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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives.

On 7th November 2018, the Catholic News Agency carried the story of the evangelising mission of Bishop George Pallippambil of Miao, North East India. The bishop says that in his diocese, 'the planning is done by God and all he does is to listen and respond.' His flock has grown from 900 baptized Catholics in 1979 to more than 90,000 presently, making up nearly 20 percent of the local population. Before these came to believe in Christ, they were animists. The bishop found that they were hungry for the Gospel which was to them something very meaningful. It brought not only liberation in a larger sense but also gave them a dignity they had not known before.

How did the transformation / transfiguration of these folks come about?

The bishop's witnessing of the Gospel is captured by these words of his: 'our primary goal was to help them, whatever was needed – education, medicine, whatever. These were the works that we did, but they understood. They saw we were there, living with them, staying with them, they saw the witness. Accepting the Gospel was a fruit of our work of love, freely given.' (See full article at <http://bit.ly/2zu6ijc>)

This story ties in well with the account of the Transfiguration in today's gospel text. Jesus' revelation to his closest companions of his transfigured state is a revelation for us too. It serves an invitation for us to strive to be transformed. And to realise that our ultimate journey is to reach this union with God in our transfigured state and be in heaven where our homeland is.

We pray to emulate the bishop from Miao, to make every effort to not only listen to Jesus but also to be missionary disciples as witnesses of the Good News.

'From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.' †



Scripture of the Day:

Gen 15: 5-12. 17-18;

Ps 26: 1.7-9. 13-14;

Phil 3: 17-4: 1;

Lk 9: 28-36.

*Weekly
WORD*

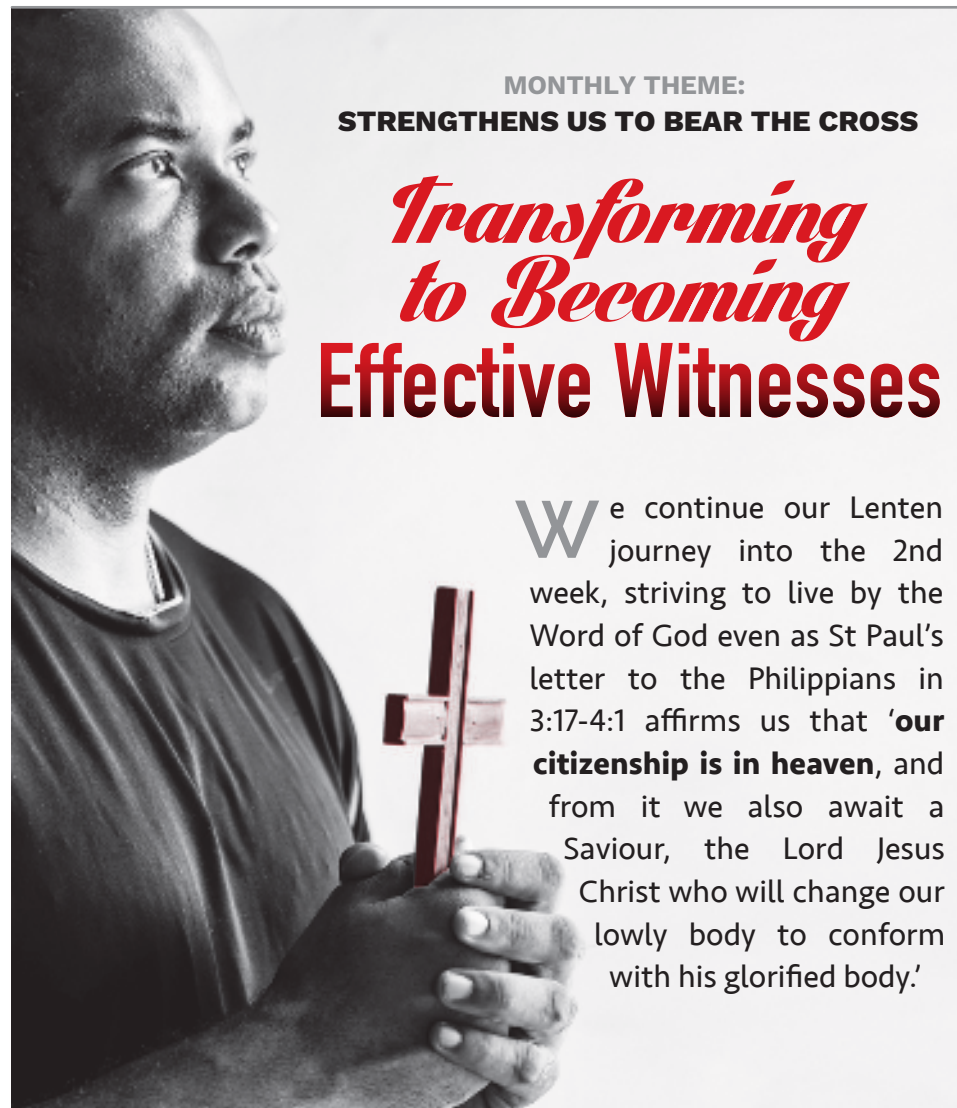
**Our citizenship
is in heaven.**

MONTHLY THEME:

STRENGTHENS US TO BEAR THE CROSS

Transforming to Becoming Effective Witnesses

We continue our Lenten journey into the 2nd week, striving to live by the Word of God even as St Paul's letter to the Philippians in 3:17-4:1 affirms us that '**our citizenship is in heaven**, and from it we also await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ who will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.'





