



Mothers

Magnanimous,

Generous

& Enigmatic

Today, we recognise the important role of Mothers in society, and in our lives. They are indispensable, indisputable and even indestructible at times. Pope Francis reminds us that mothers have a special place in the life of the Church. We know that mothers share an intimate connection with life and have a deep respect for life since they are the primary source of life. They not only nurture life, but sustain life as well. Most of all, they display tenderness, tenacity and moral strength, especially in times of trouble, said Pope Francis in one of his General Audiences.

A world without mothers would be, in his words, “inhumane because mothers always know how to give witness – even in the worst of times – to tenderness, dedication and moral strength.”

I have come to recognize that **there are no Perfect Mothers – only mothers who try to be perfect.** Still we love them to bits all because they try to be perfect. And we say, “Mum, you don’t have to be perfect – we love you as you are!” And your mum looks at you in disbelief as if you were from another planet.

Mothers are those special “Apps” created by God to be an eternal source

of hope – they never stop believing in us when we falter and they know that one day we will succeed in life. They never stop hoping that we will turn around even when we have gone astray in the world. And they never give up on us when the world has long given up on us!

We often take our mothers for granted. Yet, we owe them immeasurably for our ability to successfully conquer mountains and cross finish lines in life. Our mother is someone who loves us despite all our flaws, fears and foibles because she believes in our strength, faith and innate goodness. I too recognised this in my own mother, who was so selfless and never thought badly of me. She gave me the self-confidence and self-esteem needed to answer God’s call to be a priest when she didn’t understand what it meant.

Interestingly, we forget to relate to Jesus in his tenderness and care for us as a mother would. “*While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost ...*” (Jn 17:12). He

reveals to us – this maternal side of his care and love for us like a Mother hen standing resolutely with her wings outstretched to protect her brood from a ferocious eagle swooping down for her chicks. She is someone who worries daily about our wellbeing and safety even when we are 50 years old!

When a mother punishes her children, she feels the pain far more in her heart than the stroke on the hand of her naughty child whom she needs to discipline.

Nonetheless, **they indeed are magnanimous, generous and enigmatic because God has made them so.** The will continue to shine like the stars whose light never fades. We can see them clearly even when they are long gone and have been consumed by love itself. We love you for who you are! I offer all Mothers a spiritual bouquet of flowers (rosaries)! Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers!

FR COLINTAN, SJ

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PARISH NEWS

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Children, come adore Jesus and spend an intimate hour with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Bring ONE stalk of flower each to honour and love our Mother Mary in the month of May. Friday 18 May, 7:45 pm - 9:15pm

ALPHA FILM SERIES: BEGIN THE GREATEST ADVENTURE

Alpha, the series of interactive sessions that explores the meaning of life in the context of our Christian faith, begins every Thursday from 31 May. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by the video/talk and short group discussion. 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall (Canteen). Session 1: Is There More to Life than This?

TO LOVE MARY IS TO HONOUR AND LOVE OUR MOTHERS

For the month of May, boards will be placed at the Place of Gathering for children, of all ages, to place their pledges to love and honour Mary by praying for their own mothers with spiritual bouquets, rosaries, acts of kindness and thanks. We encourage all to make their pledges of Prayers and Sacrifices.

72-HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Thanks to the support of parishioners, we only have a few slots left unfilled. Ministries, NCCs, SCCs, families and other small communities are encouraged to commit ONE HOUR as our parish family prepares for the Feast of Corpus Christi. Sign up at the Place of Gathering or via email to bernard@axiomblu.com.

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 June at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

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

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.

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

Jesus' promise of His gift of the Holy Spirit to us, was realised at Pentecost. How do we respond to the experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Bible sharing this Wednesday 16 May on Acts 8:29-39. Come and join us at St Ignatius Hall. We start at 7.30pm with our food fellowship and end at 9.30pm. All are welcome!

BE PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We encourage new parishioners and those who have yet to register, who attend Masses regularly at St Ignatius Church to register with the Church Office. Being registered as parishioners gives you the privilege of using the church for weddings, Catechism Classes and funerals among other advantages.

The 12 NCC and SCC groups within our parish allow for parishioners to support each other in faith and fellowship. If you wish to be part of any of these communities of faith, contact the church office or Bernard at bernard@attitudeDS.com or 9450 7077. You can also leave your contact at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering. All, whether young or old, are welcome.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A, ST AUGUSTINE

Wednesday 16 May, meet at grotto, then #02-02

Programme: 1) Recite the Rosary

2) Our dearest Mother Mary

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 17 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

DISTRICT D ZONE 1

Friday 18 May, SH-E

Programme: Discussion on video "Mary and the Holy Spirit"

Loving Mary



The girl was having dinner with her former colleagues – two Buddhists and two Agnostics – when the conversation turned to Catholicism and other Christian denominations. She was curious whether her friends knew the differences among the denominations and was taken aback by their responses: “Catholics worship the Mother, while Christians worship the Son. The Mother is like Guan Yin, the Buddhist goddess.” She couldn’t help but grin when her Buddhist friend added that her eight-year-old daughter loves gazing at Mary’s statue at the church near her school, admiring Mary’s gentle smile and beautiful dress.

