



Harmony in Relationships

In 1945, British composer Benjamin Britten composed a beautiful musical piece called *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. Using a simple musical theme from earlier Baroque composer Henry Purcell, Britten showed how the various parts of the orchestra came together in a symphony, a harmonious blend of music that gives delight. Britten's composition demonstrated the harmony, introducing each section of the orchestra one by one as they were layered upon each other to produce a work that is charmingly simple for new listeners to appreciate, yet surprisingly complex, with a beauty that even the fussiest music lover would approve of.

While a night at a concert might not seem to be connected with the words of Jesus, we might take a step back and consider how we're called to always live in harmony with one another. The gospel passage begins with advice on how one should reconcile with those who wrong us. It's both reasonable and loving in how we're called to exhaust all means to reconcile with each other — from direct

wrote that we should “avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love”, and that “love is the answer to every one of the commandments”. He pointed to the ideal of all relationships, giving us the means of healing when things inevitably go wrong. It's not just one person's love that makes a the relationship work, but mutual love that's ultimately necessary. We heard in the psalm that we should not harden our hearts, making space for each other so that love among us can blossom, building bonds and stronger relationship that can ease reconciliation while helping us to build a community that is based on love and respect.

And we all know that the key to good relationships or getting along with each other is not about forcing everyone to do the same thing, but to do what

but in living in harmony. We do that by focusing on God and loving each other, doing what we can with our unique gifts. Just as a symphony's beauty comes from the harmonious blend of the different instruments playing in time and in tune with each other, our families and communities are enriched by our different gifts, which can come in myriad forms. God is both the composer and the conductor of this symphony of love, giving us the basis for the relationships while also providing the focus and direction for us to exercise our ability to love.

There's much need for harmony in the world right now, especially given the suffering caused by the pandemic and the urgent calls for justice all over the world. We see and realise that discordant voices do little to alleviate suffering or bring about justice.

Harmony comes from love and St Paul, in his first letter to the

Symphony of Love

means to the use of witnesses and the community. This calls for generosity on our part as we're called, not just to wait for others to reconcile with us, but to initiate this process, even if we're not the one who did the wrong in the first place. And this initiation of reconciliation does not involve browbeating the other into admitting their fault, but to approach this lovingly, to rebuild the sense of communion that was lost through what occurred before.

That's what St Paul meant when he

we can with similar goals. Families and all our communities are made up of very different individuals who do very different things, but flourish when they have the same goal of praising and reverencing God, and loving each other. Jesus says “if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven”. The word “agree” indicates both relationship and the negotiation of a common goal.

The key to loving each other is not in doing the same thing all the time,

Corinthians, reminds us that we may do many things, but if we have no love, we are nothing. This seems a good time for us to take a look at our relationships and see how we can be more loving, playing our part in the beautiful symphony as we work with God to build the kingdom of love in the world.

Link to a narrated version.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrlwY-Kjp4>

STANLEY GOH, SJ

PARISH NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO PPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are inviting nominations for candidates who would like to stand for election to the PPC executive committee or to nominate parishioners whom they consider suitable to serve the parish as PPC Exco members.

Elections will be held at the annual Parish Assembly on Saturday 17 October, 9.00am to 11.30am via Zoom video conferencing.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the parish office by Wednesday 16 September.

A letter from our parish priest and nomination form are available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/about-us/parish-pastoral-council-parish-finance-council>.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

Due to the pandemic caused by the coronavirus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this global gesture of sharing, solidarity and love to 13 September, the Sunday closest to the feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross. This feast is celebrated with particular solemnity in Jerusalem to remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life on the cross for our salvation, and reconciling us to the Father and to each other.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are invited to a talk "JESUS' OFFERING TO US" this Wednesday 9 September, 8pm. It is the fall that causes us to suffer. Jesus' offering to us is Salvation. Only by remaining in Him (John 15:4), can we then be healed of our brokenness, experience His love, joy and peace. Email us at cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

LISTENING TO GOD BIBLE STUDY GROUP will be embarking on a 3-year program titled "Bible Pilgrimage 2023" to read the entire Bible starting with an introductory session on 5 September. Programme outline and materials adapted from Fr Bobby Emprayil's Bible By Pentecost 2021 with his consent. Contact Elaine 9679 2876 or Richard 9781 7228 for details.

SATURDAY ROCKERS

Come to better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission received at Baptism. Saturday Rockers invites all to our next Bible study, based on Bishop Robert Barron's "Priest, Prophet, King" program. A 7-session study

on Saturdays at 1.30pm via Zoom, begins October (date to be confirmed). Whatsapp Charly at 9100 7401 for details.

