

We will either accuse ourselves or excuse ourselves.
- St. John Vianney

will serve the Lord because of all that the Lord has done for them. In response to the warning of Joshua about the implications of disloyalty, the people affirm their commitment, and profess their willingness to serve the Lord.

In the Gospel passage, the followers of Jesus, are challenged to make a choice. It is a moment of crisis of faith for many of them, that is, whether to accept Jesus as the sacramental bread of life. To this is added another claim by Jesus deemed scandalous to some of the Jews, that is, Jesus will “ascend to where he was before”. In response to Jesus’ claims, there are two types of reaction. Peter represents one. He choose to take a risk by opening himself to Jesus, the Word whom he believes gives eternal life. The other is represented by those who choose to leave Jesus. They are not prepared to follow him because they are not willing to be open to his message.

A married couple has to make choices too. The choices they make and the manner these choices are made by them will play a role in determining whether they grow closer to one another or grow apart from each other. Just as a husband is linked to his wife and vice versa, as Christians, **we are connected to Jesus in an intimate way.** The choices we make in our daily lives may draw us closer to Jesus or lead us further away from him. Mary, our Blessed Mother, chose to obey God throughout her life. May we learn from her! †

Weekly
WORD
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 21st 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

CHOICES TO BE MADE

In today’s readings, we find that people are being asked to make choices. Joshua gathers all the tribes of Israel at Shechem in order to address them. Then, he challenges the people to make a choice: “decide who you will serve”. The people respond that they



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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
 Hope : Respecting others and befriending the
 world in Christ (September) 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 25 AUGUST - 02 SEPTEMBER 2018

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)

Sat	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)
Sun	26	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Liturgy) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Christopher) Eucharist M) 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 am - 10.15 am Feast of Chapel St. Augustine, Titi : 4.30 pm (M)
Mon	27	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	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song</i>
Wed	29	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	30	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	31			Merdeka Mass : 8.30 am : Rosary & Novena followed by Mass at 9.00 am.

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Deut 4, 1-2, 6b-8 Ps14, 2-3ab, 3cd-4ab, 5 Jm 1, 17-18, 21b -22, 27 MK7, 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
"Lord Who Shall Be Admitted To Your Tent? Lord Who Shall Be Admitted To Your Tent?" (Psalm 14)

Sat	01	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Mary)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5)
Sun	02	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Choir) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE-Form 1) 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 aserembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2018

- i) Parish Weekend Collections :**
 - a) 18 / 19 August : RM8,429.85
 - b) Assumpt BVM 15/8 : RM2,928.95 Titi : RM79.00**God Bless All Generous Donors**
- ii) Visitation Music Ministry** invites parishioners to come join the Sunday Choir. Contact Susanne – 017-8846604
- iv) Blood Donation Campaign**
 Place : Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong
 Date/ Time : 02 Sept 2018 @ 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 Peter George Arokiasamy (d.o.d : 19/08/2018)
 Sandia a/l Perianayagam (d.o.d.:24/08/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

- **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).
- A book Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis - **Rejoice and Be Glad** (Gaudete et Exsultate) is on sale at RM3.00. Get a copy each.

Wedding Bells :
 Daniel & Hamsavalli on 01/09/18 @ 3.30 pm

Thank you for Mass Animation : BEC St. Joan (Rasah) and St. Christopher (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)
- **FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS : "Make Your Money Work For You- Be Smart"** - Money matters ! Be informed on all that matters, your Life, Career and Future. Calling all youths & working adults to register. Call Glenn -010-2727169
 Date / Time : 08 Sept 2018 (Sat) @ 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
 Venue : Visitation Bible Hall
- **BECCOT Gathering @ 8.00 pm sharp.** All BECs must be represented. Heads and teams to be present.

- **Home Visits By Frs** - Month of August - Zone 13 Senawang & Zone 14 TTJ (28 & 29 August 2018)
- There will be a **2nd collection on 8th & 9th September** for the natural disaster of Kerala.
- **Gadong Feast - Chapel Velangkanni :** 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 02 Sept 2018 : Contact : Paul - 018-2103908 / Audrey - 016-3376120
- **Choice English (APC):** 5th (Fri) to 07th (Sun) Oct 2018 - choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com
- **Fr. George** will be on leave 31/8 - 04/9/18
- **Frs on Retreat :** Fr. George Harrison - 18-21 September
 Fr. Xavier Andrew - 23-28 September 2018