



In declaring Israel as His servant, God's plan is for the nation to be the conduit of salvation to the whole world. Israel is called to live in a covenantal relationship with the Lord so that His glory can be manifested to the world. Yet, time after time, the nation Israel fail to live up to God's call. They assimilate into pagan culture, practise idolatry, and do not fulfil their covenantal obligations.

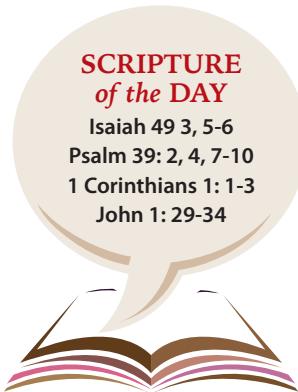
John the Baptist comes into the scene in the gospel narrative. He points to Jesus as *the Lamb of God*. Lambs are sacrificial animals and, Jesus, the true and faithful Israel embodies and fulfils Israel's calling. From the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John already points to Jesus' sacrificial mission, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

What is our role, then in Jesus's Servant-Mission since by our baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ?

Knowing first of all, that the family is not merely a social institution but a domestic church. Thus, those called to family life have a primary vocation. When we learn to die to self and live for the other, we will become the Light in our families. Before any external mission, the utmost call is toward holiness in the family, especially to conversion in relationships.

Then, when we learn to live exemplary lives, the Lord may call us out of our comfort zone, nudging us that '*it is too little a thing*,' to keep the Light to ourselves. Instead, the Spirit will lead us to go beyond our families, to our workplace, schools, BECs and communities. John has a pivotal role – pointing and directing people to the Lamb. We too must point away from ourselves and point everyone towards Christ by our words and deeds. By doing so, we become credible witnesses. ♦

SCRIPTURE of the DAY
Isaiah 49 3, 5-6
Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 1: 1-3
John 1: 29-34



“Families remain as places where we learn to exchange the gifts of love, trust, forgiveness, and understanding – where we discover both our need to be listened to and our ability to listen.”

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time | 18 January 2026

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Building Trust

Expansion of the Servant-Mission of Christ

As we move into Ordinary Time in the liturgy, we see the continuation of Isaiah's prophecy on the Servant-Mission of Christ. The reading from Isaiah is deemed as the Servant-Song, beginning with what seems like an all-Israel's affair, but explodes into beyond, even as the Lord says, '*It is too little, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Israel. I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*'



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
8, Jalan Air Putih, Setapak, 53200 Kuala Lumpur
Parish Priest: Rev Fr Mitchel Anthony Joseph

January 17 – 24, 2026

Saturday

17th January: 5.15pm Rosary; 6.00pm Sunset Mass (E)

2nd Sunday of the Year (A)

Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Souls:

Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, Elsie Christina Gan, Joachim Joseph, Maria John, Henry Jayasuria, Dennis Khoo Chuan Aun, Philip & Ann Chong, Hensie Peters, Francis Ng Sun Hi & Maria Low Yon Moy, Savarinathan & Mariamah, Dr Anthonysamy, Amboros Francis, Patricia Anne Nicholas, S. Anthonymmal, Augustine Choo, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, Ian Chua Ming Soon, Melisha Lim Bee Mee, Rajina Mary Anthony Muthu (1st Ann), Stella Fernandez, Joseph Sathinathan, Mr & Mrs Irithiadass Fatima, Joachim Paul, Gerard Anthony, Ivy Agnes Anthony & Bala Anthony, Roy De Souza, J E James, Mercy James, Patrick David, Mary David, Reginald Raj, Amboros Francis, Olga Phillips, Xavier Saverimuthu, Richard Ng Cheng Kit, Souls in purgatory & aborted babies (by Angela Stevenson, by Alena Chin)

Sp Int:

Collin Bhaskaran & fly, How Woei Jye (exams), Liza Dass, Andrea Hall, Rueann Dass, Christella Rebecca Lawrence, Amy Stickney

Thanksq:

Harry Daniel Solomon & fly (AS), Albert & Jean, Yvonne Jeremiah, Roseline & fly (SHJ), Josephine Tan Choo, Liza Dass, Rosalind

Sunday

18th January: Mass: 9.30AM UNITY MASS (PONGGAL CELEBRATION) Psalter II

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Souls:

