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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONTHLY THEME:

I BECOME ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Hope in the Sheep Hearing the Shepherd's Voice

Ever have this euphoric feeling when you successfully accomplished something?

Last Sunday we read in Mark's Gospel about Jesus instructing *The Twelve* and sending them off for mission. Today, we read of their returning with hearts oozing with excitement. They must



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- St. Benedict

be euphoric. They did what their Master was doing! It was an opportune time for some of them to shine, and to advance their status among their peers.

Mark's gospel does not reveal that Jesus entertained them by listening to their tales. Rather, Jesus told them to '*come away by themselves to a deserted place and rest a while.*' That was what he would do each time after an encounter with the people: to go away to a lonely place to pray.

What is the Lord teaching us in this one line? Somehow the word *equilibrium* comes to mind. Seems to be an elusive word as we succumb to the busyness of life. The flurry of activities of *The Twelve*, done without the Shepherd in sight may mean that if left further on their own, they could reduce all that they were doing to mere activities. This somehow reflects the tensions of dedicated lay leaders who love the Church and faithfully serve in ministries, but face burnout because they lost the *equilibrium*. **One must listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd** to continue to be effective.

Today, Jesus also teaches about *availability*. In Mark's gospel 6:30-34, while Jesus and his disciples crossed the lake in a boat, the people hurried by foot and when he stepped ashore, he was faced by the multitudes. What did Jesus do? He made himself available for '*they were like sheep without a Shepherd.*'

Jesus may have plans to bring his disciples to a lonely place to be by themselves but given a particular situation, Jesus is teaching us to sense the needs of the people we serve. In Pope Francis' words, *to smell like the sheep!* Jesus' heart was moved with compassion and he reached out.

The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want. As disciples of hope, let us learn to keep the *equilibrium* by staying close to the Good Shepherd in order to listen to his voice. †

Weekly
WORD

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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : I Become All Things in Christ (July) 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 JULY 2018

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Jer 23, 1-6 Ps 22, 1-3a ,3b -4, 5, 6 Eph2, 13-18, Mk6, 30-34
"The Lord Is My Shepherd , There Is Nothing I Shall Want." (Psalm 22)

Sat	21	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE- Form 3)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5) Confirmation Mass
Sun	22	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation :) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Gregory) Eucharist (C)) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 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) : 8.45 am -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	7.45 pm : BECCOT Gathering
Thur	26	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Sacred Heart, Marjorie.
Fri	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	

17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 2 Kgs 4, 42-44 Ps 144, 10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4, 1-6, In 6, 1-15
"You Open Wide Your Hand, O Lord, And Grant Our Desires (Psalm 144)

Sat	28	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Leo)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5)
Sun	29	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation :) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Denis) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (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) : 8.45 -10.15 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.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR JULY 2018

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
14/15 July : RM9,313.50
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Holy Eucharist :** All who come forward to receive the Eucharist to say Amen clearly
And consume it straight away.
- iii) **Take Care of Church Properties** (e.g. LCD, tables, chairs etc) taken for use, to be returned to its original place. Kindly be responsible.

Wedding Bells :
Zeno Jerome & Hevareena on 28/07/18 @ 11.00 am

➤ **Parish based all Ministries/ Apostolates** are to discuss and update plans & Budgets / finance with the Parish Priest. Please update your Events, guest speakers and request of premises & Av items at least 1 month before the event. Thanks for your consideration.

➤ **2018 / 2019 RCIA** classes will commence on 08th July. Kindly reach- out to those who are interested to follow Jesus today! Let's encourage a friend to sign up today.
 Call Leo : 013-3977639 or parish office
Mandarin : 8.45 am - 10.15 am - Hall upstairs
Tamil : 9.00 am - 10.30 am - Hall upstairs
English : 11.00 am - 12.30 pm - Bible Hall
BM : 11.00 am -12.30 pm - Hall upstairs

Thank you for Mass Animation : RE- Eng (Form 3) and BEC St. Gregory (Permai) for this weekend.

- **170th Anniversary Cornerstone "Coffee Table" Book.**
The Books are available now. Grab your copy NOW after all Masses at the 3 points setup outside. RM40/- per copy. Would like to sponsor a copy for a PRIEST ?. Pick a priest from the namelist and write a message on it. Please see the volunteers at the Sales points. **All BECs /Zones, Chapels, Ministries, every family in the parish is encouraged to buy a copy.**
 - Lets pray for all **88 Confirmands**. Confirmation Mass : 21/7/18 (Sat) @ 6.00 pm
 - Let's make time for **BEC monthly gathering**. "I became All things in Christ". We read the Bible, Reflect, Live & reachout to all in the Peripheries.
 - **Hymns, Hospitality & Homily** → Food for the Soul & Mission in the Parish today! Let's Pray & Bring the BEST for the Parish Community
 - **Evening for Couples** is a 1 day Enrichment Programme for all married couples has been postponed to a later date. Date will be made known soon.
 - **Soup Kitchen** now headed by Anne Retnam and the Team. We thank Stephen Dionisappu for leading this team for the last 2 years. We need volunteers to come to help around and visit the visitors during meals. Call Anne - 017-8758868
 - **Eulogy :** If there is a need - "**Eulogy**" is prepared and delivered in praise of the deceased at end of the Funeral Mass by a member of the family. Kindly ensure that it is written in an A4 size paper (limit to just one page) & notify the parish office. **NO** last minute notification please.
 - **2018 Choice Weekend Programme:**
 - (i) Tamil at Visitation : 24 (Fri) to 26 (Sun) August 2018
Contact : Raymond - 016-6894257
 - (ii) Choice English (APC) : 5th (Fri) to 07th (Sun) October 2018
Contact : choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com
 - **006 weeks**
 - a) English CMPC
 - b) Tamil CMPC
 - c) Mandarin CMPC
- } commence on 1st September 2018
- Kindly see the Parish Priest. For more info contact the parish office.