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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL



MONTHLY THEME
**HEALING TOWARDS
INTEGRATION**

WHAT DOES THE LORD

want from us?

Peter found it difficult to accept that the mission of Jesus would end with the cross and crucifixion. He did not see why pain and suffering were necessary for discipleship, and was anxious that the Lord avoid this course of action. He was outraged at this idea that such happenings should take place.

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

– Mt 16:24

Like most of us, he failed to grasp the role of suffering in God's plan. He thought that being part of the kingdom was a matter of power and success. Peter had yet to learn that the standards of Christ were not those of earthly splendour and glory. The outcome was a reprimand from Jesus who cautioned him against adopting the standards of the world, *"the way you think is not God's way but man's"*. The Gospel ends with a challenge from Jesus to welcome hardship and embrace pain and personal suffering, for to hold on to this life is to lose eternal life and everlasting values.

The road to discipleship is never a straight one and suffering is a reality of human life. Our earthly pilgrimage is not free of trials and tribulations. We have all experienced our share of hardship in the form of sickness, loss of job or death in the family. When things go wrong and affliction comes our way, we cry out and protest in bitter rebellion. It is a natural tendency to turn one's back on trouble but running away from pain can never bring joy, for to hide from it is to pretend that it does not exist.

Being a Christian is a demanding honour because God's way of doing things is contrary to human expectations. In the Gospel, **Jesus tells us plainly that discipleship involves denying ourselves**, taking up the cross in trust and confidence and following His footsteps across the hill of Calvary. It is a hard teaching but the measure of greatness in the kingdom of heaven is the standard of the cross.

This is an occasion to reflect on our own commitment to Christ because it is easy to lose sight of our final goal in life. Our hearts are tempted to seek comfort in material things and to avoid hardship.

Let us look forward in hope to the great reward of faithful service, when the Son of Man, coming in glory, will reward all according to their behaviour. †



Scripture of the Day:

Jer 20:7-9;
Ps 62, 2-6, 8-9;
Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

**Weekly
WORD**

**Discipleship
involves denying
ourselves**



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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 & Sun: till 1.30 pm
during RCMCO – Covid - 19 until further notice



29th & 30th August 2020 :

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Jer 20, 7-9 Ps 62, 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12, 1-2 Mt 16, 21-27

"For You Are My Soul Is Thirsting, O Lord My God, For You My Soul Is Thirsting, O Lord My God."

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 ONLINE via parish website at www.visitationseremban.org

Please take note that the live streaming of Masses are ending this week. No live streaming of Mass from September onwards.

Mass Time : 06th September (Sun) : 7.30 am (Tamil) 10.00 am : (English)
 12.00 noon (Mandarin) (Alternate week with BM)

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

Parish Weekend Collections : 23/8/2020	RM3,914.25
Special collection for Adoration : 23/8/2020	RM927.00

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.**
- **Confirmation 2020 - Congratulations to all our 75 Confirmands** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30th August @ 2.00pm Mass., A big thank you to Parents, God parents and all teachers for your support and all preparations given. God Bless you !
- Dear parishioners, Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank.** Please continue to give your support.

Pray for the Departed Souls of :
 a) Martin Anthony (d.o.d : 21/08/20)
 b) Arunachalam a/l Nadesan (21/8/20)
May the Perpetual Light shines upon them

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 30th August 2020 (during the MCO)

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	RM54,623.00	RM42,208.00	RM12,105.00

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 – Sunday)**
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.

- **Adoration Room Makeover** - see also video in the facebook and Visitation Web.
- **Parish** is also in the process of revamping leadership in all Ministries

➤ 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**

Dear Parishioners, you are kindly encouraged to call the parish office to make appointments to meet the Parish Priest, and refrain calling him personally on the mobile for appointments. Thank you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - BAPTISM OF CANDIDATES :
 13/9/2020 : 9.30 am (English) 20/9/2020 : 12.30 noon (Mandarin)
 27/9/2020 : 7.30 am (Tamil)

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