Annie Chiew Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, Peter Foo Loong Fong, Barbara Ann Phillips, Harvey Gerard Krishnan, Wong Ah Mook, Siew Choon Heong, William Lai Yew Wah, Mary Choo Soon, Simon Yong Chong Yin, Francis De Rozario, Tharmaraja Verarathi, Joseph Foong Fock Yong, Francis Ng Sun Hi & Maria Low Yon Moy, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, Fr. Chan Ying Hong, Toh Soh Han, grandparents Chan Yat Phoon, Brady Baradhan, Mr & Mrs Narayanan Nair, George Yeow, Wang Ye & Chua Seng, Richard Ng Cheng Kit, Souls in purgatory (by Onesimus Chan)

Sp Int:

Joan Wong, Alex Sivam, Stephen Francis Pinto, Kraal fly, Ellie & Didi (health), Imelda Priya Wilson, Theresa Ng Poh Gek, Cheang Wai Fong, Christopher Lim (speedy recovery)

Thanksq:

Angela Stevenson (DH), Harry Daniel Solomon & fly (SHJ), Gareth Tan, Peter Chua & fly, Joseph Chua & fly, Christopher Cheong & fly

Monday

19th January: 2nd Week in Ord Time

(Office closed)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sam 15:16-23; Mt21:18-22

NO MASS

Tuesday

20th January: 6.30am Mass (2nd Week in Ord Time) St Fabian, Pope & Martyr

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sam 16: 1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Souls:

Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, LTM Aaron W Stevenson, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, John Lim, Mr & Mrs Oliver Lawrence Fernandez, Richard Ng Cheng Kit

Sp Int:

Adrian Lam Siew King, Annie Lim (good health)

Thanksq:

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Wednesday

21st January: 6.30am Mass (2nd Week in Ord Time) St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Souls:

Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, Anthonysamy Sebastian, Mr & Mrs Oliver Lawrence Fernandez, Richard Ng Cheng Kit,

Sp Int:

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Thanksq:

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<u>Thursday</u>	<u>22nd January: 6.30am Mass (2nd Week in Ord Time) St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</u> <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> <i>I Sam 18:6-9; 1-7; Mk 3:7-12</i>
Souls:	Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, Peter, Stella & Dass fly, Lim Jet Thien & Lim Jet Swan, Kwek Kwi Neo & Stanley Kwek, Steven Seng Kim Hoe Mr & Mrs Oliver Lawrence Fernandez, Richard Ng Cheng Kit
Sp Int:	-
Thanksq:	-
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<u>Friday</u>	<u>23rd January: 7.00pm Mass (2nd Week in Ord Time)</u> <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> <i>I Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19</i>
Souls:	Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, LTM Aaron W Stevenson, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, Nellan Mathavan, Mr & Mrs Oliver Lawrence Fernandez, Richard Ng Cheng Kit
Sp Int:	Rosalind Margaret Lourdes, Olivia Faith
Thanksq:	Angela Stevenson (SPP), Rayappan Joseph (80 th b'day), Jayden Pradeep
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<u>Saturday</u>	<u>24th January: 5.15pm Rosary; 6.00pm Sunset Mass (E)</u> <u>3rd Sunday of the Year (A)</u> <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> <i>Is 8: 23-9: 3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23</i>
Souls:	Annie Chiew Kim Neo, Magdalene Tan Poh Ghaik, Peter, Stella & Dass fly, Maria John, Henry Jayasuria, Dennis Khoo Chuan Aun, Philip & Ann Chong, Hensie Peters, Francis Ng Sun Hi & Maria Low Yon May, Amboros Francis, Joachim Tan, Steven Seng Kim Hoe, Joachim Joseph, Melisha Lim Bee Mee, Deceased members of David, D'silva, Anthony, James, Luke Looi, Mr & Mrs Oliver Lawrence Fernandez, Reginald Raj, Amboros Francis, Richard Ng Cheng Kit, Souls in purgatory (by Shirley)
Sp Int:	Liza Dass, Justin D'cruz, Dom
Thanksq:	Albert & Jean, Angela Stevenson (OLGH), Rosaline & fly (SHJ), Liza Dass, Shirley
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