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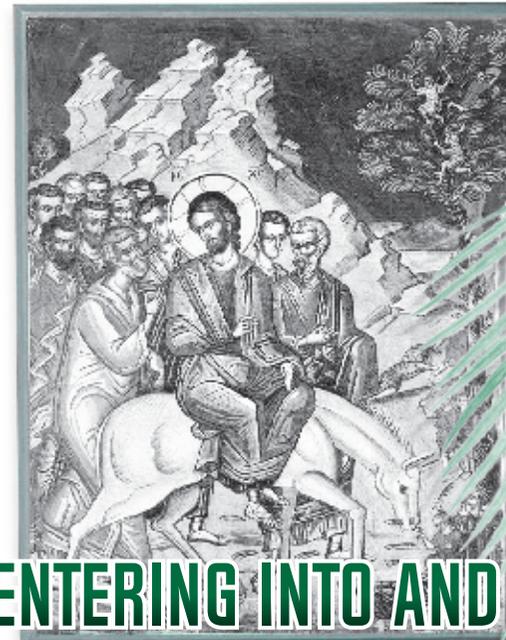
NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME:

I WANT MERCY NOT SACRIFICE



ENTERING INTO AND LIVING IN The Passion of Christ

The martyrdom of St Maximilian Kolbe comes to mind this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. At the age of 10, he had a vision of the Immaculate Virgin offering him a white crown and a red crown, representing purity and martyrdom. St Maximilian chose both, foreshadowing of his life to come.

Palm Sunday tells us that... it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Years later at the Auschwitz concentration camp, he traded his life with one prisoner on death row. He was condemned to a slow death in a starvation bunker and was killed with an injection of carbolic acid. St John Paul II described Auschwitz as the 'Golgotha of the Modern World.'

By entering into the Lord's Passion, St Maximilian not only gave up his life for one but he ministered to nine other prisoners in their last moments. In a letter he wrote, 'the most resplendent manifestation of God's glory is the salvation of souls, whom Christ redeemed by shedding his blood. To work for the salvation and sanctification of as many souls as possible is the preeminent purpose of the apostolic life.'

The sacrificial life of St Maximilian reflects the Suffering Servant whom we read in Isaiah 50: One who is totally open to the Will of God, knowing that love has the last say. This is what we see in the Lord's passion, the narrative showing the depth of God's love. Jesus takes it to the end, not in the emptiness of death but in the fullness of life.

We will experience deep human emotions as we journey with Christ this week. From being jubilant at the triumphant entry, comes the acute pains of seeing Him crying out 'Eloi, eloi, lema sabachthani? St Paul in his letter to the Philippians (2:6-11) reveals that *'Jesus does not claim equality with God but he empties himself and takes on the form of a slave, obeying to the point of death. But God exalts him and gives him a name above all names.'*

Our life's journey is to gain Christ and be found in him so that we may experience the Resurrection. Only when we enter into the passion of Christ, and die with him can we rise with Him. Only when we live in his sufferings and death can we live in his resurrection.

Are we prepared to enter into and live in the Passion of Christ? †



Scripture of the Day:

Is. 50: 4-7

Ps. 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil. 2: 6-11

Mt. 26: 14-27:66

Weekly WORD

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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 04 – 12 APRIL 2020

PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD : Js 50, 4-7 Ps 21, 8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2, 6-11, Mt 26, 14-27, 66
"My God, My God! Why Have You Forsaken Me?" (Psalm : 21)

Sat	04	No Mass Palm Sunday	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
	05	No Mass Palm Sunday	Eucharist (T) Eucharist (E) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes and RCIA Sessions
Mon	06	No Mass		Due to Covid 19, HERALD will be available online at : www.heraldmalaysia.com
Tues	07	No Mass		
Wed	08	No Mass		
Thur	09	No Mass Holy Thursday		
Fri	10	No Mass Good Friday		

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 Easter Vigil	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E)	
Sun	12	No Mass Easter Sunday	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 :**
28/ 29 Mar : 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 :
 Beatrice Patrick (d.o.d : 31/3/20)
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**

- 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 01st to 05th April 2020**
 - watch the live broadcast at: www.Tv.ArchKL.org

Wednesday (01 st April)	: 6.00 pm	: Mass (English/ Bahasa Malaysia)
Thursday (02 nd April)	: 6.00 pm	: Mass (English / Bahasa Malaysia)
Friday (03 rd April)	: 6.00 pm	: Mass (English / Bahasa Malaysia)
Palm Sunday (04 th April) Saturday :	5.00 pm	: Sunset Mass (Bahasa Malaysia)
Palm Sunday (05 th April) Sunday :	8.00 am	: Mass (Tamil)
	10.00 am	: Mass (English)
	12.00 noon	: Mass (Mandarin)

➤ 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.