



Growing in Faith

For many, our love for stories began when we were young. I recall the many instances when I was in kindergarten when our teacher, Sr Martina, would regale us with stories from the Bible, fables from abroad and more local folktales. These were for our enjoyment, but also brought with them deeper meaning that was either explained immediately or left for us to ponder, as much as our six-year-old minds could handle. I don't remember many of the stories now, but I do recall the experience – of rapt attention and the satisfaction of having heard stories that touch one's heart while teaching one about life.

We hear Jesus teaching in parables today and that He only spoke to the crowds in parables, as “far as they were capable of understanding” them. I can imagine the crowds listening to Jesus the same way I listened to the stories when I was a child and how the crowd would also have had the same satisfaction of having the stories touch their minds and hearts in ways that Jesus would have wanted. Jewish Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine wrote that most of the parables were left open by the Gospel writers to invite us, the readers, to engage with them just as the crowds would have in His time. The disciples might have had a particular meaning explained to them,

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but that might not be applicable in our current day and age. Such is the beauty of stories and parables – they are largely timeless and speak to us wherever we are, drawing us into the narrative and allowing us to engage with them with both our minds and our hearts.

There is an incarnational beauty to the use of parables. Just as Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us, his use of parables makes his message understandable so that it can live with us in our daily lives. The love of stories that my six-year-old self had continues to endure and I realise that it's because stories are like windows that open us to insights into our lives of faith. These insights are gentle in that they are not forced upon anyone and they are personal because everyone is drawn to the stories in different ways. However, if everyone has their own reaction to the stories, how are we to ensure that they're

in line with what the Lord meant? The second reading for today gives us the key to this in that we're called to “make our home with the Lord” and to always be “intent on pleasing him”. If we approach the stories as means of growing our relationship with the Lord so that we can live in ways that are congruent with His love for us, then our internalisation or interpretation of the stories would be right and just.

REFLECTION

“I am The Way The Truth and The Life”

✝ The parable of the seed is about the mysterious life of God within us. Jesus tells us that his presence is a gift called grace, authentic and to be accepted. We're like a mustard seed, each has its own growth and a genuine truth of who we are. We have been given the gifts and talents to share, small or big. What can you do to make a seed like you grow and bear fruit?

How do we live like Christians? We live with God's life not our own. A life lived as God would want us to live. The way we live here and now is our own way to heaven. The kingdom of God is a life nurtured by faith and God's word.

FR GERRY KEANE, SJ

The images from the first reading, Psalm and Gospel give beautiful descriptions of growth and promise. We're reminded that we all start somewhere and grow through joys and struggles, knowing that the Lord guides us to the end to which we are called to. While there's a certain incompleteness in our being, we're also content that we are getting somewhere and that this hope can and will animate our lives as we grow in our relationship with the Lord. Just as the struggle to understand the stories deepens their meanings for us, the growth and struggle that we experience in our lives give us hope and deepen our relationship with the Lord who loves and calls us.

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PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS for the deceased this Friday 22 June, 6.00pm at the main Church. All are welcome.

JUNE – MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST

As special devotion to the Holy Eucharist during the month of June, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Saturday and Sunday evening Masses, 5.20pm – 5.50pm.

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday 23 June, 9.30am to 3.00pm, and Sunday 24 June, 9.30am to 1.00pm, at St Ignatius Hall. Shop for small gifts and support a good cause – the Parish Social Mission Fund.

YOUTH SEXUALITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Parents, do you want to talk to your children about the Catholic view of sexuality and relationships in easy to understand, non-theological language? Join the Magis Family Ministry for MY CHILD IS MADE FOR MORE.

Sessions: Thursday 5, 12, 19 and 26 July, 7:30pm to 10pm, and Saturday 28 July, 10am to 12:30pm

Venue: Annexe Hall

Conducted by trained facilitators from the Family Life Society

Fee: \$50 to the Family Life Society to cover costs of dinners and materials. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/stigsMCMFM> or scan:



FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS FIESTA

Gather as a parish family. Sunday 29 July, 8am to 3pm. Celebrate with great food, arts and crafts, entertainment and games including "dunking our parish priests". Tickets on sale at the Place of Gathering.

Organized by the Parish Fiesta Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore. In collaboration with CHARIS. All proceeds go to support projects by Caritas Bangladesh for the Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar. More info at <http://www.jrssg.org> and follow us on Facebook.

Parishioners and ministries interested to operate a stall or two, contact Raymond Thng at raymond.thng37@gmail.com.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are welcome to an evening of Worship and Prayer for Empowerment as we will lift up our new leaders and all members for the coming LISS, and that we all be enlightened and we will ask that the Lord brings to our community those



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who need His mercy and love, and the loving touch of the Holy Spirit. This Wednesday 20 June at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 8 July at 3.00 pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday 1 July, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Lisa Ling (9818 5281) & Brian (9760 0978) or Michelle (9765 5065) & Matthew Khoo.

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>



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> or contact Eliza (9724 7613) or Aaron (8228 3419) or Email us: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com

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.

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Mark Kwan Hin Fye – 93 years old

Date of death: 9 June 2018

Maurine Ann Gan – 76 years old

Date of death: 13 June 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE C – ST THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Monday 18 June, Loyola Room, 7.30pm

Programme: Gospel Reflection and sharing

NCC ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 21 June 2018, #01-04

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



The Father's Love

To journey into a deeper relationship with God, 54 Secondary 2 students opened their hearts to the Father's love at iHeart 2018, a 3-day camp jointly organised by the Weekend Catechetical Ministry and the De Vita Christi Youth Community, held from 8 to 10 June. iHeart 2018 kicked off with an Amazing Race and culminated in the Sacrament of the Reconciliation. Participants attended 6 formation sessions centred around God and the Father's Love.



JESUIT NEWS

PRAYERS IN THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius offer many forms of prayers. Gain a greater understanding and appreciation for each of them, and learn to integrate them into your personal prayer life. Facilitator: Fr Pham Hung Trung, SJ
Date: Thursday, 21 June 2018
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Contribution: \$50/talk, \$80 for 2 talks

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/Pham18>

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. 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, 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

HEART OF WORSHIP 2018

A Musical Evening on Saturday 7 July. **Jesus Youth** (An International Catholic lay movement approved by the Holy See) invites all to Heart of Worship, to experience God through music and bring love and joy to your heart. 6.30pm to 9.00pm, at Agape Village, Toa Payoh. Register @ www.singapore.jesuyouth.org by 1 July or call Nobin Jose (9092 2091) for more details.

LANDINGS SINGAPORE RETURNED!

Returned! – a testimony event by LANDINGS on 6 July 2018, Friday, 7.30pm at CANA The Catholic Centre on Waterloo Street. For every account of someone who has left the Catholic Church, there is an inspiring personal tale of another's return. Come check out these testimonies of faith. Or better yet, bring a friend or loved one

who might benefit from these homecoming stories. We invite anyone interested either as a returning Catholic or as a welcoming participant. Please register for this event at returning@landings.org.sg or Facebook: Landings – Singapore.

KICKSTART 2018

Office for Young People invites you to join the Catholic Freshmen Orientation Camps to Kickstart your University Life with a solid foundation, Christ our Lord! We pray that you may be rooted in him and built up on him, held firm in faith, and overflowing with thanksgiving (cf. Col 2:7). NTU 9-12 July ♦ SIM 3-5 August ♦ NUS / Yale-NUS / SIT 17-19 August ♦ SMU 24-26 August. Calling also JCU and SUTD students! To register or find out more, go to www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC

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: Sacristan, 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 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