

Love God,  
serve God;  
everything  
is in that.

- St. Clare of Assisi

she will help to pair her with the right man. The priest then told her to pray this prayer: 'St Anne, St Anne, find me a man, as soon as you can.'

This could be your story too. Countless childless couples and singles have their prayers answered because of the powerful intercessor in St Anne, whose feast we celebrate on 26th July annually.

Devotions, also known as popular piety is age old. Pope Francis in one of his homilies says, 'Popular piety is a road which leads to what is essential, if it is lived in the church in profound communion with your pastors.' The Holy Father dedicated two paragraphs of his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* to this. Paragraph 123 states:

*'Popular piety enables us to see how the faith, once received, becomes embodied in a culture and is constantly passed on.'*

How can we tie in today's readings into the context of popular piety? The first reading and gospel text *speak of the feeding of the multitudes*. What captures the imagination is the response of the people who were asked to feed the crowd with the little that they had. Elisha's servant objected so also the disciples of Jesus, with Philip leaning on his own logic.

It is when all logic fails that we turn to a certain saint or the Blessed Virgin Mary and beg for intercessions. This thus, 'manifests a thirst for God which only the poor and simple can know' and that 'it makes people capable of generosity and sacrifices even to the point of heroism, when it is a question of bearing witness to belief.' (Pope Francis in quoting Pope Paul IV in EG 123)

**Miracles never cease even till today** as we remember St Anne on her feast day and of the astonishing stories told because of her powerful intercession. †

Weekly  
WORD  
Miracles never cease  
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH    17th 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**

## Popular Piety As An Expression of Hope



A woman confessed to the priest in the confessional that she had anxieties and worries about whether she would ever get married and have children. She confessed that she did not trust God fully. For her penance, the priest advised her to pray to two saints for their intercessions:

Firstly to St Joseph that he will help to make her future husband a good, strong, God-fearing man. Secondly to St Anne, that



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**DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.**  
**Hope : Be Not Afraid, We belong to Christ with Mary**  
**(August) 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 JULY – 05 AUGUST 2018**

**17<sup>th</sup> 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 : Liturgy) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Denis) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes 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	30	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	31	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Wed	01	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	02	6.45 am	Eucharist	<b>7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel St. Paul the Hermit, Rahang</b>
Fri	03		<b>No Morning Mass</b>	<b>7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)</b>

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME :** Ex 16, 2-4, 12-15 Ps 77, 3 and 4bc, 23-24, 25 and 54, Eph 4, 17, 20-24  
*"The Lord Gave Them Bread From Heaven, The Lord Gave Them Bread From Heaven" (Psalm 77)*

Sat	04	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	05	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Youth) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Denis) 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) : 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](mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com). You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

**NEWS / EVENTS FOR JULY 2018**

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**  
21/22 July : RM9,449.75  
**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) **Visitation Migrants Breakfast Sale**  
Date : 12 August 2018  
Time : 7.30 am - 12.00 pm

**Pray for the Departed souls of :**

- a) Andrew Pulavadaran s/o Pulavadaran (d.o.d : 21/07/18)
- b) Agnes a/p Arumugam (d.o.d : 25/7/18)  
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

➤ **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 **08<sup>th</sup> 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 :** BEC St. Leo (Permai) and BEC St. Denis (Labu) for this weekend.

➤ **170<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Parishioners are encouraged to help take a bundle (5 books) to be sold outside. You may **pay or later**. Please see the counter **at the grotto**.

➤ **Ministry of the Poor** - ("A Church of the Poor for the Poor" -Pope Francis). This is a new Ministry to be launched to cater for the poor and needy of the parish. More info coming up soon. Donations are welcome. We are also looking for someone who would like to give away a vacant house for the purpose serving the poor. Kindly notify the parish office.

➤ **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

➤ **Making a Logo for St. Mary Kindergarten**, Jalan Lee Sam. We call on all catechism children to design a logo for this kindergarten, which carries the values of Education, Love and Peace. (Gaudium - Caritas - Scientia). Winners will be awarded. More info coming up.

➤ **2018 Choice Weekend Programme:**

- (i) **Tamil at Visitation** : 24 (Fri) to 26 (Sun) August 2018  
Contact : Raymond - 016-6894257
- (ii) **Choice English (APC)** : 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) to 07<sup>th</sup> (Sun) October 2018  
Contact : [choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com)

➤ **Visitation Catholic Marriage Preparation Course (CMPC) (6 weeks)**

- a) English CMPC
  - b) Tamil CMPC
  - c) Mandarin CMPC
- } commence on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Kindly see the Parish Priest. For more info contact the parish office.