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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

Easter Sunday



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

Everything that exists and moves in the Church ... draws its strength from Christ's Resurrection.

- Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa



Scripture of the Day:

Acts. 10: 34, 37-43

Ps. 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col. 3: 1-4

Jn. 20: 1-9

Weekly WORD

The empty space provides for the infilling of the Holy Spirit

Recently at a reunion of some former students of St. Elizabeth, fond memories were recounted. One lady shared about her involvement in the play, and how it impacted her life. She described her experience in these words: *'The empty tomb gives me space to grow.'* Easter has taken root deep enough to create this imprint, one that is evergreen because the empty tomb carries messages of power, hope, and freedom.

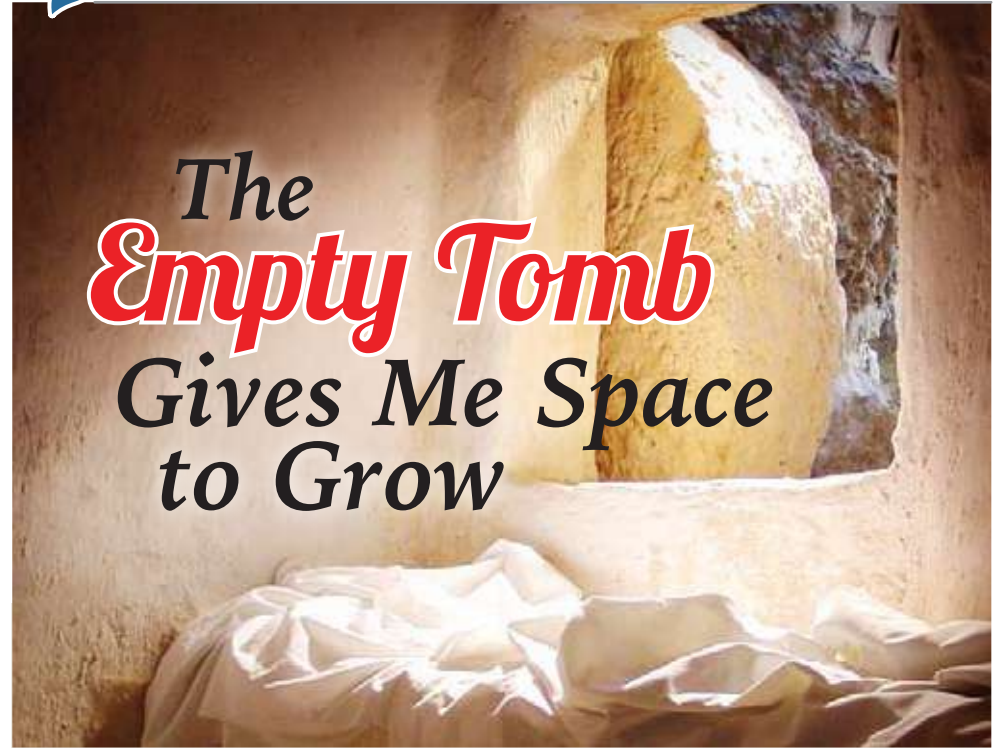
The lady went on to share, *'An empty classroom means all of us have moved on after our nurturing years. An empty nest in our family means our parents have given room for us to grow up confidently to venture out and face our future...and the list goes on.'* That is an attitude to adopt because for so many of us, there remains a deep void that screams out to be filled. We try to fill that emptiness with something, but in the end, do we not find that it leaves us longing for more? Only God, through our Risen Lord can fill the God-shaped vacuum in our hearts, as He gives us opportunities after opportunities to grow in Him, and to be like Him. **The empty space provides for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.**

As the Alleluia rings out, let us remember *'Every act of love, every deed done in Christ and by the Spirit, every work of true creativity - doing justice, making peace, healing families, resisting temptations, seeking and winning true friendship, we join a long history of things that implement Jesus' own resurrection and anticipate the final new creation, and act as signposts of hope, pointing back to the first resurrection and ahead to the second.'* (NT Wright)

We pray especially for those who are baptized this Easter Vigil. Their baptism parallels Christ's death and resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in Him.

