

Religions are Different

The most reason motivating one into interreligious dialogue is that religions are indeed different. These differences are not only perceived but are real and therefore cannot be ignored. Truth, then, the differences invite one to an openness to also invites one to search for this Truth which should also be found in other religions. This, of course, demands that one is first open to recognising and affirming that other religions also contain elements of the Truth. While this Truth, which is ineffable mystery, absolute and eternal, transcends all religious boundaries, it is at the same time contained in each of them. Therefore, it is only in learning about the other religions that one is closer to the approximation of this Absolute Truth. Thus, religious pluralism makes dialogue an imperative for no one person or religious tradition can rightly claim to have absolute monopoly over Truth. Put another way, unless we dialogue with others we will remain limited in our apprehensions and understandings of Truth. In the words of Max Mueller, "He who knows one knows none".

Differences which Unite

The real differences across religions, of course, can serve either to divide or to unite the believers of the various religions. To divide is easy, as one only needs to belittle and condemn the beliefs and practices of the other. To use the differences to unite, however, is the task of the more conscientious? Such people are of the conviction that the differences across religions have a unitive rather than divisive function. This unitive function can best be explored through the process of dialogue. In fact, through dialogue, one is bound to discover that many of these differences are not so different in essence as they are in manifestation. The task of dialogue, therefore, is to facilitate the discernment of shared or common grounds, where the incommensurability can be bridged. Dialogue also helps in bridging the gap which clearly exists between the religions and the perceptions of their followers. Dialogue can also encourage religionists to appreciate substantive reasons for collaborative action and partnership. This, of course, is something new, given the many centuries of isolation, provincialism and parochialism of the various religious traditions.

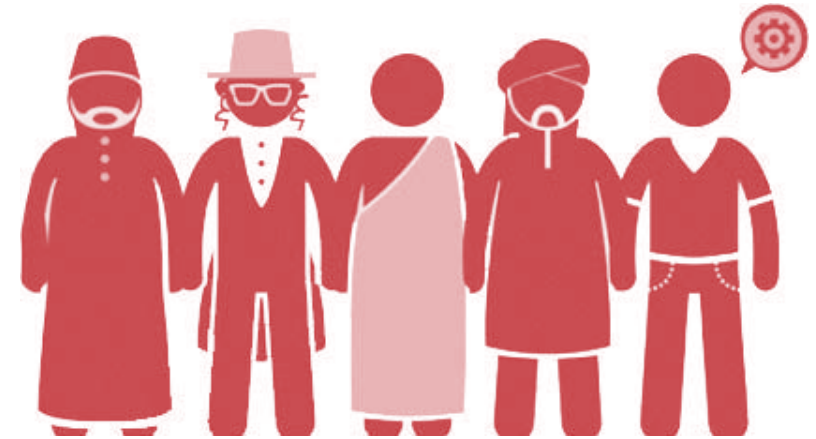
Suffering in the World

Even as religions continue to thrive, there is still too much suffering in the world. Ecological and human sufferings are on the increase as are societal and personal suffering. Much of these sufferings need not happen if not for the oppressive actions, malevolent decisions, greed, contempt, and ill will of some. Most, if not all, religions aim at alleviating suffering. The fact that suffering continues to exist in ever greater intensities suggest that religions have not been all that successful. Through liberative praxis, each religion tries to reduce suffering while promoting integral human and cosmic development. However, the problems in the world are just too massive for any one religion to do it alone. Collaboration and partnership are therefore essential. Working together is in a sense an imperative for the survival of the species and of the planet. Interreligious dialogue is therefore not an optional activity to be done in one's spare time. It is integral to one's faith +

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NEWBEC

12th November 2017
32nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Why Engage in Interreligious Dialogue?