That evening her friends learned that Catholics are also Christians who worship Jesus Christ and not His mother ... that they venerate and honour Mother Mary; and no, Mary is not a goddess even though she is the mother of our God.

That night, she pondered why Catholics love Mother Mary so much, she, who has inspired countless artworks, hymns and arias, and devotional prayers for two thousand years.

Mary is truly blessed and holy. She is the only human whom the angel Gabriel greets as the highly favoured one, chosen by the Father to be the mother of the Son,

to whom the Holy Spirit comes upon, one who was overshadowed by the power of the Most High (Lk 1:26-35).

She is the “Woman” in the first and last books of the Scriptures: the one whose offspring will strike the serpent’s head (Gen 3:15) and clothed and crowned with the sun, the moon, and twelve stars (Rev 12:1). She is the “Woman” Jesus addresses when He performs His first miracle in Cana (Jn 2:4), and in His final act of gifting His beloved mother to His beloved disciple – and by extension, to all Christians – in Golgotha (Jn 19:26).

Indeed, Mary is precious in God’s eyes. She is the chosen one, the perfect exemplar of how a child of God relates to her Creator.

Mary responds to God generously. “I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Even though she knows not how the Incarnation is made possible nor the path she is asked to take, she says yes wholeheartedly – a yes that she knows could cost her life. She simply trusts God. To Mary, God’s will is her will.

Mary rejoices and praises the Lord. The Magnificat is one of the most beautiful prayers in the Scriptures. Mary humbly calls herself the lowly servant and glorifies the Lord for the blessings she receives – the Mighty One who has done great things for her (Lk 1:46-55).

Mary ponders in her heart. When faced with something she cannot comprehend, Mary quietly reflects and ponders in her heart. She humbly accepts that she may not grasp the unfolding

events in her life, as only faith and time will reveal the mystery of God’s work.

Her petition to her Son is simple: “They have no wine.” Her advice to the servants is equally simple: “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:3,5). She is teaching us to be meek in our prayer with unadorned supplication – the prayer of the tax collector and not of the Pharisee – and to listen and be compliant with whatever God tells us to do, without doubting or questioning Him, for He knows what we need.

Her life is centered on her Son. Oh, what a Christian would give just to have one day with Jesus! A single encounter with Him radically changes a person’s life – the Samaritan woman, the blind man, the tax collector, the leper, and many more. Three years living with Jesus transforms the Apostles, that they willingly give their lives for Him. What more of Mary who is with Jesus throughout His life, from her womb to the tomb? The overwhelming joy, the mundane days, the intense sorrow, the joyful and broken heart, she has it all. Her life is for Him alone.

Mary shows us how to live with and to love God. How fortunate we are to claim her as our Mother! As we celebrate Mother’s Day today, let us remember and honour the Mother of our soul. May she continue to journey with us, to console and pray for us, to guide and teach us, holding our hands and bringing us to her Son, Jesus Christ. For she is our Lord’s mother. And she is our mother too.

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 Jerome Leon, 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,
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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ACTS MISSION TRIPS 2018

Considering a mission trip as a part of your Christmas Preparation? ACTS Missions to Cambodia, Myanmar and the Philippines are now open for registration. Information & Registration at www.acts-singapore.com

JESUS MARY RALLY 2018

Organised by Legion of Mary and Office for the New Evangelisation
Saturday 26 May, 1pm - 4pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

All are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through Mary, the first disciple! Programme includes Praise & worship by Jesus Youth, Eucharistic Adoration, and preaching by Fr Luke Fong. Come and discover how God can carry out His mighty works through you as He did with Mary, our Mother.

CENACLE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

invites you to UNFOLDING THE ROSE

"...The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." Isaiah 35:1

A gathering of women to create a safe space for inner reflection and conversation, nurturing and encouraging each other in their spiritual journey. Conversations over 4 Wednesdays — 9, 16, 23 and 30 May, 9.00am to 12.00pm. Venue: LaSalle Retreat House (at St Patrick's School, East Coast Road)
Registration: cenaclemission.singapore@gmail.com or call Mary Rose at 8522 8428

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 to Saturday: 4.30pm to 7.00pm and during Sunday Masses. Closed on Monday and Tuesday

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