

The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother.

- St. John Vianney



Scripture of the Day:

Acts 8, 5-8. 14-17
Ps 65, 1-7. 16. 20
1 Pt 3, 15-18.
Jn 14, 15-21

Weekly WORD

To love Christ is to be led by the Spirit

Perhaps it was the revolutionary Christian message about equality among men by St Paul, that shifted the mindset of the West over the next two millenniums - "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28). Albeit, it was a very slow process indeed.

I have equated love with Christianity because this is what our faith teaches us – love is from God, and God is love (1 Jn 4:16). It would have been nonsensical to expect the world to change automatically with the advent of the Christian faith - to expect a world without war, poverty or injustice. It is, however, expected of the Christian to decide for themselves what kind of person they choose to be. That is, to be, or not to be, more Christ-like. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). **To love Christ then, is to allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit** – a spirit that graces, strengthens, guides, inspires and moves us to be one with Christ. Unless we are Spirit-led, we will never see, nor experience, the truth of Jesus – His love for you, me, and the whole world.

Jesus is the truth that the world simply could not recognise (Jn 1:10). Yet, He is the very reason why the world has hope and love! There are some in this world who would rather turn a blind eye to the good news of Christ, and yet here we are, continuing to extend ourselves to all, just as Christ did. We, however, are not able to do this by our own strength. But we can with His. As the presider lifts up the body of Christ and acclaim, "Through Him, with Him and in Him", we understand that as we consume the Sacred Host, Jesus is restoring us with His body, strengthening us to be messengers of hope and love, and to bear witness without fear. †

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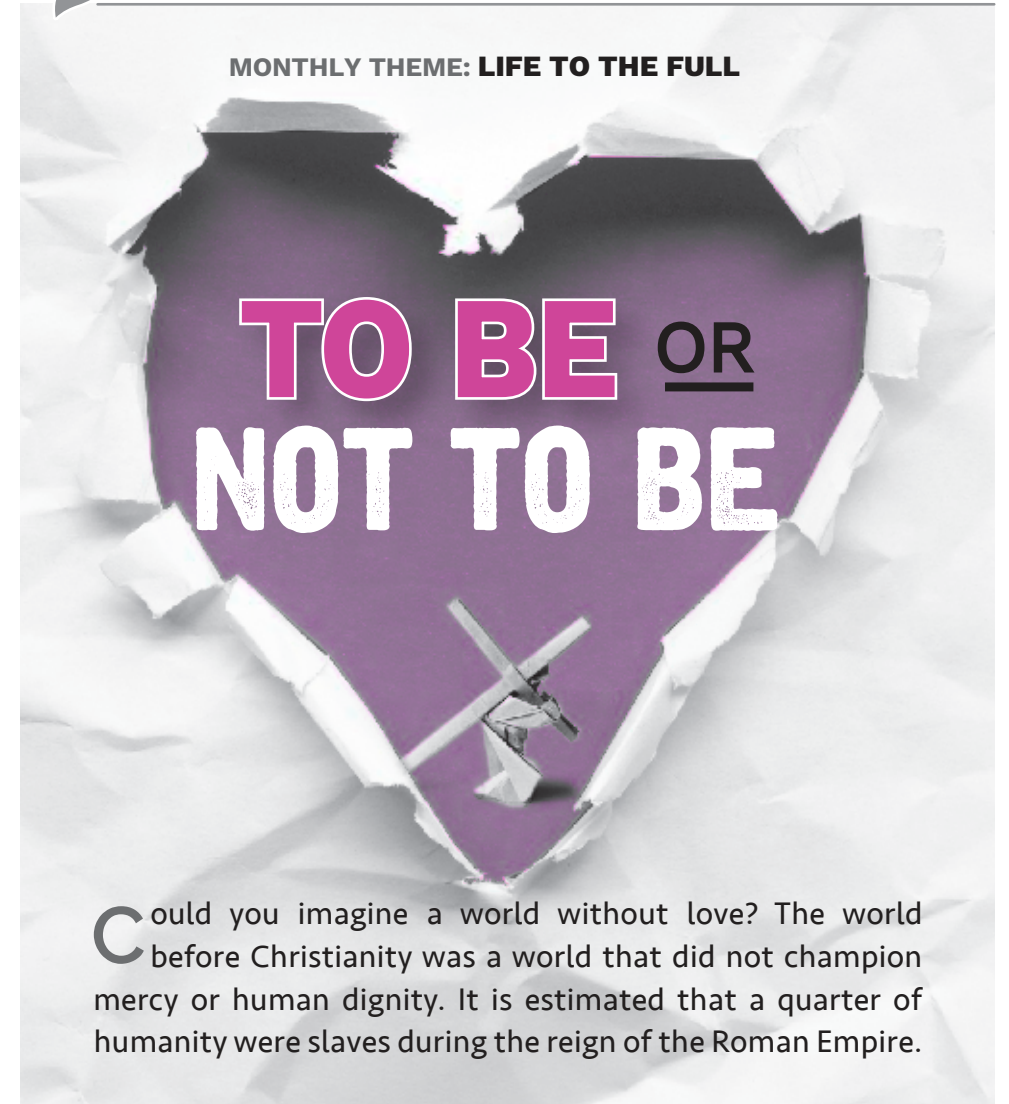


NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: LIFE TO THE FULL



Could you imagine a world without love? The world before Christianity was a world that did not champion mercy or human dignity. It is estimated that a quarter of humanity were slaves during the reign of the Roman Empire.



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THEME FOR 2020
DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.
Theme for May 2020
Evangelise/Call : Life to the Full.

PARISH OFFICE :
 Temporarily closed due to MCO - Covid 19 until further notice



16th / 17th May 2020 :
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 8, 5-8, 14-17 Ps 65, 1-3a, 4,-5, 6-7a, 16 and 20, 1 Pt 3, 15-18 Jn 14, 15-21
“Cry Out With Joy To God, All The Earth . Cry Out With Joy To God All The Earth” (Psalm : 65)

Donations received as from 18th March to 10th May 2020 (during the MCO)

	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
Cumulative Amount :	RM16,440.00	RM12,318.00	RM1,410.00

Thank you for all kind contributions. God Bless.

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 for the Parish office record purposes.

No Masses during MCO until further notice : Due to Covid - 19

From 18th May (Mon) to 24th May (Sat), the parish office will be opened from 8 am till 1 pm

Pray for the Departed Souls of :

- (1) Maria Lai Nyek Yin (d.o.d : 6/5/20)
- (2) Corrine Hermione (d.o.d : 6/5/20)
- (3) William Francis Tio (d.o.d : 6/5/20)
- (4) Bridget Gan Bee Keow (d.o.d : 11/5/20)
- (5) Michael Thomas (d.o.d : 12/5/20)

May Perpetual Light shine upon them

➤ **STAY IN FAITH :**

Dear Sisters and brothers, since the beginning MCO, todate we have had 12 funerals in our parish . Truly sad to have families having to send off their love ones in a seemingly isolated manner with only a few in attendance at the service. Others may be facing financial or health issues and the like that could be disturbing in some ways. Amidst our challenges and struggles, **Deuteronomy 31:6 reminds us : “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”** In your trying moments, let this verse be your strength and consolation. You are never alone, stay in faith, Your faith will enable you to overcome the challenges that may come your way. 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 postponed.

➤ **LIVE Broadcast of Archkl Masses from 16nd to 22nd May 2020**
 - watch the live broadcast at: www.Tv.ArchKL.org

Saturday : 09th May : 5.00 pm (English);

**Sunday : 10th May : 7.30 am (Tamil)
 9.00 am (Mandarin)
 10.30 am (English)**

Weekdays : Monday to Friday : 6.00pm

20th May (Wed) : 7.00 pm (Rosary with Archbishop Julian Leow)