Redemptorist Frs. parish office will notify soon.

PARISH MISSION

➤ **BEC Home Masses Schedule**

- a) 30 April (Mon) : St. Anne (Rasah Jaya) ; St. Bernard (Rasah Jaya) St. David (Mambau, S3, PD Toll); St. Matthias 2 (TTJ)
- b) 01 May (Tue) : St. John Vianney (Mambau, S3); St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mambau, S3) St. Faustina (Mambau, S3,) ; St. Dominic (Mambau, S3, PD Toll)
- c) 02 May (Wed) : St. Justin (Sbn Jaya); St. Joseph (Jln Tok Ungku); St. Titus (Rahang); St. Martin (Jln Tok Ungku)
- d) 03 May (Thur): St. Angela (Rahang) ; St. Stanislaus (Jln Tok Ungku) ; St. Peter (Jln Tok Ungku); St. Francis (Forest Heights)
- e) 04 May (Fri) : St. Michael (Forest Heights) ; St. Magdalene (Forest Heights) ; St. Henry (Forest Heights) ; St. Clement & St. Cyril (Senawang)

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. You may make a pre order now. Call Jerome :019 790 8071
- **It's Election time again !** "A guide to Catholic voting" (see Herald page - 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>
- **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, At the Bible Hall (Fri 6.00pm - Sat 6.00pm). Kindly take a slot (1hr) for adoration. All Ministries / Groups / Individuals are encouraged. Please give names & take a slot after the masses today!
- Sat 12/5/18 @ 10 am - 4 pm for **all "Family Life"** (E/Bm/M). For Tamil will be on 6/5/18 @ 2 pm **"May They be One"** (Jn 17:21).
- Sun 13/5/18 @ 5 pm an evening with **VSPF members** at Visitation Cafeteria.
- Sat 19/5/18 @ 9 am - 1 pm **"Do this in memory of me"** (Lk 22:19) for **all Eucharistic Ministers** (E/BM/T/M).
- Sat 19/5/18 @ 8 pm till midnight **"Pentecost Vigil"** for all (E/T/M).