



Walking for Christ

Taking a walk is a simple process. We leave a place, follow a route, and arrive at a destination. Our purpose is fulfilled, and we are generally happy with ourselves. Being a pilgrim for Christ might not be as simple. Our sacramental life offers us the everyday graces or charisms for a Christian life – baptism, confession, first communion, and so on. Choices we make or are made for us, out of love. Yet, the Holy Spirit blows freely, and dispenses extraordinary charisms according to God's loving will. A charism that can disturb one's life or make one seem like a mad person. Taking a walk is so much simpler than being Joan of Arc or starting a religious order.

Not everyone is called to such a tumultuous life. Even choosing a vocation is daunting. Unless one heeds the age-old advice to pray and listen, and to be attentive to one's own life and relationship with God. Nevertheless, our everyday charisms are enough as they are. Enough insofar as we take notice of them, nourish them, and bring our heart, will and agency to empower them. Every day graces for every day miracles, shots of holiness.

You should read Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et exultate* for a longer, more complete and very personal, explanation. The short message is, be loving to a person you encounter in your daily life. Between the two of you, foster holiness

by being with, not working for, the other, empowering them, lightening their day even. Let loose your own authentic shot of holiness, authentically reaching the heart of the other.

This is not a walk in the garden. The good news is that anyone and everyone could be walking too, though nominally in the same direction. You might want to think of a strategy. Maybe design a context – your own “holy-day” perhaps? Do you want your

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friends in on it? It depends.

It depends on you. You decide to empower your charisms to plan, inspire, seek knowledge and formation. To pray and break open your heart to be more inclined to see Jesus incarnated and accompanied in the least, lost and last, while radically, paradoxically even, depending on God.

Apart from asking Jesus to accompany you, you might want “someone else” for company. Not everyone can travel far, walk in step with you, but they can be your community. As walking weariness weighs heavily on you, a community that centers and enriches your everyday charisms refreshes and renews your

REFLECTION

I am the Branch of Christ

+ In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his vision of the vine and branch. He has a vision of our life. A life that is filled with happiness because it brings glory to God. Genuine life is one that is meant to be. The measure of God in me is not to be won but to be accepted. About being without sin and about being better. Productivity is not the measure of goodness.

Do we see ourselves as children of God as described by the true vine? How strong is the presence of God in me? What is truly great and fruitful in your life?

Jesus calls us to remain in him. To look no further and desire nothing else. Being fruitful is becoming like Christ through prayers. It is something Christ wanted us to be. To bear a fruit of faith and to remain connected with him. He is the only giver of life, strength and confidence.

FR GERRY KEANE, SJ

spirit. Where companions welcome you though broken and alien, listen and dialogue with your witness, and accept you even though transformed as Jesus was after his resurrection.

In turn, may they be open to be transformed by God through your witness, your discipleship of being a pilgrim for Christ. May they be inspired to walk on the peripheries, even a little of the way, and may all of you be the community that prays, loves, and sustains each other's pilgrimages.

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PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Labour Day, Tuesday 1 May.

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next week.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 4 May, 8.00pm

Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

THEMATIC MASSES

The first weekend of May:

Saturday 5 May, 6.00pm – Family Mass

Sunday 6 May, 8.15am – Children's Mass
12.15pm – Youth Mass

We want to encourage greater participation of the children, the youth and the families in our Liturgy so that they can take ownership of the Mass, and together make all feel at home in St Ignatius Church. Please make a special effort to join us. Light refreshments will be served after the family and youth Masses.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 9 May, Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Thursday 10 May, Masses at 7.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm

PMC (Person with Mobility Challenge)

For all masses from this weekend, certain seats will be reserved for parishioners with limited mobility "PMC". Look out for reserved signs for the elderly and wheelchair bound, who require communion to be brought to them. Only one caregiver may be seated next to their PMC. All seats are first come first served. Please inform the greeter if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday and Sunday, 23 and 24 June, 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund.

Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition. NO bulky furniture, fax machines, TV and printers; video and cassette tapes and text books. Place your donations by 4 May at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting July 11, journey through the entire Bible with Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. Taking orders for participants' study kits now Wednesdays, 9.45am to 12 noon at Room SH-F, Level 2, Sacred Heart Hall. Whatsapp Viv @97852268 or Jo @81832273.

