

Yes, these
Wise Men
have become
fools that
they may
be wise.

- St. Bernard of
Clairvaux



Scripture of the Day:

Is. 60: 1-6;
Ps. 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph. 3: 2-3, 5,6;
Mt. 2: 1-12

**Weekly
WORD**
**Mission is
the focus for
the year.**

It describes a moment or an occasion when you suddenly understand or become conscious about something that did not really make much sense before. It is to experience an extraordinary moment in the ordinariness of life.

The readings and psalm today highlight such moments. Isaiah rejoices at the revelation of God's glory upon the people. Paul tells the Ephesians that it was by a revelation that he received knowledge of the mystery "unknown to any men in past generations...". In the Gospel, we read about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, an extraordinary moment in the history of humanity.

'Epiphany' in the Christian sense, however, is not only about experiencing sudden moments of revelation. It is also about how these moments can change our lives, if we allow them to. Isaiah prophesies that the glory of God upon the people will bless them with "riches of the sea" and "wealth of the nations". Paul, upon receiving the revelation on the road to Damascus sets on the mission to preach the Gospel. The wise men, on being aware of the significance of the birth of "the infant king of the Jews" journey far to find him. In a way, the Feast of Epiphany awakens us out of our 'ordinary' lives and prompts us to do something 'extraordinary'.

Pope Francis has set October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month with the theme: "*Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*". The Bishops of Peninsular Malaysia not only wish to heed the call of Pope Francis, but have also decided that **'mission' will be the primary focus for the whole year**. Therefore "*Baptised and Sent*" is the overall theme for the Peninsular Malaysia Church for 2019. This theme and the monthly sub-themes will guide us as we journey towards the month of October and beyond. And the Feast of Epiphany is a good start. It reminds us that as, "disciples of hope," each of us, who are baptised in the Name of Christ, are sent by him as missionaries into the world to make the ordinary extraordinary. †

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH  Epiphany of the Lord

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

MONTHLY THEME:
UNITES US IN CHRIST

Make the Ordinary Extraordinary

The year may have changed, but life goes on as usual. Already the memories of Christmas are fading as we settle quietly and quickly into our daily routine. It is at this 'busy' time of the year that the Church celebrates the "Epiphany of the Lord". 'Epiphany' basically means, "a sudden or great manifestation or revelation".





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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 05 - 13 JANUARY 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : (YEAR C) : Is 60, 1-6; Ps 71, 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 ; Eph 3, 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2, 1-12

“All Nations Shall Fall Prostrate Before You, O Lord All Nations Shall Fall Prostrate Before You, O Lord.” (Psalm 71)

Sat	05	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 2)	
Sun	06	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Working Youth) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 3) 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
Mon	07	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	08	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	09	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	10	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	11	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga

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)

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 : Liturgy) 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

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) 29/ 30 Dec. 2018 : RM9,584.80
 - b) New Year Eve 31/12/18 : RM3,427.25
 - c) New Year Day 01/01/19 : RM10,082.80

God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) There will be a 2nd collection this weekend 05/06 January 2019 for Ministry of the Social Concern,
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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.

- iv) **Breakfast Sale** this Sunday is operated by Tamil Apostolate to raise fund for Ponggal Festival on 19 & 20 Jan. Kindly support them.
- v) **BEC Animating Mass Schedule 2019** is available at the parish. All BEC/Zone leaders kindly get a copy.
- 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

Thank you for Mass Animation:
 BECs St. Bernadine 2 & St. Bernadine 3 (Sban 2) for this weekend.

➤ **“Extraordinary Mission Year”**

- This 10-month long preparation will culminate with the “Extraordinary Mission Month” convoked by Pope Francis for October 2019
- Theme : “Baptised and Sent : the Church of Christ on mission in the world.”
- Aim : To increase awareness of “Mission” & to give new impulse to missionary transformation in the Life of the Church.
- Calling all baptized persons to be responsible to evangelize & to be His witness in the world.
- To be launched on 13th January 2019 (Baptism of the Lord) and will officially conclude on 31st October 2019

➤ We welcome **Bro. Philip Asirwatham** (2nd yr. Philosophy) a seminarian from College General, Penang for pastoral experience here from 03/01 to 03/02 2019.

➤ **Catechism classes** (all languages) will resume this Sunday 06 January 2019 with registration in the respective catechism classroom
Tables and Chairs etc from Catechism classrooms /Church premises are not to be removed at all time. They are to be kept in good use and not to be tampered.

➤ Do you have a **CALL for Priesthood / Religious life ?** Are you thinking of sharing this to your priests & talk more about it. Call Fr. George/Xavier. Join us for a Chit-chat on Sat, 12/1/19 @ 9 am.

➤ **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.

- 10th January (Thurs) : **N.S. District PPC** meeting at Visitation at 7.00 pm
- 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 & 2.30-7 pm : 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