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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONTHLY THEME:

**RESPECTING OTHERS AND BEFRIENDING THE WORLD
IN CHRIST**



To Welcome
The Migrant In Our Midst

Welcoming the stranger or migrant in our midst is a fundamental and NOT an optional or a lesser teaching of the church! A university professor once asked his students, "How do you like it if I help you to pass your exams with flying colours, by giving you the exam question in advance?" Amidst cheers, he then added, "Do you know that

Whenever we welcome the poor in our midst, we are but welcoming Christ Himself in all his distressing disguises.

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

Christ had already helped us pass this exam called LIFE, when he gave us our exam question in advance?": Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, **welcome the stranger**, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison. Pope Francis said that, "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the rejected strangers of every age" (Mt 25:35,43)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God has a special love for the poor. *God has chosen the poor of this world to receive the riches of faith and to inherit the Kingdom* (James 2: 1-5). As believers, we are all invited to share God's deep love for the poor. Our good intentions to help must be translated into concrete and loving actions. For example, Jesus did not just say to the deaf man, "It is ok, I will pray for you." On the other hand, Jesus took swift actions. He healed the deaf man with his spittle by taking him aside, put his fingers into the man's ears. (Mark 7:31-37).

How can we, then translate our love of God into action, by identifying with the vulnerable situation of our migrant brothers and sisters and welcome them warmly in our hearts, homes, parish communities and society? Can we perhaps say Hello to a migrant in their native language when we meet them in the neighbourhood or parish? (e.g. greet Mingalabar to a Myanmar, Namaste to a Nepalese, Salam to a Bangladeshi/Pakistani migrant etc.) Instead of shouting for their attention, can we greet a service provider with respect and address them politely by name? Can we spend time to listen to their stories, get to know their joys, concerns and challenges and offer them a helping hand, individually or collectively in our BEC or parish family, should the need arise. †

Weekly
WORD

Welcome the
stranger.



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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 08 - 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Is 35, 4-7a Ps 145 , 6c – 7, 8-9a, 9bc – 10 Jm 2, 1-5 Mk 7, 31-37
“My Soul, Give Praise To The Lord, My Soul, Give Praise To The Lord” (Psalm 145)

Sat	08	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Robert)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5) Gadong Feast : 6.00 pm : Rosary/Eucharist/Procession/ Benediction
Sun	09	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : EOM) Eucharist (E) (Animation: Youth) Eucharist M 4.30 pm : Titl (M) Eucharist (BM)	RE - No Classes RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA (M) : No Class Gadong Feast : 10.30 am : Feast Mass
Mon	10	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song.
Tues	11	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	12	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	13	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	14	6.45 am	Eucharist	

24RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Is 50, 5-9a, Ps 114, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jm 2, 14-18 Mk 8, 27-35
“I Will Walk In The Presence Of The Lord, In The Land Of The Living” (Psalm 114)

Sat	15	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Stephen)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5)
Sun	16	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Fmly Life Min) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Re- Form 2) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	RE - No Classes RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : No Class

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 SEPTEMBER 2018

- i) Parish Weekend Collections :**
 a) 01 / 02 September : RM9,920.20
 b) Min. of Social Concern : RM6,537.20
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) There will be a 2nd Collection for Natural Disaster of Kerala this weekend 08/09 September 2018**
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- Pray for the Departed souls of :**
 a) Benedict Jacob (d.o.d : 03/09/18)
 b) Tan Sri Gregory Chan Choon Tak (d.o.d : 03/09/18)
 c) Jenny Kat Siew Chin (d.o.d : 04/09/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

- **Sisters from Little Sisters of the Poor (LSP)** will be in our parish on 22 / 23 September to do their collections in aids for the Home of the Elderly. Kindly support them.
- **Any Plans for Marriage ?** First, Fill up your personal particulars at parish office and meet the parish priest (at least 1 year before Marriage)
- **CLEANLINESS OF CHURCH AND SURROUNDINGS.** Nailing on walls, stickers, glue etc are not permitted. ALWAYS ENSURE House of God is well maintained and looked after by ALL
- **Proper Attire at Mass** – all parishioners, leaders, all serving at Mass to ensure proper attire, neat & fitting for Eucharistic Celebrations

Wedding Bells :
 Gino Herrera & Sarah Abigail on 15/09/18 @ 11.00 am
 Low Eng Keong & Chew Ronnie on 15 /09/2018 @ 3.30 pm

Thank you for Mass Animation : BEC St. Robert (Thivy) and Youth for this weekend.

- **“UNITY WALK”** for all faiths in conjunction of Hari Malaysia 2018. PMEIA of Visitation with MCCBCHST of NS is organizing with the support of Negeri Exco YB Arul and Jabatan Perpaduan Negara, Negeri Sembilan. All are invited for this walk. (Sat. 22/9/18 @ 7.45 am at Lake Garden, Seremban, Contact : Christopher Krishnan - 019 6216194. Registration only on 8/9 Sept)
- **Ministry of the Poor** - (“A Church of the Poor for the Poor” -Pope Francis). **MOP** - Ministry of the Poor
 - Launching and Blessing for the team members on 22/23rd September
 - Medical Camp on 14th October 2018
 - Spiritual Talk on the “Church of the Poor” by Rev. Fr. Xavier on 3rd Nov for all parishioners
 - World Day of the Poor (18/11/2018)
 For further info call Stephen Dionisappu (016-6110681)
- **Making a Logo for St. Mary Kindergarten**, Jalan Lee Sam. All forms taken for the competition, kindly return to the parish office by 16 September 2018.
- **15 Sept 2018 (Sat) : Prayer for the Nation Malaysia (Hari Malaysia)** at the New Calvary Church at Bukit Jallil @ 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. All are welcome.
- **JPII Mission House** : The 2 shoplots No. 11, & 12 behind the Church is now ready for use. It will be utilized for all Mission works, Formations, students and Youths. For more info please call parish office
- **4th Oct 2018 (Thurs) @ 7.00 pm at Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Cheras :** Holy Consecration and Dedication of the New Church - the Feast of St. Francis Assisi and 25th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary of Friar Paul Cheong OFM Cap,
- **170th Anniversary Cornerstone “Coffee Table” Book.** - RM40/- per book. Books are available after all Masses or can get them from the parish office.

- **Communion to the Sick/Homebound :**
 - ~ All EOMS are to ensure that the homebound-list (of your area/BEC) is updated properly
 - ~ Communion is to be given weekly to the sick.
 - ~ BECs/Families to inform the parish office for anointing of the sick at homes or hospitals. If possible see the priest before any surgery.
- **Choice English (KL):** 5th (Fri) to 07th (Sun) October 2018 - choiceklrecruitment@gmail.com
- **Frs on Retreat :** Fr. George Harrison - 16-21 September 2018 (J.B.)
 Fr. Xavier Andrew - 23-28 September 2018 (Cameron Highland)
- **Migrant Sunday :** 30/9/2018 - Migrant Mass @ 1.00 om; Fellowship after Mass for all migrants.