

**Christ wants
you to
become a
living force
for all
mankind.**

– St. Gregory
of Nazianzen

who together manifest their divine unity. The feast is a timely reminder about the meaning of your own baptism. At your baptism, the Blessed Trinity was present and active too. Adopted by the Father, freed from sin by the Son and sanctified by the Spirit, you received, through baptism, the spiritual fruits of God's grace and redemption.

Firstly, you received the Spirit of God and your body became a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, you became a child of God. Thirdly, you were cleansed from sin. Fourthly, you became a member of the Catholic Church. Fifthly, you were called to share in the mission of Christ. It means that mission is not something you become involved in or choose to do at a later age. To be in mission is a responsibility bestowed on you by God on the day of your baptism. Therefore, the overall theme for the year "*Baptised and Sent*" is certainly very apt. It reminds all Catholics, that baptism and mission are closely connected. That is, **the moment we are baptised, we are on mission.**



Scripture of the Day:

Is. 42: 1-4, 6-7;
Ps. 28: 1-4, 9-10;
Acts 10: 34-38;
Mt. 3: 13-17

And what is our mission? The scripture readings today provide us with some insights. The prophet Isaiah, in describing the Suffering Servant, speaks of him as one who "*brings true justice*" and has been called to "*serve the cause of right*". The servant was appointed to "*open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison and those who live in darkness...*". In addressing Cornelius and his family, Peter says, "*that God does not have any favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable by him.*" And the psalmist of the day cries out, "*The Lord will bless his people with peace*".

By our baptism, we share in the mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel and to reach out to all peoples, especially to those seeking justice, righteousness, healing, liberation, acceptance and peace. It is all the more necessary as the Church observes 15-21 January 2019 as "Unity Week". As Catholics, we are to seek unity with all Christians, so that in and through us, Christ is made known to the whole world. †

**Weekly
WORD**

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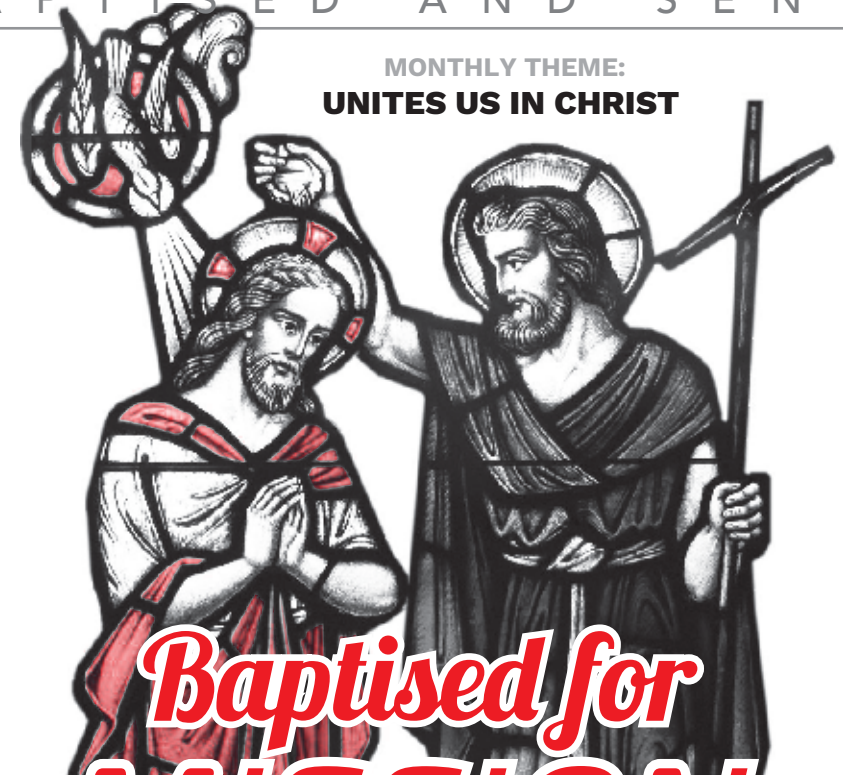
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord

B A P T I S E D A N D S E N T

MONTHLY THEME:
UNITES US IN CHRIST



**Baptised for
MISSION**

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The Gospel passage describes the remarkable events that take place at the moment of Jesus' baptism. Of significance is the presence and action of the Blessed Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,



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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for January 2019
Evangelise / Call : Unites Us In Christ.

