

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Bible Awareness Sunday



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

**Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.**

- St. John Paul II

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah likens the rain and snow to the word of God. Just the falling rain and snow help provide water and moisture to the ground that is essential for the growth and yielding of a bountiful harvest, the word of God too, says the prophet, will serve its purpose so that the will of God is fulfilled.

The psalm too is filled with the imagery of nature and creation as a whole. God cares for the earth and blesses it with all that is necessary for the wheat to grow and the harvest to flourish. It is also God who prepares and nourishes the soil which in turn produces the fruits. The hills rejoice, the sheep graze on the meadow and the valley is filled with wheat. Nature, in itself proclaims the wonderful deeds of God.

But the picture is not all rosy. Creation has its limitations and cannot flourish and grow forever. This is why, says St. Paul, creation is groaning. It also waits for the final removal of chaos and the restoration to wholeness by God in the same way believers of Christ wait in confident hope and with patient endurance for the final and definitive salvation of humanity.

This is why **the work of proclaiming the Good News of salvation has to go on.** In the parable found in the gospel passage, Jesus uses images from nature to help his disciples understand why the preaching of the kingdom of God has to continue. They should not be discouraged if they do not see results but have to keep on sowing the Good News. In sowing God's Word, we are to go about it with perseverance and faith. The seed growing in the good soil will achieve enormous results.

May we be faithful sowers of the word. †



**Scripture of the Day:**

Is 55, 10-11

Ps 64, 10-14

Rom 8, 18-23

Mt 13, 1-23

**Weekly WORD**

**The work of proclaiming the Good News of salvation has to go on**



MONTHLY THEME  
**I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD**

## SOWERS of the WORD

The scripture readings this Sunday are filled with images from nature. Nature, as a whole, is not passive but dynamic. It is constantly changing. Nothing actually remains the same. Also, everything in nature, however large or small, has its reason for existence. In many ways, everything in nature is inter-connected and fulfils a purpose.



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**THEME FOR 2020**  
**DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.**  
**Theme for July 2020**  
**Evangelise/Call : I Gave Sent Them Into The World.**

**PARISH OFFICE :**  
 Mon to Fri : 9.00 am to 5.30 pm  
 Sat till 1.30 pm during RCMCO – Covid - 19 until further notice



**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 :**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME :** Is 55, 10-11 Ps 64, 10abcd, 10a-11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8, 18-23 Mt 13, 1-23  
*“Some Seed Fell Into Good Soil, And Oroduced Its Crop ” (Psalm : 64)*

Dear foreigners and permanent residents, due to Government recovery restrictions orders, we sincerely regret to inform that currently you are kindly requested to refrain from participating in the Mass until further notice. Sincere Apologies !

- 1) 19<sup>th</sup> July (Sun) : 8.00 am (Tamil) ; 11.00 am (English) -  
 Tamil - Only BECs, St. Cecilia (Z8), Sts Titus & Angela (Z10), St. Thadeus (Z11), St. Hendry (Z12),  
 Sts James /Clement/ Monica (Z13), Sts. Bernadine 1,2,3,4 / John Paul II / Bruno 1, 2, 3/ St. Catherine / S2 Heights (Z 16)  
 English - Only BECS - Sts. Joseph/Albert/Margaret (Z 1), Sts. Ambrose/Hilary 2/ Fabian/ Joseph of  
 Cupertino/ Basil (Z 3), Sts. Mary/Joan/Christopher/George (Z 6),  
 Sts. Robert.Stephen/Timothy (Z 7), St. Martha (Z10), Sts. Thadeus/Mathews/Joseph (Z 11)
- 2) 26<sup>th</sup> July (Sun) : 8.00 am (Tamil) ; 11.00 am (English) -  
 Tamil - Only BECS, Sts. Pio / Matthias 1/Matthias 2/ Jude / Joseph (Z -14) ; Sts. Justine / Ireaneaus  
 / Joachim (Z-15) ; Sts. Bernatte / Frencisca (Marjorie Z-20) : Sts Gabriella / Anastasia  
 /Joanna (Gadong Z-18) : Sts. Jecinta / O.L. of Lourdes / Francis / Lucia ( Sagga Z-19)  
 English - Only BECS - Sts. Claire / Anne / Bernard (Z-8) : Sts. Dominic / Teresa of Calcutta /  
 Lorenzon Ruiz / Faustina / Raphael / David (Z-9) : Sts. Francis / Michael (Z -12) : Sts. Pio / Matthias 1/  
 Matthias 2 (Z-14) : St. Don Bosco (Z-15) : Sts. Bernadine 2 / John Paul II / Bruno 1 / Bruno 2 / Bruno 3 /  
 Arthur / Bernadine 1 / Bernadine 3 / Bernadine 4 / Catherine / S2 Heights (Z -16)

**NOTE : a) COMPULSORY FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING MASS TO USE A MASK , PLEASE COME WITH YOUR OWN MASK**  
**b) BE IN THE CHURCH ONE AND A HALF HOUR (1 ½ hrs) EARLIER, TO GO THROUGH ALL THE SOPS BEFORE MASS BEGINS.**

**Compliance of SOP** (Standard Operation Procedure)

- a) Those attending Mass are to adhere to the instructions/SOP given and cooperate with the service coordinators.
- b) Those attending Mass are to bring along their Identity Card (I.C.)
- c) Those who don't feel well like having, flu, sore throat, cough, difficulty in breathing please do not attend the Mass even if you are in the list.
- d) Wear a mask / registration / temperature taking / sanitizing hands before entering for Mass and exiting the Church after Mass.
- e) A card with number is given to each parishioner for attending Mass, keep it safe and to return at the exit point after Mass.
- f) There will be no Confession for the time being, please take note
- g) Please take your seat at the pew according to the instructions given.
- h) No touching/hugging/shaking hands. Communion to be received by hand only.
- i) Using of toilets be disciplined, not to crowd in. Social distancing to be maintained
- j) You are kindly required to leave immediately after Mass..

**CHECK YOUR SOIL :**

Sometimes we wonder why we are not seeing growth, why we are not seeing favour in our life. Today's Gospel, Mt 13:1-23, about a man who sowed seed on ground and some grew into plants that flourished, others got choked along the way, while others withered. You are like the seed; full of gifts, talents and potentials. If you plant yourself in unhealthy soil, hang around with friends who gossip, compromise, pull you down, with limited mind-set and negativities, your growth will be stunted. **CHECK YOUR SOIL !**. Or else your dreams, your vision and character may diminish and wither. Your seed is full of potential. Seek your greatness in 'the Divine God! **Blessings and Peace always ! Frs. Xave and Kenneth.**

**Donations received as from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 05<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (during the MCO)**

	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
<b>Cumulative Amount :</b>	<b>RM41,756.00</b>	<b>RM16,538.00</b>	<b>RM8,225.00</b>

**Thank you for all kind contributions. God Bless.**

**DONATIONS / OFFERINGS :** For those who wish to contribute to any of the followings :

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| (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.

**Pray for the Departed Souls of :** (1) Anthony Pragasam (d.o.d : 05/07/20)  
 (2) Thomas Ng Chee Wah (d.o.d : 08/07/2020)  
**May Perpetual Light shine upon them**