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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH **4th Sunday of Lent**  
SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

**MONTHLY THEME:  
GOD HAS FOUND FAVOUR IN YOU**

## Living as Children of the Light

God's ways are different from man's. God sees in persons, qualities which we humble mortals would ordinarily not perceive. The story of God choosing David, "a man after God's own heart" [Acts 13:22] is such an instance. Samuel, who was given the task to anoint the one chosen by God to be the future king,



Darkness can only be scattered by light. Hatred can only be conquered by love.  
- St. John Paul II

undertook the evaluation of the candidates by appearance. Samuel was annoyed and distressed. Eliab and Jesse's six sons who were initially presented to him were not suitable in God's eyes. As God chose David, we are reminded that man sees the appearance, but God sees the heart.

This blindness continues today. We fail to see the emotional poverty behind the shimmering clothes and fancy cars. We fail to see the suffering behind the stoic exterior of the single mother. We fail to see the pain behind the eyes of a depressed teenager who has lost all hope of connecting with his/her busy parents.

Do we want to see? **Do we choose not to see?** When will we see?



**Scripture of the Day:**

- 1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.
- Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)
- Eph 5: 8-14
- Jn 9: 1-41

In the Gospel today, Jesus heals a man born blind by directing him to wash himself in the Pool of Siloam, with the clay and spittle mix Jesus had put on the blind man's eyes. Immediately, the man was able to see. What joy!

Despite this joyous outcome, there were those who were ready to mock and question the authenticity of the healing. We expect that to happen. But we continue, nevertheless, with the Lord as our Shepherd. Even if we walk in the valley of darkness, we fear no evil. He is there with His crook and his staff, and He gives us courage.

David had absolute faith in God and did everything God wanted him to do. David's faith pleased God and God rewarded David for his faithfulness. When we live as children of the light, able and willing to see, our lives produce every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. †

*Weekly*  
**WORD**  
**Do we choose not to see?**



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**THEME FOR 2020**  
**DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.**  
**Theme for March 2020**  
**Evangelise/Call : God has found favour in You.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8.30am - 5.30 pm  
 Saturday : 8.30am – 7.00 pm  
 Sunday: 8.30 am - 3.00 pm  
 Confessions in Church ½  
*hour before all Weekend Masses at availability of priests*



**OUR PROGRAMME 21 – 29 MARCH 2020**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT :** 1 Sam 16, 1b 6-7, 10-13a Ps 22, 1-3a, 3b – 4, 5, 6 Eph 5, 8-14, Jn 9, 1-41,  
*“The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing I Shall Want” (Psalm 22)*

Sat	21	No Mass	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
	22	No Mass	Eucharist (T) Eucharist (E) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	<b>No RE Classes and RCIA Sessions</b>
Mon	23	No Mass	Eucharist	
Tues	24	No Mass	Eucharist	
Wed	25	No Mass	Eucharist	(Annunciation of the Lord)
Thur	26	No Mass	Eucharist	
Fri	27	No Mass		

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT :** Ez 37, 12-14 Ps12\*, 1-2, 3-4. 5-7a 7bc -8 Rom 8, 8-11 Jn 11, 1-45  
*“With The Lord There Is Mercy And Fullness of the Redemption” (Psalm : 129)*

Sat	28	No Mass	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
Sun	29	No Mass	Eucharist (T) Eucharist (E) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	<b>No RE Classes and RCIA Sessions</b>

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](mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com). You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

**NEWS / EVENTS FOR MARCH 2020**

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**  
14 / 15 Mar : Nil  
**God Bless All Generous Donors**
- ii) **BECS** to ensure monthly gathering is done with Sharing from the Monthly Reflections paper.

Pray for the Departed Soul of :  
 John Ravi (d.o.d : 14/3/20)  
**May the Perpetual Light shine upon him**

iii) **PIHDM Food Bank :** Thank you to all of you for your generous contributions to the Food Bank. We need Rice, Milo, Milk powder, bottled cooking oil, sardines & biscuits. The packaging may be in any size. For more info please call PIHDM, John Davidson (017-6158961)/Bernadette (012 2715840) Please continue to give your support.

iv) **Parish Office will be closed on** 18<sup>th</sup> - 31 March 2020.  
 Any Emergency kindly call Nathan (012 6840750) or Collins (016 3647506)

v) We are seeking for donations for the makeover of the Bible Room into **Adoration/Meditation room**. For the time being kindly use the online banking.

- **To all Parishioners of Visitation, Seremban**  
 Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
**Suspension of Masses, Church Activities and now the Restricted Movement Order**  
 You have already experience last Sunday's absence of Mass gathering, and now there is the government's Restricted Movement Order.  
 As with the 3 Peninsular Bishops' letter to all the faithful, as Parish Priest I will continue to offer Mass privately for you all and all your intentions. I will continue to do so each day till end of March. For those of you who wish to continue your practice of offering Mass intentions or financial contributions to the Parish during this period. I would encourage you to use your banking online facility. The Parish Bank Account details are as follows :  
  1. **Bank** : **Public Bank Berhad**
  2. **Bank Account Name** : **Church of Visitation**
  3. **Account No:** **3121194612**
 Please indicate in the online transfer the following details so that the Parish Office could account for them appropriately :-  
 (1) Amount (2) Purpose - any of the following :  
 a) Mass Intentions for (name ) - (RIP, or Thanksgiving or Special Intention)  
 b) Parish Donation. / Adoration Room Makeover  
 Please email the transaction slip to the Parish email : [serembanvisitation@gmail.com](mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com) for the Parish office record purposes.  
**Dear Sisters and Brothers, this online facility is until 31<sup>st</sup> March only or until the celebration of Masses resumes in the Parish.**  
 I continue to keep you all in my prayers and I also request you to pray for me, Fr. Kenneth and our Parish Community.  
**Rev. Fr. Xavier Andrew**
- **Guidelines for Funerals under Movement Control Order**
  - a) No public seven days memorial prayers at funeral parlours or at home. The family may perform their own prayers privately. Books may be made available by parish for family use. The family may receive visitors who will briefly pay their respects.
  - b) Vigil prayers by the priest and funeral masses are to be conducted in the home or the parlour. This is limited to immediate family members according to National Security Council and MOH guidelines. The main Church cannot be used due to the prohibition under the order.
  - c) Other public health precautions (social distancing etc) should be observed
  - d) All weddings in March and April are recommended to be postponed.
- **LIVE Broadcast of Weekend & Weekday Mass from 18 till 31 March 2020 - watch the live broadcast at: [www.Tv.ArchKL.org](http://www.Tv.ArchKL.org)**  
**Sunday** : 7.30 am : Mass (in Tamil) **Weekdays (Monday till Friday)**  
 9.00 a : Mass (in Mandarin) 6.00 pm : Mass (in English)  
 10.30 am : Mass (in English) 7.00 pm : Mass (in Bahasa)  
 12.00 pm : Mass (in Bahasa)