

If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.

- St. John of the Cross

where they "were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content." Sometimes, doesn't life seem like this too? One minute, everything looks fine and then, a serious problem comes our way and it feels as though we are journeying in the wilderness with no end in sight. We struggle to find meaning in the face of questions and doubts, even unfairly blaming ourselves or others. We may blame God too. After all, did not God promise to take care of us and our loved ones?

In the Gospel, we read that the people were looking frantically for Jesus. Jesus himself knew they did so because they had seen the 'signs', especially during the time he had multiplied bread and fish. They came because they were looking for 'something' and not the 'Someone' who is the "Bread of Life". What about you? In your relationship with God, do you first seek Him who is the Giver of everything or do you seek God because you desire from Him everything that you want?

**God keeps His promise - always.** He does this, however, in His own way and in His own time. On taking the people out of Egypt, God did not promise them an easy or comfortable journey. He promised to be with them. When God hears the cries of the people, He provides them with what they need - food and water. Of course, the people would have wanted meat and bread, but God gave them manna. Although, manna is a kind of resin which is small in size, it was sufficient to keep thousands of Israelites alive. God will take care of us. He gives us what we need, not what we want. Learn to trust God like Mary, our Blessed Mother did! †

Weekly  
WORD

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE



MONTHLY THEME:

**BE NOT AFRAID.**

**WE BELONG TO CHRIST WITH MARY**

## Seek The Giver

In the first reading we hear that the people of Israel complained against Moses. Initially, there had been much excitement and joy on leaving Egypt. Now, however, suffering from a lack of food and water in the middle of the harsh wilderness, the Israelites began to regret having left Egypt,

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TOTAL MASS COLLECTION: RM 7,342.80			SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULES				
DAY	MASS	COLLECTIONS		DAY	TIME	LANGUAGE	READINGS
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Friday, 27-Jul-18	8:30 pm (T)	413.75		Monday	6-Aug-18	6:00 pm	English (E) <b>No Mass</b>
Saturday, 28-Jul-18	4:00 pm (BM)	1,541.95		Tuesday	7-Aug-18	7:00 am	English (E) 18th Week in Ordinary Time
	6:00 pm (E)	2,308.55		Wednesday	8-Aug-18	7:00 am	English (E) 18th Week in Ordinary Time
	8:30 pm (M)	1,673.65		Thursday	9-Aug-18	7:00 am	English (E) 18th Week in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 29-Jul-18	7:00 am (E)	1,404.90		Friday	10-Aug-18	8:00 pm	Multi-lingual (ML) <b>No Mass</b>
						7:00 am	English (E) 18th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday				Saturday	11-Aug-18	8:30 pm	Tamil (T) 19th Week in Ordinary Time
						7:00 am	English (E) <b>No Mass</b>
						4:00 pm	Bahasa (BM) 19th Week in Ordinary Time
Sunday				Sunday	12-Aug-18	6:00 pm	English (E) 19th Week in Ordinary Time
						8:30 pm	Mandarin (M) 19th Week in Ordinary Time
						7:00 am	English (E) 19th Week in Ordinary Time
						11:00 am	Myanmar (MMR) <b>No Mass</b>

† THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY †

## 1) To serve, to bear fruit, to work, to help... Come and Serve the Lord in various ministries.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit..."*

Whether it be an apostolate of prayer or ministry of teaching or hospitality or choir, etc. everyone is called to serve, not to be served. Refer to the parish ministries and consider helping in one of these ways. Please contact respective apostolate leader for more detail.

➤ **English Apostolate (EA)** : James Govindasamy @ +6019-778 9732

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➤ **Bahasa Apostolate (BA)** : Vensis Sabin @ +6019-538 4260

➤ **Tamil Apostolate (TA)** : Steven Kolandasamy @ +6012-713 3339

## 2) Roadshow MJPI – Being Encountered

➤ **English, Mandarin and Bahasa**

Date : Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (10am to 12:30pm)

## 3) COMBINED CELEBRATION: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity, AND 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, JB (CIC). All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Eucharistic Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Marino, Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia. The celebration will begin with blessing of Statue of Mary & grotto at 6:30pm.

Date : Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Mass at 8pm followed by fellowship - potluck).

## 4) Formation for all Lectors and Choir Members

Date : Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (9am ~ 3pm). Venue is TBA.

Formator : Dcn Sherman Kuek, OFS (Fee @ RM7)

Contact : Angie @ +6012-759 3087 / Emilda @ +6012-703 9005

## ENGLISH APOSTOLATE:

### 1) BEC Gathering (Skudai)

Skudai BEC will be held on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (8pm) by Kimberly Jayne Frances @ +6016-794 3899.

Venue : 96, Jalan Pahlawan 3, Taman Ungku Tun Aminah, Johor Bahru.

## TAMIL APOSTOLATE:

### 1) Church Cleaning (Attention to all parents and youths)

All youths are invited to join. Please contact Lenin @ +6010-6655 754.

Date : Saturday, August 11, 2018 (8am to 12:30pm) at CIC Church compound.

## MANDARIN APOSTOLATE:

### 1) BEC Formation

Open to BEC Leaders & whoever is interested to be a leader. Peter Lim is the formation speaker.

Date : Sunday, August 19, 2018 (9am to 5pm)

Venue : St Mary Hall (Conference Room)

### 2) Mid-Autumn Festival – All are Welcome

There will be lantern competition, Chinese calligraphy, sharing, praise & worship and potluck.

Date : Sunday, September 9, 2018 (6pm to 10pm)

Venue : St Mary Hall (Conference Room)

### 3) Pilgrimage Day Tour

Church of St Matthew, Tangkak. St Andrew Muar, Pantai Klebong, Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Interested please contact Anastasia @ 012-708 0266 / Iris Leong @ 016-748 4283.

Date : Sunday, September 16, 2018 (6am @ CIC)

Fee : RM 75 (including dinner)

## DIocese:

### 1) Understanding Same Sex Attraction (English)

Interested please contact Dcn Dr. Petrus @ +6016-717 9038 / Feona Petrus @ +6016-722 2642.

Date : Saturday, September 8, 2018 (8am ~ 2pm)

Venue : Pastrol Secatriat Majodi, Plentong.

Fee : RM30 (Lunch and tea will be provided)

Speaker : Bryan Crucis Shen (Member of Singapore Archdiocesan Response Team)

### 2) Marriage Encounter (in Different Languages)

➤ **Bahasa (at Malacca)**

Date : August 31<sup>st</sup> ~ September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 (Friday to Monday)

Contact: Christi Ginsi @ +6013-705 7498

➤ **English (at Malacca)**

Date : September 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Friday to Sunday)

Contact: Feona Petrus @ +6016-7222 642

➤ **Tamil (at Majodi Centre, Plentong, Johor)**

Date : November 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Friday to Sunday)

Contact: Tony @ +6017-700 3230

➤ **Mandarin (at Majodi Centre, Plentong, Johor)**

Date : December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Saturday and Sunday)

Contact: Elizabeth Kang @ +6012-768 0588