72-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Let us come together as a Parish family to adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist over 72 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, in the lead up to the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 3 June.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Sacramentum Caritatis*: "I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community."

Begins after evening mass on Wednesday 30 May,

continuously until Saturday evening 2 June, ending with a Benediction. We are looking for volunteers to be on duty for the entire devotion, and need about 140 volunteers to commit one hour (or more) to accompany our Lord in silent adoration. Signups will start next weekend 5/6 May after all masses.

INFANT BAPTISMS Saturday 12 May, 3.00pm

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 6 May, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Dennis (9457 7772) & Michelle Ng (9633 8236), or Ava (9618 0012) & Gerald Teo (9674 6820).

RCIA – *Come and experience the fullness of life!*

A special invitation for inquirers of the Catholic faith and sponsors to join the next RCIA journey, beginning: Tuesday 3 July, for Sponsors and Facilitators, Tuesday 7 August, for Inquirers. Thereafter every Tuesday, 8-10pm, at St Ignatius Hall. For information, contact: Parish office: Angela (6466 0625) | RCIA: Sandra (9628 6472). Register Now at <https://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia> or scan the QR



RCIY

Invite non-Catholic friends and family, aged 17-24, to RCIY and share the joy of the faith today.

Saturday 14 July, welcome tea and info session, 4-6pm

Saturday 21 and 28 July, First two sessions, 4-6pm

Subsequent sessions every Tuesday from 7 August, 8-10pm

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/stiggysrciy>

Contact: Eliza (97247613) or Aaron (8228 3419)

Email us: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT (CER) FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 17 May, 7.15pm – 9.45pm at St Ignatius Hall.

An evening of praise and worship, discussion and fellowship with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. A gathering for post-CER retreatants from other parishes as well are welcome.

Dinner from 7.15pm – 7.45pm. For catering purpose, please signup at <https://goo.gl/forms/tC5cQC7FZZxbBYIY2> or scan the QR



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are welcome to a night of praise and worship, followed by Intercessory Prayers. Come, speak to the Lord from our hearts! Unto Him we surrender all and we know our Lord listens to our prayers He is ever ready to meet our needs!

This Wednesday May 2 at St Ignatius Hall. Start with fellowship dinner at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 3 May, Contact lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Revelation – Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 31 May, #01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) History of Christianity

A New Home for Daughters of St Paul



This weekend, the Daughters of Saint Paul are visiting the parish of St Ignatius for their annual outreach. Who are these Sisters known around the world as the Media Nuns?

It all began at the turn of the previous century, when 16-year-old James Alberione, a seminarian in Alba, Italy, spent the night of 31 December 1900 in Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of Alba. There, he received a particular enlightenment from the Lord, the initial inspiration for a mission “to do something for God and the people of the new (20th) century.”

Inspired by the universal spirit of St Paul, Blessed Alberione recognised that the media was a gift of God that could be used to reach the whole world with the message of the Gospel. He founded the Daughters of Saint Paul in 1915 (and one year prior, the Society of Saint Paul for priests and brothers) and eventually, a total of 10 Institutes called the Pauline Family.

He urged the Sisters to centre their mission on the Word of God, but he also said, “Do not speak only about religion; speak about everything in a Christian way.” He encouraged them to seek new paths for the Gospel and take advantage of today’s new instruments and technologies to evangelise.

Prayer, founded on the Word of God and on the Eucharist, is the source of the strength needed for their ministry. In a special way, they pray for all media practitioners and communicators

including writers, broadcasters and their audiences, those who create and use content in new media, and all work in the film industry.

Today, the Daughters of St Paul has more than 2000 members, spread in 52 nations over five continents. In Singapore, the Daughters of St Paul was established in 1994, as part of the missionary project on the birth centenary of their co-Foundress Venerable Tecla Merlo. There are now five sisters (three Singaporeans, one Italian and one Filipina) ministering in Singapore. Four other Singaporean Sisters have been assigned abroad as missionaries.

Over the past two decades, they have written and produced books, videos, and CDs. They run the Apostolate of the Media Centre at Church of the Risen Christ (Toa Payoh), and on a regular basis, conduct media outreaches in parishes and schools. Part of their ministry also includes Media Spirituality and Literacy formation for youth and adults.

