

**Do not be afraid.
Open wide the doors to Christ.**

- St. John Paul II

In today's first reading, the reader is invited by Lady Wisdom to a banquet. She sits by the road and calls people to enter her house of seven pillars, which are her teachings as found in chapters 2 to 7 in the Book of Proverbs. By her invitation, she offers the rich reward of life. However, not everyone will accept it. Many will prefer the invitation of Folly, who offers the lure of quick pleasure, but which turns into poison and brings death.

In his letter, Paul reminds the Ephesians that once they were in darkness without Christ. Now, as people in the Lord, they have become light. Their identity as children of the light requires them to live in a different way from others, and not as the foolish do. Drunkenness with wine is to be avoided because it prevents one from discerning. Instead, Paul invites his readers to be filled up with the Holy Spirit, and to constantly thank God in the name of Jesus Christ. However, not every Christian in Ephesus would have accepted Paul's invitation.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites the Jews of his time to a banquet as well. In this case, however, Jesus himself is the food of the banquet. He is first of all, the giver of the bread. He is also the bread of wisdom and revelation who nourishes everyone who comes to him. Finally, he is Eucharistic source of eternal life for all who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the glorified Son of Man. However, not everyone will accept this invitation. Many will prefer to turn away from him.

God constantly invites us to **"taste and see that the Lord is good"**. The choice as to whether we accept His invitation is up to us. May we, like Mary, who accepted God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus with all its risks, challenges and opportunities, say "yes" to his invitation every moment of our lives! †

**Weekly
WORD**

**"Taste and see
that the Lord
is good."**

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONTHLY THEME:

BE NOT AFRAID. WE BELONG TO CHRIST WITH MARY



INVITATION
You Are Invited

Being invited to a meal is a common occurrence for most of us. Being invited to a banquet, especially if it is paid for by another person, is an especially delightful experience, is it not?



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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 18 - 26 AUGUST 2018

20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Prov 9, 1-6 Ps 33, 2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Eph 5, 15-20 Jn 6, 51-58
"Taste And See The Lord Is Good. Taste And See The Lord Is Good" (Psalm 33)

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| Sat | 18 | 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Cecilia) | Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5) 7.00 pm : Infant Baptism |
| Sun | 19 | 7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm | Eucharist (T) (Animation : OLL, Sagga) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Daniel) Eucharist (C) No BM Mass in Church | 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 - 10.15 am Hari Orang Asal Sedunia 2018 at Kg Sebir : 8.00 am - 4.00 pm (Mass at 1.00 pm) |
| Mon | 20 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | <i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.</i> |
| Tues | 21 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | 7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong |
| Wed | 22 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | |
| Thur | 23 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | <i>Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.</i> |
| Fri | 24 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | 7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Sacred Heart, Marjorie |

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Josh 24, 1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 33, 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21,22-23 Eph 5, 21-32 Jn 6, 60-69
"Taste And See The Lord Is Good. Taste And See The Lord Is Good" (Psalm 33)

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| Sat | Aug | 25 | 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Joan) | Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5) 10.00 am : Special Children Baptism |
| Sun | | 26 | 7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm | Eucharist (T) (Animation : Liturgy) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Christopher) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M)(Feast) 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 -10.15 am Feast of Chapel St. Augustine, Titi : 4.30 pm (M) |

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 AUGUST 2018

- i) Parish Weekend Collections :**
11 / 12 August : RM10,097.40
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) Visitation Music Ministry** invites parishioners to come join the Sunday Choir. Contact Susanne – 017-8846604
- iii) Blood Donation Campaign**
Place : Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong
Time : 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Contact : Christopher : 010-2312582

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 Anto Fideles (d.o.d : 14/08/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

- **Funeral & Burial in Sikamat Cemetery**
 - In the event of death of a Catholic of the parish of Visitation, the funeral service in the Church is to be requested by family members. Undertakers are not entertained.
 - Burial ground/plot at Sikamat Cemetery are requested by family at MPS for approval. As there is a shortage of burial plot, a reference letter to MPS for the request will be issued by the Church (parish priest).
 - At times, when MPS is closed on weekends or public holidays or parish office is closed, please contact Mr. T. Xavier (012-6800016).
- **Mega Indian Food & Fun Fair 2018** - A community Fund Raising Project by Malaysia Hindu Sasngam
 Date : 26 Aug 2018 @ 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
 Venue : NSK Trade City Seremban 2, Please support by buying coupons today

Thank you for Mass Animation : BEC St. Cecilia (Rasah) and St. Daniel (Rasah) for this weekend.

- 170th Anniversary **Cornerstone "Coffee Table" Book** .- RM40/- per book. 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. For further info call Stephen Dionisappu (016-6110681)
- **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. Please get the application form from the parish office today! (Closing date : 16/9/2018)
- **Sambutan Hari Orang Asal Sedunia 2018 (Sabah/Sarawak/ Orang Asli) (World day of Indigenous)**. Sun 19 August @ 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at Chapel Cahaya Kristus, Kg. Sebir 1.00 pm : Mass (BM) (Lots of Games / Exhibitions / Performances / Food)
- **PMEIA Induction Programme** for all parishioners, an introduction on Interfaith Dialogue & Ecumenical : 22/8/18 (Wed) (public holiday) - 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Open for registration - Call Christopher K. (019-6216194) . Negeri District level, RM10.00 per person. Calling all Leaders and all young people to join this programme.

- **Feast of Chapel St. Augustine, Titi** : 26 Aug (Sun) @ 4.30 pm
- **Special Baptism for all RE Children** : 25/8/18 @ 10.00 am
- **Home Visits By Frs** - Month of August - Zone 13 Senawang & Zone 14 TTJ (Leaders will be notified.)
- **Gadong Feast - Chapel Velangkanno** : 7 - 9 Sept. 2018.
 7/9 (Fri) - 7.00 pm : Rosary/Holy Hour/Flag Raising/Mass
 8/9 (Sat) - 6.00 pm : Rosary/ Eucharist/ Procession / Benediction
 9/9 (Sun) - 10.30 am Feast Mass
- Invitation to **F.I.R.E Conference 2018** organised by SFX CCR
 Date : 31 Aug to 02Sept 2018 : Contact : Paul - 018-2103908 / Audrey - 016-3376120
- **Choice English (APC)**: 5th (Fri) to 07th (Sun) Oct 2018 - choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com
- **Merdeka Mass : 31 August (Fri)** : 8.30 am Rosary & Novena followed by Mass at, 9.00 am