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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

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

WE LOOK
THEN BEYOND
THE FIRST
COMING AND
AWAIT THE
SECOND.

- ST. CYRIL
OF JERUSALEM

With HOPE anew, signified by the first Advent candle in purple, we take comfort in the 1st reading where God speaks through Jeremiah, *'I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.'* (Jeremiah 33:14-15). That promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Jesus has come in history, he comes in mystery and he is coming again in glory. When we yearn for him and cry out, *'Come, Lord Jesus,'* with any urgency that, *'the light is dying, the night keeps crying'* believing with our hearts that **The One who has come, will come.**

How will these three comings of Jesus impact my life? What should I do while I await in expectancy?

In the second reading St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (3:12-4.2) reminds us that we are to be *'blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his holy ones.'*

Knowing that she could never be perfect, St Therese of Lisieux proposes the *Little Way* to strive toward holiness and come closer to God. She says we should not be afraid of a God who became a child. She goes to God much like a child who approaches a mother with open arms and utmost trust. In the *Story of A Soul*, she says, *'The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is that of the heart of a mother.'*

In *Gaudete Exsultate*, Pope Francis exhorts us to *'live our lives in love'* and to *'bear witness'* to God in all that we do. Each one of us is called to *'discern his or her own path'* and *'bring out the best of ourselves.'* The call to right living echoes in the words of Micah 6:8:

'You have already been told what is right and what Yahweh wants of you. Only this, to do what is right, to love loyalty and to walk humbly with your God.' †

Weekly
WORD

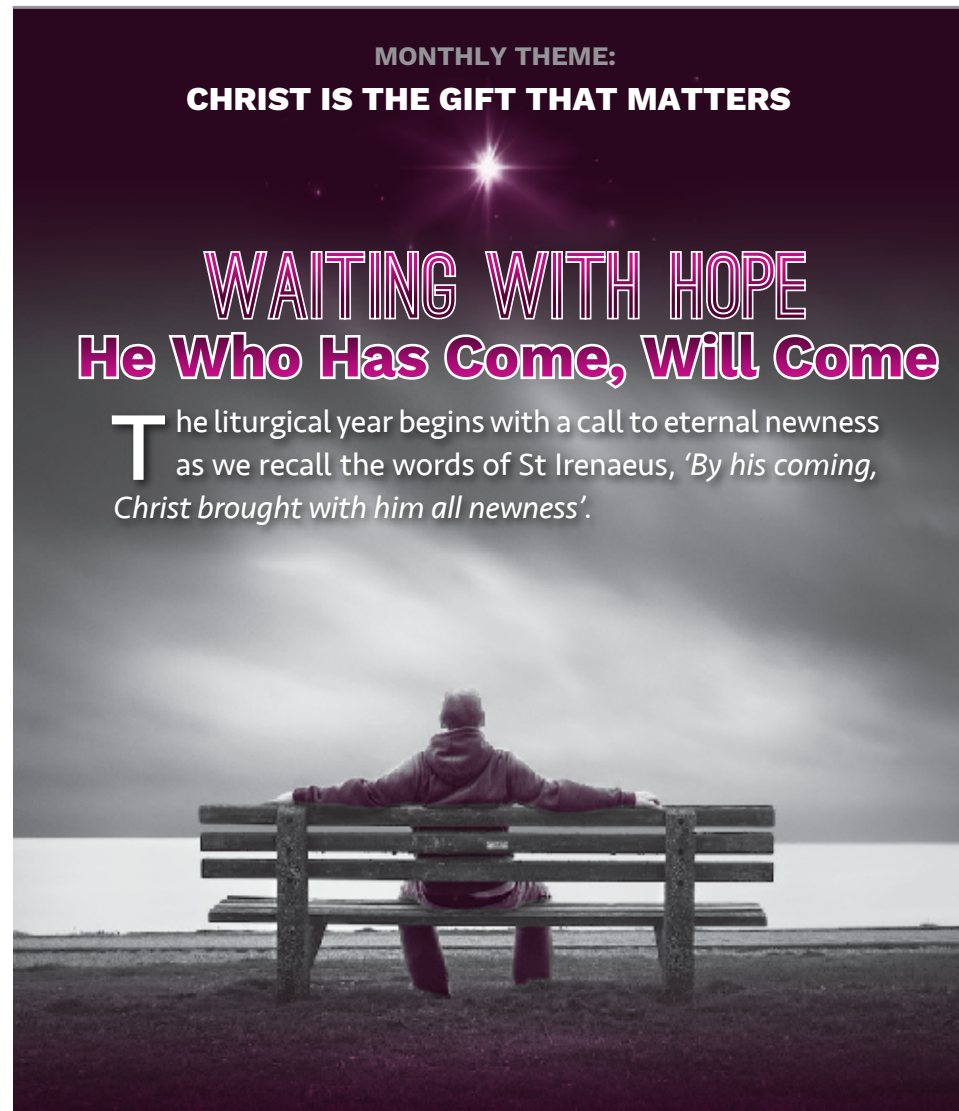
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MONTHLY THEME:

CHRIST IS THE GIFT THAT MATTERS

WAITING WITH HOPE He Who Has Come, Will Come

The liturgical year begins with a call to eternal newness as we recall the words of St Irenaeus, *'By his coming, Christ brought with him all newness.'*





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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
 Hope : Christ is the Gift that matters.
 (December) 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 01 - 09 DECEMBER 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) : Jer 33:14-16 Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thess 3 : 12-4 : 2 Lk 21: 25-28/, 33-36

