



JOHN THE BAPTIST *A Fearless Friend*

For most of us, John the Baptist represents the life of someone who lived in the desert with an ascetical lifestyle of prayer and self-denial in battling the bad spirits and striving for holiness—a desire to seek God and do His will. It was clear that he had many disciples in his time and Jesus would have also heard of him and allowed himself to be baptized by John the Baptist.

So what can we learn from him to take away with us? Three things: **Honesty in leadership, humility in service, and hope in adversity.**

Honesty in leadership. He was a leader who was not afraid to acknowledge his limitations and pointed the way to his disciples to follow someone (Jesus) who has more to offer when the time came. A good leader is one who has an honest ability to accept one's strength as well as one's limitations. He knew that there will be a time when there is one who is better and more worthy than himself. "Are you the Messiah, or are we to wait for the one who is to come?"

Humility in Service. The whole orientation of his life was to serve God. Hence we see his capacity for greatness and goodness when he humbled himself against vainglory and ambition. "**He must increase, but I must decrease.**" ... John 3:30. This is the tagline for our own spiritual life. We do well to remove all that is hindering our desire to imitate the virtues and values of Christ. At the same time we need to promote all that helps us to grow to be more Christ-like

in our manner of thinking, acting and following of Him. In other words, we make use of all created things to attain this goal in so far as they help us and eliminate those that prevent us from making progress in our life with and in Christ as St Ignatius would advise us.

Hope in Adversity. This hope was already present even before his birth when the Holy Spirit moved him as a baby in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. He was privileged to be the first recipient of Jesus' blessings so much so that he "leapt with joy." It is the same spirit that gave him courage and calmness in the face of adversity when condemned to death for speaking out against the evil deeds of Herod. For that, he paid the price with his head at the connivance of Salome in her dance that charmed Herod to make promises he would regret.

As we look into our own lives, can we see how the Providence of God guided the course of life as was the case for John the Baptist? Can we also have the complete faith and trust in God even in the midst of adversity and trials of life? Indeed, the secret to happiness in life is the ability to die to ourselves. The more we are able to decrease our ego and self-gratification and have room for Christ to increase, the more we are free to live a life of service and joy. May Christ increase and I decrease, with John the Baptist, a fearless friend.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

FR GERRY KEANE, SJ

ST IGNATIUS LONG SERVICE AWARD

To honour parishioners who have given their time and service in various ministries for 20 years or more, we are inviting nominations. Details and nomination forms are available at Place of Gathering and on our website.

REFLECTION

A Voice in the Wilderness

✠ Before Christ – yet a greatest of those born of a woman is the figure of John, the forerunner. He is sent by God to foretell the coming of Christ. He is called to a great and difficult destiny.

His life was unusual. He lived in the desert, ate locusts and wild honey. On his own, he desires to manifest – not himself – the presence of Christ. His mission is to proclaim and testify the coming of Christ, the Word of God to the world. He knows he is not Christ the Messiah. No other human has seen and been gifted with such an honour.

Like John and Baptist, some are called to live a life for God. How do you live yours? Every day, let us all live our lives for a greater purpose.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Joyce Setiawan Parish Accountant ★ Jeremy Aloysius Catechetical Director ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Cheryl Lek Youth Coordinator
Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

PARISH NEWS

Next week's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the poor.

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.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS FIESTA

Gather as a parish family to celebrate with great food, arts and crafts, entertainment and games including “dunking our parish priests”. Sunday 29 July, 8am to 3pm. Get your tickets early as the Organising Committee needs to estimate the catering numbers. Tickets on sale at the Place of Gathering. Get your tickets early as the Organising Committee needs to estimate the catering numbers.

Organized by the Parish Fiesta Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore, in collaboration with CHARIS. All proceeds 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, contact Raymond Thng at raymond.thng37@gmail.com

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LISS) – GOD'S LOVE

God wants to enter into a personal, intimate relationship with us. He is always calling us to come to Him. Registrations are still open at this first LISS session this Wednesday, June 27 at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm.

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. Conducted by trained facilitators from the Family Life Society

Venue: Annexe Hall

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



BIBLE SUNDAY

To mark Bible Sunday on 8 July, all children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Bible character at the 8.15am and 10.15am Masses.

LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD 2018 MID-YEAR REGISTRATION

Now Open: Mid-year registration for 2018 K1 class, which begins from Saturday 7 July, 3pm to 4:30pm.