Over the Advent/Christmas seasons, they carry out their apostolate in Jurong Point Mall in an effort to bring Christ to the marketplace with a selection of Bibles, spiritual books and media items. They have also participated in the Cana Film Festival, as a way of sharing the



Church’s social teachings through film.

Since their foundation in Singapore in 1994, the Archdiocese has generously provided them with a convent in Jurong West, but due to circumstances, they are now tasked with the challenge of building their own mission house in Singapore. They appeal to all who would like to support their ministry to help them build their new convent so that they can remain here to serve the local Church of Singapore. More details of their mission, apostolic and vocation activities can be found on their website www.paulines.org.sg

To support the new convent of the Daughters of St Paul, you can donate via direct bank transfer.

Name: **Daughters of Saint Paul Building Fund**

Account Number: **OCBC Bank 615892189001**

Cheque donations payable to **Daughters of St Paul Building Fund**, can be sent to **Daughters of St Paul, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368**

JESUIT NEWS

CONNECTED PARENTS, THRIVING KIDS

Learn how to connect with your children to express understanding, validation and affirmation for who they are becoming. Build their confidence, and maintain motivation by safeguarding healthy self-esteem. Date: Thursday 17 May
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Contribution: \$30

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/parentsxkid>

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Charles Sim, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ,
Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ, Fr Gregory Tan, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR JC STUDENTS/ NS CATHOLICS

Come join fellow Catholics for a day of recollection on Saturday 5 May at the Office for Young People. Make time to pray, listen to sharings, relax and have meaningful conversations. Discover how we can encourage one another to keep the flame of our faith alive amid the stresses and pressures of life. Date & Time: 5 May, 10am – 6pm (lunch provided).
Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/JCNSDOR2018>.

CANA invites you to "Perfect Joy ... is there ever?" – Fr John-Paul Tan, OFM, explores what St Francis of Assisi meant by PERFECT JOY and if it is possible to live it in our world today. Thursday 17 May, 7.30pm. 3rd Floor

Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street.
Registration: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 6338 4080
Contribution: Love Offering

SATURDAY TALKS IN MAY By the Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT)
Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

- 1. Exorcism, Deliverance & Demons**
Fr James Yeo, 5 May, at Good Shepherd Place, 9 Lor 8 Toa Payoh, S319253
 - 2. Explaining Purgatory, Statues, etc**
Kelvin Chia, 12 May
 - 3. The Truth behind the Crusades, the Inquisition & Galileo**
Nick Chui, 19 May
 - 4. The Holy Face of Jesus Christ**
Andrew Kong, 26 May
- 2, 3 and 4 Talks are at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S187954 FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at www.catholic.sg/act or SMS Andrew at 9649 3893 for enquiries

Church Office

120, King's Road, Singapore 268172 or 8, Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492

Entrance via 8 Victoria Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling)

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday: 7.00am & 6.00pm
Saturday: 7.00am

Confessions

Every Friday & Saturday: 5.40pm
Every Sunday Mass: 20mins before Mass begins

Infant Baptism (each month)

Briefing for parents & godparents (compulsory): 1st Sunday, 3.00pm
Baptism: 2nd Sunday, 3.00pm sharp
Registration forms are available at front of Church office

Weddings

Couples must make themselves known to the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

Visiting Hours (Columbarium)

Open daily from 6.30 am to 8.00 pm (including weekends & Public Holidays)
Memorial Mass at the Main Church every 4th Friday, 6.00 pm for all deceased parishioners and families, followed by prayers in Columbarium.

Inigo Bookstore

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 4.00pm to 6.20pm and during weekend Masses

Sick elderly and homebound

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners hospitalised (regardless of hospital). In emergencies, you may also contact priests' residence at 6466 3225

Bereavement

Please contact the parish office Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614) for help and advice before contacting the funeral director.

Church of St Ignatius has no official social media accounts.

WEEKLY

Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, except first Friday of the month

Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

Catholic content online, login:

www.FORMED.org; parish code: 4904ed

Gentle Light

Tuesday, 10am – 12noon in St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead)
Thursday, 10am – 12noon in Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Every Wednesday after 6.00pm Mass in the Main Church.

Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

MONTHLY – in Main Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every 1st Friday, 8.00pm (No 6.00pm Mass)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration by Generation CHRIST!

Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 6.00pm, followed by prayers in Columbarium