

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH **2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL



MONTHLY THEME:

**I WANT MERCY NOT SACRIFICE**



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## MERCY of GOD ENDURES FOREVER

The gospel today sees Thomas asking Jesus for signs in order that he may believe his Saviour is alive. Do we for a moment look at him quizzically? We pray not, for are we not like him? As we witness the Merciful Lord going out to meet a man in doubt, we know by faith that Jesus desires to meet us too in our doubting moments.

*I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy.*

- St. Faustina

He wants to draw us into God's unfathomable mercy, into his very heart where blood and water pour out.

St. John Paul II is remembered as the Great Mercy Pope. The message of Divine Mercy forms the image of His Pontificate and many of his writings and homilies centred on Mercy as the answer to the world's challenges. Once at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, the Holy Father said, 'There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God.'

God loves each one of us. He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we can come to Him in complete trust. This is the heart of the Divine Mercy message which we need to hold dear to our hearts and live it out:

**A. Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B. Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. **God wants mercy, not sacrifice.**

**C. Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. (Extracts from website of the Divine Mercy)

In Acts 2:43-47, the testimonies of the early Christian communities set the pace for us: coming together devotedly to pray, to break bread, to share and to witness. In many ways therefore, our BECs can be effective witnesses of Christ to a broken world so much in need of God's mercy.

The mercy of God endures forever. Warmly embrace it and share it! †



**Scripture of the Day:**

Acts. 2: 42-47

Ps. 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Jn. 20: 19-31

*Weekly  
WORD*

**His mercy is greater than our sins**



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**THEME FOR 2020**  
**DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.**  
**Theme for April 2020**  
**Evangelize/Call : I want Mercy not Sacrifice.**

**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*



**ii) DONATIONS / OFFERINGS :**

For those who wish to contribute to any of the followings :

- (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish
- (2) Mass offerings
- (3) Adoration Room Makeover
- (4) PIDM Food Bank

**We would encourage you to use your banking online facility. The Parish Bank Account details are as follows :**

- (a) Bank : Public Bank Berhad
- (b) Bank Account Name : Church of Visitation
- (c) Account No : 3121194612

Please indicate in the online transfer the following details so that the Parish Office could account for them appropriately :- (i) Amount (ii) Purpose - any of the following :

- (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish
  - (2) Mass Intentions for (name ) - (RIP, or Thanksgiving or Special Intention)
  - (3) Adoration Room Makeover
  - (4) PIHDM Food Bank
- (For more info please call : John Davidson (017 6158961) or Bernadette (012 2715840)

Please email the transaction slip to the Parish email : [serembanvisitation@gmail.com](mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com) for the Parish office record purposes.

**No Masses Throughout the Month Due to Covid - 19**

**Herald will be only available Online at : [www.heraldmalaysia.com](http://www.heraldmalaysia.com)**

**Parish Office will be closed on 01<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**  
 Any Emergency kindly call : Nathan (012 6840750) or Collins (016 3647506)

**NEWS / EVENTS FOR APRIL 2020**

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**  
 11/12 April : Nil

**Pray for the Departed Soul of :**  
 Vincent Toh Yew Sou (d.o.d : 14/04/20)  
**May the Perpetual Light shine upon him**

**➤ AN INVITATION :**

Dear Sisters and brothers, Hi & Peace to everyone of you. Together with Fr. Kenneth. I wish and pray that inspite of Covid - 19 pandemic, besides keeping safe and healthy you would spend some time in personal and family prayer, some bible reading and perhaps in a little silent meditation. Even if you are not familiar with meditation, be in silence focusing on your breath and be in gratitude for a few moments each day. These will enable a stress free self and calming of your system. **Let us also remember all victims of Covid - 19 and pray for departed souls and their family members. Not to forget, the police and medical personnel front-liners for their time, sacrifice and dedication.**

Take care. **Blessings and Peace always ! Frs. Xave and Kenneth.**

**➤ 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 Holy Week Masses from 20 - 24 April 2020**  
 - watch the live broadcast at: [www.Tv.ArchKL.org](http://www.Tv.ArchKL.org)

**Saturday : 18<sup>th</sup> April : 6.00 pm (Bahasa Malaysia)**

**Sunday : 19<sup>th</sup> April : Feast of Divine Mercy : 7.30 am (Tamil)**  
**9.00 am (Mandarin)**  
**10.00 am (English)**  
**3.00 pm (English)**

**Weekdays : 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April : 6.00 pm (English)**