

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME:

**BLOOD POURED OUT FOR YOU AND MANY**



## **FORGIVENESS IS FOR THE STRONG**

They say: *"It takes a strong person to say sorry, and it takes an even stronger person to forgive"*. Forgiveness may sometimes feel like a weakness that beckons us to think: *"it's not for me", "everyone else is wrong", "I am right", "they are the ones who offended me first", or "they shouldn't have done that"*. We have heard this often, haven't we?

As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.  
- St. Faustina

In his case, Peter, in eagerness, asks Jesus if it is alright to forgive 7 times (3 more than the Jewish scriptural custom). And Jesus yet again astounds them by asking for what seems to be the impossible – *"not seven, but seventy times seven"*. His answer indicated that there is simply no limit to forgiving someone! For if God can forgive us, even for the same offences day-in and day-out, why can't we forgive each other?

However, who could possibly do this? - to forgive again and again? How do you deal with spousal conflicts that turn your life upside down and tears you inside-out? Can you really make sincere amends with a family member whom you haven't spoken to for a long time? How do you forgive a rapist? What if it concerns someone who has abused a child? To those who know the cruel reality of these scars, it may seem impossible to even contemplate forgiveness.

Yet Jesus asks us to go the extra mile. In another instance, Jesus explained that if someone were to ask you for your cloak, that you are to give him your tunic as well; or if someone slaps you on one cheek, to offer the other. Jesus shows us that forgiveness is possible, and that forgiveness bears fruits. He did this not only through His words, but also His actions. In this way, **Jesus revealed the identity of God**, that He is a God who is love and tenderness, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

The following adage seems to capture our human struggles quite accurately: *"the more you know yourself, the more you forgive yourself"*. The development of our self-awareness bears even more fruits than this however, in that it in turn leads us to be more forgiving of others. Let us remember that forgiveness adorns the single most important commandment – to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself.

*Truly, to forgive others is to set a prisoner free, and to do so is to discover that the prisoner was YOU! †*



Scripture of the Day:

- Sir. 27: 33 - 28: 7;
- Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12;
- Rom. 14: 7-9;
- Mt 18: 21-35.

**Weekly WORD**  
**Jesus revealed the identity of God**



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**THEME FOR 2020**  
**DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.**  
**Theme for September 2020**  
**Evangelise/Call : Blood poured out for you and many.**

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



**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 :**

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:** Sir 27, 33, 28, 7; Ps 102, 1-2, 3-4, 9-12 Rom 14, 7-9, Mt 18, 21-35  
*"The Lord Is Compassion And Love, Slow To Anger And Rich In Mercy." (Psalm : 102)*

Masses is opened to all parishioners. All foreigners are welcome to attend now. Each language Mass is open for a limit of 480 parishioners. Those who wish to attend, kindly register ONLINE via parish website at [www.visitationseremban.org](http://www.visitationseremban.org).

There will be NO live streaming of Mass from September onwards.

Mass Time : 20<sup>th</sup> September (Sun) : 7.30 am (Tamil) 10.00 am : (English)  
 12.00 noon (Mandarin) (Alternate week with Bahasa)

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

Parish Weekend Collections : 06/09/2020	RM5,577.55
Special collection for Adoration : 06/09/2020	RM724.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Ministry of Social Concern (PIHDM)	RM726.00

**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**.
- Dear parishioners, **PIHDM Food Bank** will be opened on **Sundays : 8 am - 12.30 pm**. Items needed are : Rice (5kg), Oil (2 kg), Sardines, Biscuits, Milk powder, Milo/chocolate milk, cond. Milk, Bihun/instant mee. For more info contact : John (017-6158961) or Bernadette (012 2715840). Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank**. Please continue to give your support.
- **Infant Baptism for October 2020** : kindly submit applications to parish office by end of September 2020.
- **Religious Education (RE) English** classes resume on Saturday 19 Sept for Primary students (Std. 1 - 6) at 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm and Sunday 20 Sept for Secondary students (Form 1-4) at 11.30 am to 12.45 pm

Pray for the Departed Soul of :  
 Francis Yong Kong Chow (d.o.d : 08/09/20)  
 May the Perpetual Light shines upon him.

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 18<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (during the RCMCO)**

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	RM56,813.00	RM63,938.00	RM12,525.00

**DONATIONS / OFFERINGS :**

For those who wish to contribute to any of the followings:

- (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish
- (2) Adoration Room Makeover
- (3) PIHDM 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](mailto: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.**

- **Booking of Church premises/classrooms/hall etc for meetings please do not call the parish priest to do the booking. All bookings are to be done at the parish office.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - BAPTISM OF CANDIDATES :**

13/9/2020 : 10.00 am (English) 20/9/2020 : 12.00 noon (Mandarin)  
 27/9/2020 : 7.30 am (Tamil)

**Congratulations to all 8 newly Baptised (RCIA-E) today. We welcome and support them.**