

Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity.

- Pope Francis

Thus, Love for God must be translated into concrete deeds of compassion shown towards the vulnerable and poor in our midst. Mk 8: 34 & 35 reminds us to deny or go beyond ourselves, take up our cross and follow in the footsteps of Christ, who died so that we may live. The reward is great, for if we choose to save our lives, we will lose it and if we choose to lose our life for Christ's sake, we will save it.

We have heard and read about the many sad stories of migrants suffering harsh physical, emotional and mental torture when enslaved in dirty, degrading and dangerous jobs. Thousands have been trafficked, construction and plantation migrant workers are languishing in hot, dirty and cramped "kongsi" houses, some dying suddenly in their sleep due to sheer exhaustion of working more than 12 hours a day. Many more domestic helpers are not given a day off and have no freedom of mobility as their employers have kept their passports. The litany of woes goes on and on.

The Church invites each of us to cast aside our prejudices against migrants and extend our embrace to not only welcome but also protect and defend the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, independent of their legal status. We are called to protect them from unscrupulous recruitment agencies or employers and restore their dignity as workers, with full access to a fair wage and conducive working conditions. Can we report to the relevant authorities when we are aware of migrant abuse in our neighbourhood? As employers, can we allow them to retain their identity and personal documents at all times? Can we offer them freedom of movement, work opportunities, access to basic services such as health, housing and education, and fair access to justice? †

Weekly WORD
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 24th 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 Protect The Migrants In Our Midst

Brothers and sisters, the Word of God challenges us greatly today. What good is it to profess faith without showing works? Such faith has no power to save you. If a brother or sister is in need of clothes or food and one of you says, "May things go well with you, be warm and satisfied," without attending to their material needs, what good is that? So it is **for faith without deeds, it is totally dead.** (James 2:14-18)





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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 15 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

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) 7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
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 (M) Eucharist (BM)	RE - No Classes RCIA (T) (M) & (BM) No Class RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm
Mon	17	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	18	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	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	20	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	21	6.45 am	Eucharist	

25RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : Wis 2, 12a, 17-20, Ps 53, 3-4, 56, 6 and 8 Jm 3, 16-4, 3,
"The Lord Upholds My Life, The Lord Uphold My Life" (Psalm 53)

Sat	22	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Claire)	Bible Knowledge (BK) : 2.30 pm in the Visitation Hall (U/S) (F. 3,4,5)
Sun	23	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Justin) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE- Catechists) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 pm : Kg Sebir (BM)	<i>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</i>

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) 08 / 09 September : RM9,428.00 Titi :RM68.00
 - b) Natural Disaster in Kerala : RM9,262.40
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **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.
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iv) **Parish office** will be closed on 16 Sept (Sun) (Hari Malaysia)

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Anthony Dass (d.o.d : 12/09/18)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

- **Moon Cake Festival** (Mid-Autumn Festival) 22/09/2018 b(Sat) @ 7 pm at Visitation Hall. Come and join, bring your family and friends.
- **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

Thank you for Mass Animation : BEC St. Stephen (Thivy) and RE- Form 2 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. **T-shirt collection are for those registered only, will be on 20 & 21 Sept after morning Mass (7.30am -8.00 am) and 5.30pm - 7.00 pm at Canteen.**
- **Ministry of the Poor** - ("A Church of the Poor for the Poor" - Pope Francis).- **MOP**
 - 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**.
- **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 pm; Fellowship after Mass for all migrants.