

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME  
HEALING TOWARDS  
INTEGRATION

## How Are You Using Your Fives Loaves and Two Fish?



On hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus was deeply upset and in need of finding a quiet place where He could share His grief with the disciples. However, when He stepped ashore, there were a thousand people eagerly waiting to reach out to Him, to listen to Him perhaps looking forward to being healed by Him.

"... listen to me  
and you will  
have good  
things to eat  
and rich food  
to enjoy"  
- Is 55:1,2

He began teaching, nourishing their minds, hearts, spirits and souls. When evening came, He satisfied their hunger by working the miracle of the loaves and fish. It was clearly a miraculous event and a pointer to the fact that God, who created the world, provides us with food that takes care of our every need; food to satisfy our physical needs and more importantly, food to satisfy our souls which today manifests itself in The Word of God.

Here we have a picture of the Church as it acts in every age. Jesus did not feed the crowd by the Sea of Galilee all on His own. He accomplished it with the help of His disciples who were reluctant to accept responsibility for the hungry people; their initial reaction was to send the crowd away to fend for themselves, hoping somebody else would deal with the problem. Challenged by Jesus to use their own resources, they remembered having seen a boy with five loaves and two fish which they brought to Him. The little they had when placed in the hands of Jesus turned out to be more than enough for all.

Jesus sets before everyone the task of communicating His love through the gifts and talents they have. The five loaves and two fishes are symbols of the power to do good which we all have within us. Are we willing to use that power, is something that we need to think about? The Lord has given us special qualities which He expects us to use to glorify His kingdom...now how much more power lies with you!

In whatever way we minister to the needs of others, we display the compassion of Christ and extend His friendship. **Let us accept the challenge of Jesus** to do what we can do for others. Jesus receives our gifts in the same manner as he accepted the five loaves and two fish from the disciples and offering them to the Father, gives them eternal value. On its own, our efforts may seem small and insignificant but when placed in God's hands and fitted into His plans, they become a part of the great saving mission of the Church and give a deeper meaning to our lives.

It's time to ask ourselves... Are we willing to allow Jesus to work the miracle of the loaves and fish in our lives? †



Scripture of the Day:

Is 55:1-3;

Ps 144: 8-9, 15-16,  
17-18;

Rom 8:35, 37-39;

Mt 14:13-21

Weekly  
WORD

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**THEME FOR 2020**  
**DISCIPLESHIP: SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.**  
**Theme for August 2020**  
**Healing towards Integration**

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



**01<sup>st</sup> & 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 :**

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:** *Is 55, 1-3, Ps 144, 8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 9, 35, 37-39, Mt. 14, 13-21*  
*"You Open Wide Your Hand O Lord, You Grant Our Desired!" (Psalm : 144)*

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!

From next week onwards (August 2020), Masses will be opened to all parishioners. Each language Mass is open for a limit of 380 parishioners. Those who wish to attend, kindly register through your BEC / Zone coordinators. All names from BEC / Zone are to be submitted to parish office by Thursday for the total count.

**02 August (Sun):** 8.00 am (Tamil) ; 11.00 am (English)

The time of Masses and language is subject to changes in the weeks ahead.

You can watch Visitation Live streaming Mass at : <http://live.visitationseremban.org>

**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...

**Pray for the Departed Souls of :**

- 1) PA Somarathy a/p Babanhamy (d.o.d : 26/07/20)
  - 2) Augustine William De Souza (d.o.d : 26/07/2020)
- May Perpetual Light shine upon them*

Dear parishioners, Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank**. We wish to request that the food items donated stay in its original wrapper or packaging. Do not Repack. Please continue to support us.

**Donations received as from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (during the MCO)**

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	<b>RM45,616.00</b>	<b>RM21,888.00</b>	<b>RM10,005.00</b>

**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.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Mass : 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 @ 2.00 pm**  
 All confirmation students only will commence the Sunday class on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
**English :** 8.00 am - 9.30 am **Tamil :** 9.45am - 11.15 am **Mandarin :** 11.30 am - 1.00 pm .  
 Venue : Visitation Hall (upstairs). SOP to be complied.  
 Confirmants Confession : 21 Aug / Interview - 22 Aug / Rehearsal - 26 August 2020
- **Adoration Room Makeover** - see also video in the facebook and Visitation Web.
- **Parish** is also in the process of revamping leadership in all Ministries

**INFANT BAPTISM :** Pre Baptism Instruction for all languages : 01 Aug '20 (Sat) (All languages)  
**Baptism :** **Tamil - 8<sup>th</sup> Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm** **English - 15<sup>th</sup> Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm**  
**BM and Mandarin - 22 Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm**

Those who have not registered for the Infant Baptism, please do so at the parish office.

**Attention :**  
**With immediate effect there will be NO Funeral services at the home of the deceased. Funerals are to be held at Visitation Parlour**