



I had some deeply moving listening sessions, a particular type of conversation, with my mother over the past few months. In a way, I was her bottomless well where she poured out her heart.

Unlike the Thessalonians who were noticed by Paul, and lauded for their upright modelling of Christ, my mother was very much left in the background. Even when she struggled and strove for the family, she did not try to justify her actions to us with words. In our busy preoccupations with our own interests, it was all too easy and convenient not to notice what she was doing.

Unlike Paul, I am not writing this to her, but for all of us here. Or maybe, just for myself. Like her honest outpouring about her life, so here too I try to attend to things close to my heart.

Reading the Gospel, I am led to reflect on the difference between truth and honesty. Truth is devoid of any relationships it stands on its own. Honesty implies a relationship — there is one relating to another something of value or meaning, of which its truth value is significant.

There are other implications from honesty, both for the one professing it and the one receiving it. I think we are familiar with the implications for being honest. We are all too familiar with risks such as the possibility of shame, of being misunderstood, of being hurt in return as unconscious expectations are accidentally broken in the reception of this sharing of honesty.

In all likelihood, we never really

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Words

realize the impact of words and texts in our lives. Were we to be so attentive to these words and texts, learning would be a breeze. No, the reality of our reception of words and texts is more complicated than that. When I say words and texts, I hope you can understand that this also means the things we see people do, or events that happen. We name things and understand their meaning through words to convey meaning for ourselves, primarily, and to others, secondarily.

I guess the realization of the impact

of words and texts might also be related to the difference between truth and honesty. We might know from the dictionary what is being said, in terms of meaning of the words in use. Yet, there is something else that we might not receive if we only had such dictionary knowledge. I wager that it is the relational meaning that changes the content of truth of these words, texts, actions and events. In many cases, it is love.

Unsurprisingly, in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus immediately goes to the heart of the matter (and

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how often he does this and yet we still remain blind). Love is the central meaning that moves us, that reflects where our desires are. And love is blind.

If we were being honest about our own state of life, we might have to acknowledge where our loves, or little vocations as described to me once, have led us. In my opinion, there is no shame in acknowledging the things as they stand now. It's part of history — we can't change the past.

But love is blind. It does not have eyes to see into the future, though our minds certainly do try to plan. Even in a pandemic, what seems like a futile exercise is undertaken with gusto because of our indomitable human spirit, emboldened with hope in the future. Such hope that comes from love.

It's not love that plans the future, it is hope given by love that allows us to make those plans. Love does not tell us to lay aside that nest egg, make educational plans — it is hope in the future, ourselves and our loved ones. Love is blind, yet what love gives allows us to move forward, to take the step into the unknown.

It is hard to take that step. I'm afraid I am very pedestrian, very "normally" in love. As I am studying yet another degree in theology, such knowledge is filtered and organized to increase my faith, rather than be overly critical about it. In some ways, it is all because of love, blind love. This faith is from such love, a particular faith, no doubt.

We are faced with the realities thought to be associated with our faith all too often, all too easily, in the issues which the media and our friends take up with us. Yet, perhaps these issues are not about the truth of our faith — they withhold their honesty about why they are reaching out to us, being communicated to us.

Maybe all we need be concerned with is love. Let love's unfolding help us deal with our particularities in life, in whichever form or motivation that takes us. May we always be honest with ourselves, with God and our neighbours, in love.

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Jubilee of the Church of St Ignatius



**Loyola Family
Coat of Arms**

The Loyola family was a prosperous family that was known to, after feeding family, the poor and soldiers, feed even the wild animals.

To commemorate their generosity, a carving of two wolves eating at a cauldron was placed over the lintel of the family's home in Loyola, Spain.

St Ignatius' own spirit of generosity was developed by their influence; yet he yearned for more. Through his own spiritual journey, he realised his desire to serve God above all else.



**Jubilee Door of Grace
& Papal Indulgence**

In celebration of our 60th year as a Jesuit parish, Pope Francis has granted us a papal indulgence, from July 31 2020 to July 31 2021.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sin and a reflection of God's mercy towards us.

To gain a plenary indulgence, one must:

- ✚ go for Confession
- ✚ receive Holy Communion in a state of grace
- ✚ pray for the intentions of the Pope
- ✚ perform an act of charity



IHS

Symbol of the Jesuits

The Christogram IHS is a monogram symbolizing Jesus Christ. From Greek it is an abbreviation of the name ΙΗΣΟΥΣ (Jesus).

The IHS monogram with the H surmounted by a cross above three nails and surrounded by a sun is the emblem of the Jesuits. The three nails signify the passion of our Lord on the cross.

Please visit <https://jubilee-stignatius.com/>
to find out more about our Jubilee celebrations



PARISH NEWS

MASS BOOKING FOR NOVEMBER

myCatholic.sg is open for Mass bookings for November on **27 October, 3.00pm**.

The seating capacity is 100 parishioners for weekday and weekend Masses. Starting from November, parishioners are able to book two weekend slots per month and one slot per day.

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.

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.

ONE-TIME CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH

With effect from Saturday, 17 October at 0900 hrs, our Catholic faithful will be able to make a one-time change of their parish church via mycatholic.sg under their *myProfile* page.

In response to the many requests made, this now one-time option to register at a different church - will meet the various personal considerations of members of our community.

In order to qualify for the change of a parish church, please ensure that you meet the following criteria:

1. You do not have any upcoming bookings in your current parish church.
2. Your previous booking was more than 14 days ago.
3. You have not attended a Mass in person in the last 14 days in any church. This is an extra precaution to prevent potential cross-infection.

Please note that after a change of a parish church has been made on mycatholic.sg, you will not be able to make a further switch to another church. At the moment, this is a one-time change.

For more information, please check with your respective churches or visit: mycatholic.sg or email: mycatholic@catholic.org.sg

UPDATES ON THE MASS ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (MARS)

You can now cancel your Mass booking up to 48 hours before Mass begins.

You may edit your name, date of birth and mobile number on the MARS profile page. However to edit your NRIC or email address, you will need to email mycatholic@catholic.org.sg directly.

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.

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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ.

Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

CONFESSION is available by appointment only. Please call the church office (Angela/Suzie) at 6466 0625 or email church@stignatius.org.sg

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES

All are invited to a night of prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, sharing and focusing on living a Christ-Centred Life. This Wednesday 28 October, at 8pm. Email cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

LISTENING TO GOD BIBLE STUDY GROUP is

embarking on a 3-year program titled "Bible Pilgrimage 2023" to read the entire Bible. Programme outline and materials are adapted from Fr Bobby Emprayil's "Bible By Pentecost 2021" with his consent. Contact Elaine 9679 2876 or Richard 9781 7228.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Sundays, at 9.00am-9.45am, 11.00am-11.45am, and 1.00pm-1.45pm; and Saturdays at 5.00pm-5.45pm.

For Sundays, make your bookings at

<https://forms.gle/o3b1KN1nLS5d9zNf7> and for

Saturdays at <https://forms.gle/fj76SLpxtUAdV3Sv6>

Only 30 visitors are allowed per session, so please do not visit unless your booking is confirmed by the parish through phone call or WhatsApp. If you need help in booking, please call the church office 6466 0625 (Angela/Suzie). 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 Saturdays and Sundays. Please WhatsApp 9675 6621.



We are opening extra slots for All Saints Day and All Souls Day visits to the columbarium. Please register at special online link: <https://forms.gle/eQB7v2zHBWvhHHMH9>