Blessed Easter, everyone. †

The Empty Tomb Gives Me Space to Grow



Decades ago in Sacred Heart Church, Sibul, a Mill Hill priest by the name of Father Marcus led a choir and conducted an Easter musical play entitled, 'He's Alive.' Many who took part were students of St Elizabeth and Sacred Heart schools. The play was a huge success. The elated priest, together with his charge went on to perform in Kuching too.



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THEME FOR 2020
DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.
Theme for April 2020
Evangelise/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



OUR PROGRAMME 11 – 19 APRIL 2020
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD : Ac 10, 34a, 37-43, Ps 117, 1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 Col 3, 1-4 Jn 20, 1-9
"The Day Was Made By The Lord ; We Rejoice And Are Glad, Alleluia ! " (Psalm : 117)

Sat	11	No Mass <i>Easter Vigil</i>	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
	12	No Mass <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Eucharist (T) Eucharist (E) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes and RCIA Sessions
Mon	13	No Mass		Due to Covid 19, HERALD will be available online at : www.heraldmalaysia.com
Tues	14	No Mass		
Wed	15	Not Mass		
Thur	16	No Mass		
Fri	17	No Mass		
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY : Ac 2, 42-47, Ps 117, 2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 13-15, 22-24, 1 Pt 1, 3-9, Jn 20, 19-31 <i>"The Day Was Made By The Lord ; We Rejoice And Are Glad, Alleluia ! " (Psalm : 117)</i>				
Sat	18	No Mass	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
Sun	19	No Mass	Eucharist (T) Eucharist (E) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes and RCIA Sessions

Let us remember and pray for all those who have lost their lives to Covid 19. Also pray for their families and all Medical staffs who are on the frontline of this health crisis.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR APRIL 2020
 i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 04/05 April : Nil
God Bless All Generous Donors
 ii) 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.

Pray for the Departed Soul of :
 Agatha Cheng (d.o.d : 02/04/20)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon her

iii) **PIHDM Food Bank : 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**
 01st to 14th April 2020.
 Any Emergency kindly call
 Nathan (012 6840750) or Collins (016 3647506)

➤ **My dear sisters and brothers.** God's nature is to give and give and give. Jesus died for us on the Cross and held back nothing but poured out His life for all. Perhaps the first time in our life that we are experiencing Lockdown at Holy Week. But let your hearts be ever open and not locked down as you walk through this journey from where you are.
Increase your intimacy with Him by praying, meditating and doing sacrifices. Be attentive! Let that intimacy lead you also to remember and pray for all infected and affected by Covid-19. I strongly suggest that during the Holy Week you choose one day to do 'half-day' fasting for the pandemic to stop. Maybe even the whole of **Good Friday!**

Don't let your spirit be dampened. Be attentive to the **Resurrection** and gaze on Him. Through your attentiveness you receive a glorious gift : **Peace**.
 Fr. Kenneth and I (Fr. Xave) will be offering Holy Week masses for all of you and we wish you all a Blessed and Holy Easter. Take care as you enjoy God's blessing very specially at Easter !

- **Guidelines for Funerals under Movement Control Order**
- Non 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.
 - 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.
 - Other public health precautions (social distancing etc) should be observed
 - All weddings in March and April are recommended to be postponed.

➤ **LIVE Broadcast of Holy Week Masses from 09st to 12th April 2020**
 - watch the live broadcast at: www.Tv.ArchKL.org

Holy Thursday (09th April) : 4 pm : Mass (Tamil) / 6 pm : Mass (Mandarin) / 8 pm : Mass Maundy
 10 pm : Silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday (10th April) : 9 am : Way of the Cross (Tamil) / 10 am : Good Friday Service (Tamil)
 11 am : Way of the Cross (Mand) / 12 Noon : Good Friday Service (Mand)
 2 pm : Way of the Cross (English) / 3 pm : Good Friday Service (English)

Easter Vigil (11th April) : 6 pm : Mass
Easter Sunday (12th April) : 7.30 am : Mass (Tamil) 9 am : Mass (Mandarin)
 10.30 am : Mass (English) 12 noon : Mass (Bahasa Malaysia)

Weekdays within Easter Octave : 6 pm : Mass (English & BM)

➤ 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:
Bank : Public Bank Berhad / Bank Account Name : Church of Visitation /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 for the Parish office record purposes.