Registration: <https://goo.gl/ChpWbL> (case-sensitive). LLOTG classes for K1 and K2 Term 3 begins Saturday 7.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents, youths and children are reminded that catechetical sessions for Term 3 begins next Saturday 30 June/Sunday 1 July. We look forward to welcoming all back to our catechetical spaces.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 8 July at 3.00pm.

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> 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> 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

Helen Wong Pui Kam – 100 years old

Date of death: 16 June 2018

John Lee Yip Sing – 73 years old

Date of death: 21 June 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 5 July. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Revelation – Jeff Cavins

ZONE C DISTRICT 1

Thursday 28 June, #02-05/06

Programme: DVD on Finding the Centre. Part 1 & 2

ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday 28 June, Sacred Heart Hall

Programme: “Effective Discipleship”. 3 short videos on “The prerequisites of Discipleship”

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2018

Mighty Current of

Grace



Who Needs The Holy Spirit?

Just like Joseph Raj, we all occasionally go through some spiritual dry spells, ups and downs in life and other trials such as stress and sickness. Most of us will try and depend on our own discernment while others may resort to a more praying more. Very often however, the emptiness or anxieties just don't seem to go away. It is like attending mass every Sunday out of routine or obligation and leaving church not much more spiritually fulfilled.

In order to help us, God sent us the Holy Spirit to journey with us. Jesus said, "I will send you from the Father the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father. When this Helper comes, he will testify about me." In 15:26. Hence, we all need the Holy Spirit to moving like a "current" among us, to anoint us with the grace of faith.

Why LISS?

We all receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized, and whether we realise it or not, the Holy Spirit has been gently helping us along. As Jesus taught us, He knows what we need even before we do. If so, then why attend the LISS?

The LISS programme helps to awaken our Current of Grace through an encounter with God, within a community just as Joseph Raj experienced. As a community, we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to give us courage and strength to discern God's plan for us through reconciliation,

LISS truly opened my eyes wide enough to realise the Holy Spirit was indeed the missing link in my life and that realisation has transformed me beyond anything I could ever imagine. I feel totally empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit today and this has allowed me to really do justice to and enjoy my role in other Church ministries. I am enjoying my new life in Christ. He has given me the true meaning to my life.

**Joseph Raj,
St Ignatius Carpark Warden &
Communion Minister**

healing, forgiveness and transformation. A key aspect of the LISS is the actualisation (awakening) of the graces we already received during Baptism and Confirmation. For some, it is the sending of the Spirit for an increase in grace or mission entrusted by God. Everyone will receive "gifts" from the Holy Spirit (charisms), which will make you feel



empowered in your own spiritual life to manage the trials and crosses that may come your way.

Another important element of the LISS is the community. As we surrender to the Holy Spirit, we become witnesses of Jesus. Through Praise and Worship, fellowship, sharing, testimonies and group discussion, we affirm and edify each other. Our faith is alive, it is constantly growing and never stagnant so it helps to have a supportive community to journey with you especially during difficult times. The community also allows you to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit as a witness to God's compassionate love for all of us. This is the joy and fulfilment that Joseph Raj has now come to experience as he continues his ministry in St Ignatius and beyond.

So, come and join LISS 2018, which will be held every Wednesday, starting this Wednesday 27 June to 12 September, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There will also be a day of reconciliation and empowerment on Saturday 14 July, conducted by Fr Thomas Lim.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

JESUIT NEWS

ENCOUNTERING ST IGNATIUS RETREAT

Through ruminations on St Ignatius' life journey, reflect, pray and discover how God is at work in your own life.

Facilitators: Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ, & Celina Lin

Dates & Times: Friday 6 July (7.30pm) - Sunday 8 July (4.30pm)

Contribution: \$220 (non-aircon), \$260 (aircon)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/igretreat2018>

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

HEALING MASS@ CHURCH OF STS PETER & PAUL

Mass celebrated by Fr Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing.

Saturday 7 July, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Church of Sts Peter and Paul

Enquiries, email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467

Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE

HEART OF WORSHIP 2018

A Musical Evening on Saturday, 7 July Jesus Youth (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. Call Nobin Jose (9092 2091) for more details.

CLARITY'S INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY WORKSHOP

7 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Agape Village. Fees \$15.

Anxiety is a normal emotional response many experience. Do you consistently worry about the same thing? Have persistent fear or feel like you are losing control? Explore the reasons behind our anxieties, debunk myths and misconceptions, and learn different ways to manage anxieties. Register early as seats are limited. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TC7Jul> or call 6757 7990.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is **Tuesday 26 June, 7.30pm** at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

We thank you for your support and help, and also ask for your prayers as we continue our journey as bereaved parents in support of other bereaved parents.

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