

You are the
Christ, the
Son of the
living God.

- Mt 16:16

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. It is because of this great response of Simon Peter, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is given the special authority to 'bind and lose' and to lead the Church.

The choice of Peter as head of the Church is an example of the power of God to work in a new and life-giving way. Jesus uses the weak things of this world to confound the strong. The mission entrusted to Peter was crucial to the continuation of Jesus' work.

As followers of Christ, this question put across to Peter by Jesus, "Who do you say I am?" is what we are confronted with daily and calls us to judge ourselves as to how we are living our lives.

We are the Church. Are we then, true disciples of Jesus and genuine members of His body? Acceptance of the Gospel is a basic requirement of every member of the Church. **Our day to day life must be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus.** We are to be led by His spirit of love and service in order to cooperate and participate in God's salvific plan, and proclaim to the whole world the love and goodness of God as manifested in Jesus. It is important for us to take up responsibilities and then we will be privileged to be collaborators in God's work.

Jesus remains at the centre, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up His people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love.

The Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve. Today, let us particularly remember the present successor of Peter, our Holy Father, Pope Francis; that God may establish him in faith and wisdom and that as Chief Shepherd, he may help us on our way to the Kingdom. †



Scripture of the Day:

Is 22:19-23;

Ps 137: 1-3, 6, 8;

Rom 11: 33-36;

Mt 16:13-20

Weekly
WORD

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Gospel of Jesus

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: HEALING TOWARDS INTEGRATION

WHO
DO YOU SAY
I AM?

On the road to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus enquired with His disciples on what people were saying about His identity. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.



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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



22nd & 23rd August 2020 :

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: *Is 22, 19-23, Ps 137, 1-2a, 2bc -3, 6 and 8bc Rom 11, 33-36 Mt 16, 13-20*

"Your Love, O Lord Is Eternal, Discard Not The Works Of Your Hands." (Psalm : 137)

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!

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.

Mass Time : 30th August (Sun) : 9.00 am (Mandarin) ; 9.00 am (Bahasa)
 2.00 om : Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (confirmant, parents (2), sponsor (1))

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

Parish Weekend Collections : 16/8/2020	RM3,906.90
Special collection for Adoration : 16/8/2020	RM2,146.70

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.

➤ All parish ministries of all language groups are requested to conduct your elections for new leaders; not a comeback of the 'old face" to the position. Those who have already had your elections recently, it's wonderful. As for the rest, please do so by end of September 2020.

➤ Fr, Kenneth and I are indeed grateful to all those who have been serving in the different ministries in the parish. We sincerely **THANK YOU** for your invaluable contributions to the parish all these years. May the blessings of the Almighty accompany you and your family. Best wishes to all of you. Take Care! **Fr. Xave**

Pray for the Departed Soul of :
 Susan Babara Michael (d.o.d : 19/08/20)
May the Perpetual Light shines upon her

We are recruiting **English choir members** for 9 am Mass and Organists for 6 pm & 9 am English Mass. Those interested kindly contact Mr. Daniel Ram @ 012 6588715

Donations received ONLINE as from 18th March to 23rd August 2020 (during the MCO)

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	RM53,253.00	RM33,458.00	RM10,955.00

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. **Please do not bank-in money for Mass offerings /Intentions (Office is opened Monday – Saturday)**
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.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Mass : 30th August 2020 @ 2.00 pm**
 All confirmation students have commenced their Sunday classes on 26th 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 Interview - 22 Aug (Sat) : 9.am – 12 noon (Eng/Mand) / 2 - 5 pm (Eng/Tamil)
 Rehearsal - 28 Aug (Fri) : 8 pm
- **Adoration Room Makeover** - see also video in the facebook and Visitation Web.
- **Parish** is also in the process of revamping leadership in all Ministries

Bahasa Infant Baptism

22nd August 2020 @ 7.00 pm. Please gather in front of the Church entrance with compliance of SOP.

Dear parishioners, Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank**. Please continue to give your support.

We congratulate Fr. Philip Tay, OCD on being ordained a priest and welcome him to the N.S. District.