A virtual **LANDINGS** run begins from Tuesday 15 September and every subsequent Tuesday, 8.00pm to 9.30pm until 27 October, with a retreat in the mornings of 24 & 25 October. Via Zoom, for details and registration go to <https://landings.typeform.com/to/AiLYx2Zn>

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Sundays. There will be 3 sessions each Sunday until further notice: 9-9.45 am, 11-11.45am, and 1-1.45pm. The number of visitors per session is limited to 30, so do not visit unless your booking is confirmed by phone call or WhatsApp. Make your provisional booking at: <https://forms.gle/o3b1KN1nLS5d9zNf7> or use the QR code.

If you are not able to book through this Google Form, please call the church office 6466 0625 (Angela/Suzie) for assistance. After office hours, WhatsApp/SMS 9675 6621.

Looking for volunteers (below 60 years old, registered at St. Ignatius with MARS, and not already volunteering at weekday or weekend Masses) to help with safety measures at the Columbarium on Sundays, and possibly Saturdays if there are enough volunteers. Please WhatsApp 9675 6621.

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

St Ignatius Church Singapore will be 60 years old in 2021. A short celebratory video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRylonrn1ZL2ARrfxOEO6Q> to mark a year long celebration of our Diamond Jubilee.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm
Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>
Tuesday and Thursday, 6.00pm. Presided by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, and 6.00pm.
Please note that livestreams will only be available during Mass time and will not be accessible after the Mass.

TO AMEND YOUR DETAILS AT MYCATHOLIC.SG

Please send an email to mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg with:
1. Email (that you used for registration)
2. Name
3. Contact number when you signed up for an account
4. Amendment required

SUNDAYS WITH JESUS is a Liturgy of the Word for Children session, with homily by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. It is available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

WEBCAST MASSES are NOW at 6.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Presided by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj
The webcast will come online 3 minutes before 6.00pm. Videos will not be accessible after the Mass.

DAILY REFLECTION with Fr Jerome, SJ
Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ.
Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

MASSES DURING PHASE 2

Mass timings for St Ignatius Church:
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm.
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 4.30pm and 6.00pm
Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm.
Infant Baptism will resume in September at 3.00pm.
Parking is ONLY at the King's Road basement car park.
Go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/> and our church Telegram channel for updates, guidelines to the resumption of Masses.

NO-SHOW FOR BOOKED MASS

If you are unable to attend the Mass that you had booked, please email csi.admin@catholic.org.sg with your name as in the registration, last four digits of IC, date & time of Mass.

RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Kenneth Mak Kai Yui – 82 years old
Departed: 24 August 2020

Doris White Wong Fong Kiow – 64 years old
Departed: 29 August 2020

ART-NATIAN — HAND IN HAND WITH GOD

Let go, and let God!

Michael Phung, SJ, is inviting you to an online gathering to pray visually, manually, and creatively with daily scripture readings. Wednesday 9 September – Sunday 29 November. You will be led through a core experience of a prayerful and simple non-verbal creative exercise, such as doodling (Monday, 9-9.50am EDT), mandalas (Tuesday, 7-7.50pm, EDT), zendoodles or zentangles (Thursday, 1.30-2.20pm, EDT), or paint sketching (Saturday, 3-3.50pm, EDT).

Participants are NOT required to join all sessions (pick only those that fit your schedule and interest). Artistic and creative skills are NOT required. All faiths and backgrounds are welcome.
Cost: Free

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

If you have big questions about Christianity or know someone who does, Alpha is a series of sessions with a safe environment to ask questions or to discuss. Join us online every Thursday 8pm, from 10 Sept for Alpha in the Catholic context on Zoom! Believers and inquirers are all welcome. Interested or know someone who is? Please contact Michael at michael.chiam@alpha.org.sg

HAPPY IN MY SKIN

Come and be equipped with a deeper understanding of gender identity and how to converse with them about the topic.

Join us for a free live event from the comfort of your home on Saturday 12 September, 9.30am to 11.30am. Register at bit.ly/himspv12_edm

FAMILIES UNITE AGAINST OCD

An online support group for caregivers with loved ones affected by Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. How well do you know your emotions? Join us for a tea session to interact with fellow caregivers and find out more about your emotions in your caregiving journey.

Date/time: Saturday, 19 September, 10am – 11am
To register: tinyurl.com/fuaocdtea (closes on 16 September)
Fee: FOC. via Zoom (more details at a later date)

A JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Inviting young adults to a scripture-based online retreat over four Saturdays in October. From 10.30am to 12pm, \$10 (non-refundable)
More information: <https://verbumdeisingapore.org/>
Organised by Verbum Dei missionaries and disciples



Instructor: Michael Phung SJ, a Jesuit scholastic from Malaysia, belonging to the Malaysia-Singapore Jesuit region.

For more information and registration: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/mission-ministry/sites/center-for-ignatian-spirituality/workshops.html>

Note that session times are according to Boston, USA which is 12 hours behind Singapore.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Suzie Wee Parish Accountant ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Susan Thian Catechetical Coordinator ★ David Saw Operations Manager

Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Sacristan