



You, Go, Do

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the father was “filled with compassion” when he saw his younger son “while he was still far off”. (Luke 15:20) In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the king was “moved with compassion” when the servant fell on his knees before him and asked for time to settle the debt. (Matthew 18:27) In both parables, Jesus was describing God the Father. The Father in Heaven is full of compassion and mercy.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells yet another parable – the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus introduces the 3rd passer-by, who was also travelling along the same road – the Samaritan. Jesus said: The Samaritan “came near” and “when he saw him, he was moved with compassion”.

In this parable, Jesus was not describing the Father in Heaven. While he is responding to the lawyer’s question, he is in fact addressing the parable to all of us: Do you have compassion? Can you be moved by compassion?

I remember my first work trip to Mumbai many years ago. As I was whisked from the office to hotel and to the restaurants, I would see the poor outside the hotel, and living on the streets. It was very painful. But my colleague in India then told me: “Don’t worry. After some time, you will get used to it. Just stop looking out of the window.”

In Singapore, with our affluence and comfortable standards of living, we can also become de-sensitised. We

300 Thomson Road, Singapore 307653
 T 6255 2133
 F 6356 9910
 E secretariatcssr@novenachurch.com
 W novenachurch.com

PETITION & THANKSGIVING LETTERS
 novenaletterscssr@novenachurch.com

either do not “see” the poor and marginalised around us. Or, we do not want to draw near to those suffering because it will most certainly inconvenience us. We spend most of our time shopping, eating and travelling, and then spend the rest of our time telling others of what we bought, ate and saw.

Fortunately for me, I still look out of the window. I am now working with a small group of volunteers who take care of certain persons with special needs. My job is usually to pick up, wait and drop them off when they have to go for their therapy or treatment. I hope to do more but this is a small start for me.

But lest we forget, Jesus is Compassion itself. So not surprisingly, he turns the lawyer’s question around. It is not, “Who is my Neighbour?” Rather, it is recognising that we are the Neighbour. And Jesus concludes the parable with a clear command: “Go out and do the same!” So let us get off our donkeys, draw near and be moved with compassion, and then expend the time, energy and money to help those in need. You, Go, Do!

On the parable of the Good Samaritan: “I imagine that the first question the priest and Levite asked was: ‘If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?’ But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: ‘If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’”

Martin Luther King Jr.

Reflection by Ros

Novena notes



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year C
 14 July 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 14 July	Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Mon, 15 July St. Bonaventure	Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1 Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Tue, 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24 Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Wed, 17 July	Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27 The Lord is compassion and love.
Thu, 18 July	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30 The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
Fri, 19 July	Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord’s name.
Sat, 20 July St. Apollinaris	Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21 Great is his love, love without end.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON – FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

Solemnity of The Most Holy Redeemer, 21st July 2019

It is the Titular Feast of The Redemptorists. There will be a con-celebration and the renewal of their vows at the 10am Mass on Sunday, 21st July 2019. Please continue to pray for them and also pray for more vocations to the Redemptorist Congregation.



Novena in preparation for Annual Procession 2019

The Novena in preparation for our Annual Procession will begin on Saturday, 6th July 2019. The theme for this special Novena is: "Completely Yours". All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

6 July - Completely Yours

13 July - Completely Yours: In Devotion

20 July - Completely Yours: In Worship

27 July - Completely Yours: In Mind

3 Aug - Completely Yours: In Heart

10 Aug - Completely Yours: In Service

17 Aug - Completely Yours: In Communication Through Technology

24 Aug - Completely Yours: In Beyond Borders

31 Aug - Completely Yours: In Youthful Passion

Archdiocesan Commission For Catholic Schools (ACCS)

Primary 1 Registration under Phase 2B (22nd & 23rd July 2019)

Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a Catholic parent. The parent's baptism certificate is required at the point of registration under Phase 2B for Primary 1 admission. In the event that the baptism certificate is not in English, the Church and the school reserve the right to request the parent to submit a baptism certificate that is translated into English and certified by your parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

A Call to Teach in a Catholic School

Calling all MOE educators! If you are interested to heed the call to teach in a Catholic School or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, do join our mailing list by filling up the form accessible via the QR code below.



Kingsmead Centre For Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling

Kingsmead Centre offer a variety of programmes including retreats, workshops and talks to meet the spiritual needs and growth of people. For those who are interested, please visit their website at www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

Cantonese Retreat 2019

Sts. Peter and Paul Cantonese Group is organizing a Cantonese Retreat on 9th August 2019 from 9am to 6pm. The theme of this retreat is "The Beatitudes". Activities include Rosary Recitation, Praise and Worship, Testimony, Healing and Holy Mass. For more information, please contact them at sts_peternpaul@singnet.com.sg