



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

# St Mary's Cathedral

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

## To The Church In Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17)

The city of Pergamum was the region's leading religious center, home not only to a massive altar to Zeus but also a temple to Caesar.



### Read Revelation 2:12-17

1. How does Jesus describe himself? (Recall Rev 1:16)
2. What does Jesus say he knows about the church in Pergamum?
3. What is Jesus pleased with?
4. How do you think the church in Pergamum would feel hearing that Jesus knows all this?
5. What does Jesus have against the church in Pergamum?

6. Read about Balaam in Numbers 22:9-20; 25:1-5; 31:7-8,15-16. How is the experience of the church in Pergamum like that of Israel and Balaam?
  
7. What warning does Jesus give the church in Pergamum?
  
8. If only some are eating food sacrificed to idols and practicing sexual immorality, why does the whole church need to repent (v16)?
  
9. ***Do we at St Mary's need to hear the rebuke that we are tolerating those engaged in sexual immorality or idol worship? If so, how can we lovingly call one another to repent?***
  
10. What does this message to Pergamum add to our understanding of what it means to conquer/be victorious?
  
11. Manna was the supernatural food God daily provided to the Israelites on their journey to the promised land. Stones (literally voting pebbles) were used in the Roman world in trials to vote someone guilty (black) or innocent (white). How does this background help us appreciate what Jesus is promising?
  
12. ***How have Jesus' words to the church in Pergamum personally challenged you?***
  
13. ***What can we pray for the church and ourselves in response to this passage?***