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<p align="center">OUR PROGRAMME THIS 11 - 19 NOVEMBER 2017</p>		<p>➤ 1st Holy Communion Camp for 82 candidates will be held at Visitation Centre, Jalan Lee Sam on 11 & 12 Nov. 2017. Let us keep them in prayers. ~ 25 Nov (Sat) @ 9.00 am : Confession for children and parents / Rehearsal. ~ 26 Nov (Sun) : Sacrament 1st Holy Communion at respective language Masses.</p>			
<p align="center">32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Wis 6, 12-16 PS 62, 2abc, 2d-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Th 4, 13-18 Mt 25, 1-13 "For You My Soul Is Thirsting O God My God." (Psalm 62.)</p>		<p>RE will have its Year End Holidays starting 26 Nov. to 31 Dec 2017. 07 Jan 2018, RE will be reopened for Registration.</p>			
SAT	11	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Hilary 2)	7.00 pm : Infant & Children Baptism	
SUN OCT	12	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: St. Maria) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Josep of C) Eucharist (M) 4.30 Pm : Titii (M) Eucharist (BM)	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9-10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am	
Mon	13	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall	
Tues	14	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall	
Wed	15	No Morning Mass		Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC, K.L.	
Thur	16	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall	
Fri	17	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong	
<p align="center">33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Prov 31, 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 127, 1-2, 3, 4-5 1 Th 5, 1-6 Mt 25, 14-30 "O Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord, O Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord " (Psalm 127)</p>					
SAT	18	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. St. Basil)		
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<p>We welcome new Parishioners/Students from Universities/Colleges in the vicinity of Seremban. Kindly register at the parish office or email us at: serembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.</p>		<p>• Do You Belong To a Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC)? Please ensure that you belong to your BEC - the BEC is where your Home you are staying in. A BEC comes with All Languages as ONE FAMILY - COMMUNITY. For more info call parish office or John Maynard (016-6656411 / 016-5033903) WEDNESDAY - "BEC DAY" → No Meetings / Activities in Church.</p>		<p>➤ Help needed for Church Maintenance Fund Kindly contribute generously towards this project to upkeep all repairs and maintenance of the Parish. All donations can be made at the parish office or through cheque payable to : CHURCH OF VISITATION. Thank you Note : Donor who wish to have receipt for tax exemption kindly check with parish office</p>	
<p align="center">NEWS / EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017</p> <p>i) Parish Weekend Collections : a) 04/05 November : RM9,221.30 b) All Saints Day (1/11) : RM3,630.95 Titii : RM53.00 c) Min. of Social Concern : RM6,153.25 God Bless All Generous Donors</p> <p>ii) There will be a 2nd collection this weekend 11/12 Nov. for Natural Disaster Relief Fund. God Bless All Generous Donors</p> <p>iii) Religious Items for sale a) Liturgical Calendar 2018 (Eng) : RM6.00 b) St. Vincent de Paul SSVV Calendar 2018 : RM12.00 Christmas Cards (pack of 6) : RM7.00 Available from SSVV members and Doreen</p>		<p>• BE RESPONSIBLE → Kindly SWITCH OFF all fans, lights & AC after RE Classes, meetings or after any use. Please also ensure, that tables, chairs are put back properly, room is clean and all in order.</p> <p>Wedding Bells : a) Chreles & Suzi : 18 Nov. @ 11.00 am b) Simpson Lew & Susie Wong : 18 Nov @ 3.30 pm</p>		<p>➤ Works in Progress ~ Canteen → Painting, Clearing, Electrical repairs ~ Kitchenette → refurbishments ~ Dog Kennels → Fencing / Clearing-up & Access Gate ~ JP II Mission House (2 shoplots) to be refurbished soon.</p> <p>➤ Church Cleaning - Every Friday (8.00 am - 10.00 am) We welcome volunteers to come and help clean God's House weekly.</p> <p>• Clergy Monthly Recollection : 14 & 15 November at APC, K.L. • BECCOT Gathering : 22 November 2017 at 7.45 pm</p>	