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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for March 2019
Evangelise / Call : Strengthens Us To Bear The Cross

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 16 - 24 MARCH 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) : Gen 15, 5-12, 17-18 Ps 26, 1, 7-89a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Phil 3, 17-4, 1 Lk 9, 28b-36

The Lord Is My Light And My Help, The Lord Is My Light And My Help (Psalm : 26)

Sat	16	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Joan)	7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
Sun	17	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Annai Velankanni) Eucharist (E) (Animation: RE- Form 1) 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 Acies 2019 - 1.00 pm St. John's, K.L.
Career Talk for all SPM /STPM students : (a) 8.30 am 9.30 am (T) and (b) 10.30 am - 12.00 noon € at Visitation Hall. All are welcome				
Mon	18	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Tues	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	20	No Morning Mass Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC, K.L.		
Thur	21	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	22	7.00 pm	7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/BM/M)	
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) : Ex 3, 1-8a, 13-15 Ps 102, 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 & 11 1 Cor 10, 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13, 1-13				
<i>The Lord Is Compassion And Love. The Lord Is Compassion And Love (Psalm : 102)</i>				
Sat	23	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Christopher)	
Sun	24	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Tamil Apostolate) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Mary) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 pm : Kg. Sebir	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 MARCH 2019

- Parish Weekend Collections :**
 10/11 March 2019 : RM10,346.85 Titi : RM117.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- We welcome **Fr. Christopher Loh OCD** into Carmel Friars. He will be assisting especially for pastoral needs of all mandarin speaking people in NS district.
- Keep our Cafeteria clean !** Kindly 'Q' up while buying food. Also help clear the cups/plates by putting back to the container provided.
- AWAKEN NS District Youth Rally** (28-30 June at NUBE, Port Dickson). Registration after all Masses. Contact :Sabrina -013 2887624. Sign up today!

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 2019

- 18 Mar (Mon) : 8.00 pm : OL Guadalupe, Puchong
- 20 Mar (Wed) : 7.30 pm : St. Theresa, Nilai
 : 7.30 pm : O/L. of Fatima, Brickfields
- 21 Mar (Thur) : 7.00 pm : Divine Mercy, Shah Alam
 7.30 am : St. Christopher, Gemas, NS
- 26 Mar (Tues) : 6.45 pm : St. Anthony, K.L.
 7.30 pm : St. John Vianney, Tampin
- 27 Mar (Wed) : 8.00 pm : Jesus Caritas, Kepong Jaya
- 28 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : O. L. of Lourdes, Klang
- 29 Mar (Fri) : 12.30 pm : St. John's Cathedral, K.L.
- SSVP Conference of Visitation AGM**
 Date: (Sun) 24 Mar @ 3 pm in the Bible Hall
 All are welcome

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Agnes Fernandez (d.o.d : 13/03/19)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon her

Thank you for Mass Animation: BEC St. Joan (Rasah) & RE -Form 1 for this weekend.

- **"Caring for our Common Home" : Encounter Christ and serve as Stewards.**
- **Lenten Retreat 2019 - "Baptised & Sent"**
 ~ March 23rd (Sat) : 2 pm - 9 pm by Fr. Paul Robinson (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) (English)
 ~ March 24th (Sun) 10 am - 4 pm by Fr. Paul Robinson (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) (Tamil)
 ~ March 23rd / 24th (students & KUBM) by Fr. Claurence (Johor Bahru (BM)
Registration after all Masses ... No Fee .. All are welcome !
- **The Dominic Vendargon Award 2019 : Criteria for Academic Excellence**
 (a) PTS Category - nominees must have attained Grade A in at least 6 papers in the 2018 Penilaian Tingkat 2 (PTS 3)
 (b) SPM/ Cambridge IGCSE / O Level Category - nominees must have attained Grade A in at least 6 papers in the 2018 examination
 (c) SPM/Cambridge IGSE/O Level with Bible Knowledge Category - One of the 6 (or more) distinctions must be either the SPM Bible Knowledge paper
 Closing date : Before 14 April 2019. Forms are available in parish office.
- **Interfaith Charity Golf Tournament** organised by MCCBCHST, N.S> on 6th April 2019 @ 7.00 am at Seremban International Golf Club (SIGC). Per head : **RM180/-** inclusive of Breakfast/Lunch/Goody Bag. Lots of Prizes. We need all golfers to fully support this event. Call Thayalan (017-8809454/ Chris K. (019-6216194).
- Please support **VSK 'Weekend Thrift Shop'** operating on **March 23/24 & 30/31 at the Parlour on Saturdays 5 pm to 8 pm and Sundays 8 am to 3 pm.** Last collection of giveaways /donations is this weekend - Sat 16 Mar (10 am -12noon), Sun 17 Mar (8 am - 11 am at the Front of Church Canteen - only preloved/new household & decorative Items in good,, saleable condition. **NO CLOTHES PLEASE!**
- **Year of Mission - "T-Shirts" sale** - Make your order. Price : RM15.00 each. 2 Colours - Maroon or White. Sizes - XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL
 Contact person : Doreen (017-3326007)
- **PIHD Blood Donation Drive :** (Sun) April 7 @ 7.30 am - 3 pm in the Visitation Hall
"BE A LIFE SAVER, GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - DONATE BLOOD"

- **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord :** Mon. (25/3/19) 6.00 pm : Rosary & Spiritual Talk on Our Lady and Eucharist . Charismatic & Healing Prayer in Church.
Don't Miss It ! All are welcome
- **BECCOT Gathering :** 27/03/2019 @ 8.00 pm at Visitation Hall.
- **Penitential Service at Visitation :** 01/04/19 (Monday) @ 6pm - Mass & Confession (Visitation)