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 12 - 20 JANUARY 2019

BAPTISM OF THE LORD : (YEAR C) : Is 40, 1-5, 9-11 Ps 103, 1b -2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Tit 2, 11-14, 3, 4, 7 Lk 3, 15-16, 21-22

“Bless The Lord, My Soul ! Lord Good, How Great You Are ” (Psalm 103)

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| Sat | 12 | 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 4) | |
| Sun | 13 | 7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm | Eucharist (T) (Animation : OLL, Sagga) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Catherine) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titl (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 -10.15 am |
| Mon | 14 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song |
| Tues | 15 | No Morning Mass | | Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song |
| Wed | 16 | CAPA (All Mass intentions will be offered there) | | |
| Thur | 17 | | | Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song |
| Fri | 18 | 6.45 am | Eucharist | 7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong |

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : (YEAR C) : Is 62, 1-5 Ps 95 1-2a 2b -3, 7-8a, 9-10a 7 1or 12, 4-11 Jn 2, 1-11

“Proclaim The Wonders Of The Lord Among All The Peoples” (Psalm 95)

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| Sat | 19 | 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Rose/Margaret) | |
| Sun | 20 | 7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm | Eucharist (T)) (Animation : St. Cecilia) Eucharist (E) (Animation : RE-Primary) 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 at: serembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

i) Parish Weekend Collections :

- a) 05 / 06 Jan 2019 : RM10,643.45
 - b) Min of Social Concern : RM6,914.40
- God Bless All Generous Donors**

ii) Tickets for **CNY Luncheon at Regent Hall on 03rd March 2019, 12.30 pm** are on sale. RM50/- per pax. Contact: Doreen (017-3326007) / Pamela (016-6306196 / Nathan (012-6840750)

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to ;

- a) John Maynard & Lisa Deanna on 19/1/19 @ 11 am
- b) Samuel Francis & Catherina on 19/1/19 @ 3.30 pm

iii) **Any Plans for Marriage ?** First, Fill up your personal particulars at parish office and meet the parish priest (at least 1 year before Marriage) **For Marriages in 2019**, kindly make appointment to see parish priest. Dates of marriage courses are available.

vi) **Sale of Religious articles**

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

Pray for the Departed souls of :

- a) Savariamah a/p Ratnam (d.o.d : 02/01/19)
- b) Teresa Chen Yue Choo (D.o.d : 04/01/19)
- c) Marichelvam a.p Kangan @ Gengan (d.o.d : 08/01/19)
- d) Michael a/l Kolandayasu (d.o.d : 11/01/19)

May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

Thank you for Mass Animation:

BECs St. Bernadine 4 & St. Catherine (Sban 2) for this weekend.

- **“Extraordinary Mission Year”** : **“Baptised and Sent : the Church of Christ on mission in the world”**
 - Launching of **“Extraordinary Mission Year”** this Sunday **13th January 2019** (Baptism of the Lord) and will officially conclude on **31st October 2019**. Kindly get your **STAR** & Be sent for the **MISSION** today!
- **Formation/Talk** on Evangelization with the theme **“Missionary Disciples today?”** by Bro. Jude Antoine (K.L.) on Jan 21st 2019 (Mon) (Public holiday - Thaipusam) RM10/- per pax. Jointly organised by Formation & Charismatic teams. Please register after Mass.
- **RACHEL'S VINEYARD** welcomes ANY PERSON who has struggled with emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion. A 3days/2nights stay-in scriptural based retreat will be held in Penang on **15-17 March 2019** and in KL on **21-23 August, 2019**. Closing date is 1st Mar and 8th Aug respectively. This retreat is specially designed to help participants to experience the mercy, compassion, love and healing grace of God. Contact Mary (016-4190538)
- Lets pray for all **Pilgrims WYD Panama 2019** (Jan 14th-30th). Evelyn Moses (Sagga) will represent our Parish. Keep all of them in prayer.
- **Catechism classes** have begun. Registrations are still going on. Please go to the catechism office (above canteen) to enquire for more info : Anthony Param : 012--6620949
- **Christian Unity Week - Prayer Services** (18th -25th January). 17th (Thur) at K.L. Bukit Kiara Lutheran Church at 8 pm. 25th (Fri) at Methodist Church, Seremban at 8 pm. All PMEIA , Liturgy team, choir & youth are assisting. All are welcome !. Christopher K : 019 6216194

- 14th to 17th January : **Clergy Annual Pastoral Assembly (CAPA)** at Ipoh
- 19th & 20th January : **Tamil Ponggal Celebrations:**
 (Sat) 19/1 (Hall) - 6.30 pm: "Malam Irama Ponggal"
 (Sun) 20/1 : 7 am Mass & 2.30-7pm : Games/Cultural show/Debate / Tea & Fellowship at Hall
- 23rd January (Wed) : **BECCOT Gathering** @ 8.00 pm in the Visitation Hall.
- 25th January (Fri) : **Christian Unity Week - Prayer Service** at Methodist Church, Seremban at 8 pm
- 27th January (Sun) : **Feast of St. Paul the Hermit**, Rahang Chapel. Adoration / Mass/Fellowship @ 5 pm
- 27th January (Sun) : **Catechetical Sunday** (20th & 27th Mass celebrations & Blessings)