"To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul" (Psalm 24)

Sat Dec	01	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Michael)	8.30 am - 5 pm : Communitarian Spirituality Experience 6 pm Mass : RCIA (E) Rite of Acceptance into order of Catechumen
Sun	02	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Jude) Eucharist (E)(Animation : St. John Bosco) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes. (School Holidays) . Classes resume 6 Jan 2019 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
Mon	03	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Tues	04	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	05	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	06	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	07	No Morning Mass		7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist. (1st Friday)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) : Bar 5, 1-9; Ps 125, 1-2ab, 2cd - 3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1, 3-6, 8-11; Lk 3, 1-6

"What Marvels The Lord Worked For Us ! Indeed We Were Glad" (Psalm 125)

Sat	08	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Jn Paul II)	
Sun	09	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Joachim) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 1) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titl (BM) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes. (School Holidays) . Classes resume 6 Jan 2019 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 DECEMBER 2018

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 24/25 Nov. 2018 : RM9,591.15
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for Ministry of Social Concern
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iii) **Sale of Religious articles**
 a) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Eng) : RM6.00 per copy
 b) 2019 Bible Diaries (Eng/Tamil) : RM20.00 per copy
 Kindly support !

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to :

- a) Matthew Buttigieg & Jane Yeow on 07 Dec 2018 @ 3.30 pm
 b) Lim Kuan Teng & Alice Ng Sheng Min on 08 Dec 2018 @ 11.am
 c) Nicholas Panir Selvam & Carminie Heg on 15 Dec 2018 @ 11 am

- 170th Anniversary **Cornerstone "Coffee Table" Book.** - RM40/- per book. Books are available after all Masses or can get them from the parish office.
- We welcome donations by cash / cheque** for all upkeep and maintenance of the Parish. Kindly make your cheque to : **Church of Visitation** Thank you for your support.
- 08 & 09 Dec : **Sale of cookies and snacks** by "Flour Power" - by Sr. Bertha & team, a community project that works to improve underprivileged women and children in Taman Prima low cost flats. Your kind support will be appreciated.
- NO to "Styrofoam"**. Do not buy anything packed/ given items in styrofoam. Lets care for the Environment /Creation.
- The Sick/Homebound** will be visited by Frs before Christmas (18/12 - 21/12). Parish office will notify soon.

Thank you for Mass Animation: BEC St. Michael (Forest Hts) & BEC St. John Bosco (Sban Jaya)

- Advent** : with its theme of promise, is a time where the Church starts all over again
 - It's good time of preparation to bring Christ to be born in our Hearts & Home
 - We bring Joy, Peace, Love & Hope to all on Earth !
 - Carolling at Zones /BECs to begin from 15/12/18 onwards (Gaundete Sunday -Joy Sunday)
 - Carols are to go to ALL ! NOT just for Active ones, But for the LOST, LAST, LEAST & the LITTLE!
 - Kindly get a copy of polis permit at parish office.
 - Dry Food Items** needed for all Poor Families (e.g. Rice bags, sugar, flour, oil etc). Please send to the parish office. Thank you.
- X'mas wishes for prisoners** - Write your Christmas wishes, and drop your cards at the parish office by 10th Dec ((Mon). The Cards will be delivered to them personally during the fellowship in prison on 13/12/2018 (Thurs).
- Cancer - What you need to know ?** -Free Admission & Lunch organised by Lions Club Seremban will be held on 8/12/18 a Visitation Hall at 8.30am - 12.30 pm. Limited seats, first come first serve. Registration after all weekend Masses. Contact : 012-3327975 (Phil) or 012-9157377 (Christina)

- Archbishop Emeritus Murphy Pakiam's 80th Birthday** - Masss & Fellowship on 9/12 (Sun) @ 6 pm Cathedral of St's John, K.L. All are welcome
- ICCF (Inter Christian Churches Fellowship)** Christmas Cheer & Fellowship 15 Dec 2018 at Min Kok Restaurant. Tickets for sale after Masses. Please support !
- St. Mary Kindergarten**, Jalan Lee Sam (grounds of SJK @ Sino English) is now open for Registration. Call 019 2446143 Marina. Blessing and opening ceremony 16/12 @ 3 pm (Sunday).
- Calling all New Volunteers for **Prison visits & Ministry** for an "Induction programme" on 16/12 (Sun) @ 2 pm - 4 pm at Bible Hall.
- Visitation Altar Servers** Camp : 17/12 - 19/12 At Visitation Centre, Jalan Lee Sam. All Altar servers are to attend (compulsory). Call Darryl -017-2632214.
- Infant Baptism** for December will be on 25/12/18. (Christmas Day) . Please submit forms by 8/12/2018
- "Sahabat"** - Celebration of **young people** as one community (Youth concert/Praise & Worship /Workshop Formation in 4 languages). Date : 8 December 2018 at Church of the Immaculate Conception, P.D All are welcome with a minima contribution of RM10/-

Advent Penitential Service 2018

- 03 Dec (Mon) : 7.30 pm - Holy Family, Kajang.
- 04 Dec (Tues) : 7.30 pm - St. John Vianney, Tampin
- 05 Dec (Wed) : 8.00 pm - Mary Mother of God, Bahau
- 06 Dec (Thur) : 7.30 pm - St. Aloysius, Mantin
- 07 Dec (Fri) : 12.30 pm - St. John's Cathedral, K.L.

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance

- English - 10
- Tamil - 8
- Mandarin - 8
- Bahasa - 4

Congratulations to all of You!