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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

MONTHLY THEME:

CHRIST IS THE GIFT THAT MATTERS

REPENT & Let Forgiveness Be My Sword

A beautiful prayer was found in a publication entitled
At Home with the WORD and it goes like this:

*'In this and every year, in this and every place,
O God everlasting, your Word resounds
in the wilderness of Advent, calling us to
stand upon the height and to behold
the splendour of your beauty.'*



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*The whole
earth waiting,
groaning, in
anticipation...
How long,
how long the
wait..!*

– St. Alphonus Maria
de Liguori.

*Fill in the valleys of our neglect; bring low our mountains
of self-centredness. Prepare our hearts your way of
righteousness and peace. Let our love become a harvest of
goodness, which you will bring to completion for the day
of Christ Jesus, who was, who is, and who is to come; your
Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, One God forever and ever, Amen.'*

As we enter into the 2nd Sunday of Advent, let us focus on the deepening of our faith, and personalise the above prayer as a sincere response to the Gospel of Luke 3:1-6, on John the Baptist's call to repentance and forgiveness. It is a fitting time to ask ourselves: Am I heeding the Baptist's call to repent and to forgive? Where there is injury especially in the family, can *forgiveness be my sword*? Where there is sadness, **can I be the sower of God's love?** Do I truly desire to turn my life around to have my faith deepened and fully alive so that I can be a joyful evangeliser pointing others to 'the *One who is coming?*'

Speaking of being joyful, the first reading from Baruch 5:1-9 is a poem of consolation which carries an air of jubilancy as the writer speaks of the joy that God takes in Jerusalem. He calls the exilic people to cast aside the *garment of mourning and affliction and clothe themselves in God's justice*. With the assurance of St Paul's prayer that God who begins the good work in us and who will bring it to fulfilment in Christ (Phil 1:4-6, 8-11); let us then with gratitude in our hearts echo the response in Psalm 126, '*the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*'

May Christ who dwells amongst us help us to strive toward living *holy and blameless lives* so that we will be ever ready to receive him when he comes again in glory. †

Weekly
WORD

**Can I be the
sower of
God's love?**



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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 08 - 16 DECEMBER 2018

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 Dec	08	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. John Paul II)	Sale of Cookies and Snacks by "Flour Power" - Sr. Bertha. Kindly support them.
Sun	09	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Jockim) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 1) Eucharist (C) 430 pm : Titi (M) 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	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	

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) : Zeph 3, 14-18a Ps 1s 12, 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Phil 4, 4-7 Lk 3, 10-18

"Sing and Shout for the Joy, For Great In Your Midst Is The Holy One Of Israel" (Psalm 1s 12 : 2-6)

Sat	15	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 2)	
Sun	16	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation Sacred Heart) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 3) 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

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 :

- a) 01/02 Dec. 2018 : RM9,118.50
- b) Min. of Social Concern : RM5,892.50

God Bless All Generous Donors

ii) Sale of Religious articles

- a) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Eng) : RM6.00 per copy
- b) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Tamil) : RM 5.00 per copy
- c) 2019 Bible Diaries (Eng/Tamil) : RM20.00 per copy

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Simon Chong Ah Chai (d.o.d : 01/12/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to :
 Nicholas Panir Selvam & Carminie Heg on 15 Dec 2018 @ 11 am

- **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.

- **The Sick/Homebound** will be visited by Frs before Christmas (18/12 - 21/12). Parish office will notify soon.

- **BEWARE OF THEFT IN CHURCH :** There were few incidents of theft inside the Church. So Please take care of your belongings (handbags, valuables) while at Mass.

- **A Big Thank You to All participants of Communitarian Spirituality Experience program held on 01/12/18 and to the team from K.L. & Visitation BECCOT team, May we bear fruits and make our BECs grow well.**

Thank you for Mass Animation: BEC St. John Paul II (Sban 2) & BEC St. Bruno 1 (Sban 2) for this weekend.

- **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 (Gaudente Sunday -Joy Sunday)
 - Carols are to go to ALL ! NOT just for Active ones, But for the LOST. LAST, LEAST & the LITTLE!
 - Police permit for Christmas Carolling is available at the 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.
- **Christmas 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). There will be a Mass on this day at Seremban ad Jelebu prisons. Let's pray for them all !
- Calling all New Volunteers for **Prison visits & Ministry** for an "Induction programme" on 16/12 (Sun) @ 2 pm - 4 pm at Bible Hall.
- **Confessions** -Be Reconciled this Christmas ! All those who have NOT made confession recently , kindly do so before Christmas. Confessions available before Masses ! Dec 22-24 will be dedicated for hearing confessions !

- **Rev. Fr. Amalanathan's 50th Priesthood Anniversary** at Our Lady of Lourdes, Klang on Tuesday 11/12/2018 @ 10 am. Eucharistic Celebration. Let's pray for him
- **St. Mary Kindergarten**, Jalan Lee Sam (grounds of SJK @ Sino English) is now open for Registration. Call 019 2246143 Marina. Blessing and opening ceremony 16/12 @ 3 pm (Sunday).
- **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
- **Advent Penitential Service 2018**
 10 Dec (Mon) : 8.00 pm - O.L. Guadalupe, Puchong
 11 Dec (Tue) : 7.00 pm - Divine Mercy, Shah Alam
 12 Dec (Wed) : 7.00 pm - St. Francis Xavier, P.J.
 13 Dec (Thur) : 8.00 pm : Holy Rosary, Brickfields
 13 Dec (Thur) : 7.30 pm : Good Shepherd, Setapak
 14 Dec (Fri) : 7.30 pm : O. L of Fatima, Brickfields

**Visitation Christmas Carolling at :
 Terminal One, Seremban**
 1) 14/12/18 (Fri) : 8 pm - Mandarin
 2) 15/12/18 (Sat) : 6 pm - English
 3) 15/12/18 (Sat) : 8 pm - Tamil
Palm Mall, Seremban
 23/12/18 (Sun) : 5 -5.30 pm (E)