



Sent out two by two

When I was in kindergarten, I remember our teachers would get us to line up in twos before moving from place to place. I don't think I ever thought much about this, partly because I was annoyed at being placed at the head of the line as I was the shortest boy in class at the time. Putting us in pairs might have made it easier for the teachers to keep track of us or for us to move around within the school. In today's gospel, we hear Jesus sending the disciples out on mission to heal the sick and to cast out unclean spirits, and they were told to do so without carrying anything much on them. Much has been said about the need to travel light, and how this showed their true reliance on God while on mission. What's also significant is the fact that the disciples were sent out in twos, for reasons that would probably have been very different from why we were put in twos in kindergarten.

The first reason I can think of for sending the disciples out in pairs is the mutual support that being with a companion can afford. Being out on mission is very challenging in itself – going out to new and unfamiliar places, proclaiming the good news that might not be so well received, and being blessed with new

abilities that are beyond one's understanding. All these can make a daunting experience and thus, in the Lord's wisdom, the disciples were not sent out alone, but with a companion, so that they never felt alone and were available to support each other, especially when the going gets tough. For most of us religious these days, we're rarely sent out alone because we recognise the importance of community and how as a church, our strength lies in our sense of the communal whole.

The second reason is that, especially for the people in Jesus' time, valid witness comes when two people corroborate each other. This comes from the book of Deuteronomy 19:15 where it's said that a single person's testimony will not suffice and that it takes two or three witnesses for a statement to be believed. The sending of the disciples to spread the good news in pairs was not just about support, but to ensure that the word gets out reliably, and that those who listen to the word would accept the witness and testimony of the disciples. I'm sure many of us have had the experience of hearing something very interesting, but not being quite so sure of its provenance, yet getting much more convinced when we hear the same thing from a different source. The wisdom of

sending the disciples out in pairs is clear given this reason – to make the good news that much more acceptable and believable.

In our lives of faith, we're invited to emulate the example of the disciples in spreading the good news and the reality of the Lord's healing to all whom we meet. This task is never easy, and just as the disciples were sent out in pairs, we're also not sent out alone, but as members of a faith community. We gain confidence from the friendships and connections we make with those whom we pray and work with, always remembering that the Church is not just a collection of individuals, but that we form the body of Christ. In the same way, our testimony of the good news and the reality of how the Lord lives in us, is at once personal, and also communal. We rely on the experiences and testimony of those around us to paint a fuller picture of how the Lord continually invites us to be missionaries, not just in word, but in deed. Pope Francis, in an address some years ago, exhorted us to be "missionaries of God's love and tenderness", and it's very apt that we recognise that this is never done alone, but as part of the loving community that is the church.

FR STANLEY GOH, SJ

PARISH NEWS

JULY MASS BOOKINGS

Stage 3 Mass bookings for July will open on **13 July at 3pm** via myCatholic.sg. Parishioners will be able to book **ONE weekend Mass** and up to **FIVE weekday Masses** at each stage, subject to availability.

LIVESTREAM MASSES are available on the following days: Mondays - Fridays, 7.00pm. Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm. Please go to bit.ly/stigslivestream

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available every Wednesday and Thursday, 6.00pm-6.40pm. Kindly call the parish office (Pauline/ Suzie) to make an appointment before coming down.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION

with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Please go to stignatius.org.sg/home/

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

The Book of Psalms contains wonderful prayers that cover a wide spectrum of human experiences. Discover more about Psalms 139, which expresses the wonder of God's closeness to us, during our Bible Sharing this **Wednesday 14 July at 8pm**. Email us at cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

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

A maximum of 20 visitors is allowed in the same slot, with a maximum of 5 people in each group. Multi-group bookings are not allowed. For **July bookings**, please go to bit.ly/stigscolumbariumJul2021.

If you need help in booking, please call the church office at 6466 0625 (Pauline/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS Chad at 9675 6621.

YOUNG ADULTS' FORMATION

Our next session explores the Sacraments of Service (*Holy Orders and Matrimony*). All Catholic young adults are welcome to join in this time of input, reflection and sharing! **Wednesday, 14 July, 8:30 - 10:00PM via Zoom**. Sign up at tinyurl.com/signupYAF

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Please help yourselves to a Jubilee T-shirt which are gifts from a parishioner! They can be picked up from the Place of Gathering near the carpark lift. Love offerings are welcome!

As our Jubilee draws to a close we invite you to join us in the closing events taking place on the **31 July**. Visit jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight for more info.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

A CALL TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join our mailing list. Fill up the form at <https://forms.gle/m3pVkJnKVR6ErA4o7> or scan the QR code below.

The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2022.



ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list.

PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION PHASE 2B

Calling all Catholic parents whose children are ready for Primary One. The Phase 2B Registration will open on **26 & 27 July 2021**. Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent.

Requirements:

- One parent has to submit the baptism certificate as evidence of Church membership.
- If the Baptism Certificate is not in English, it is mandatory to have it translated into English and certified by a Parish Priest.

CATHOLICS200SG: COME & DISCERN WITH US

A jubilee celebration is a key moment of discernment. As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Archdiocese, join us in a meaningful spiritual exercise to reflect on our Catholic faith, and how our faith journey has been thus far. Centred on the Catholic200SG prayer, this spiritual exercise consists of 3 sessions conducted on Zoom. Simply have a journal, a bible and a cross to discern with us. Please register via the given links below to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom details.

Weekday run:

Wednesday 21 July, 28 July & 4 August (8pm - 10pm)
Register at tinyurl.com/discerntogetherWed

Weekend run:

Saturday 31 July, 7 August & 14 August (9am - 11am)
Register at tinyurl.com/discerntogetherSat

ONE-TIME CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH

Catholics registered with mycatholic.sg will be able to make a one-time change of their parish church. This

can be done from **Wednesday, 21 July** onwards, and only if the criteria are met.

Read the full details here: <https://www.catholic.sg/resumption-of-mass34/>

WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

Landings Singapore presents *Returned!*, a testimony event on Zoom. If you are exploring a reconnection with the Catholic faith, we welcome you to join us on **Saturday, 14 August 2021, 10am-12pm**.

What to expect:

- Testimonies by Landings participants
- Understand how Landings works

Register for the *Returned!* event at bit.ly/35jTpZm or scan the QR code in the e-poster.

After *Returned!*, Landings Singapore will start a 10-week programme on Tuesdays (8pm to 10pm) commencing on 14 September 2021 till 16 November 2021. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the faith to register. *More details to follow for the registration for the 10-week programme.*

For more information on Landings, email singapore@landings.org.sg or visit www.landings.org.sg

Returned!

Are you looking for a way to return to the Catholic faith? Landings Singapore welcomes you in a non-judgemental and compassionate space.

Come and listen to our faith stories on a Saturday morning.

landings.org.sg

To find out more, join us at our Returned! event via zoom.

Date : Saturday, 14th August 2021
Time : 10am to 12pm

Online registration: <https://bit.ly/35jTpZm>
(by Wednesday, 11th August 2021)

Or register via the QR code.

An event by Landings Singapore
(Co-Run by Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace and Church of the Holy Spirit)

Jubilee Closing Celebrations!



Events taking place on 31 July, Saturday

Feast Day Mass

Celebrated by His Grace Archbishop William Goh

Time: **6pm**

Capacity: **170 pax**, PET or vaccine needed

Bookings via myCatholic.sg

Night of Ignatian Experience & Spirituality

Time: **8.15pm**

Capacity: **170 pax**, PET or vaccine needed

Bookings via

jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight

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

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