



The Power in Saying

Yes

Faith holds an inner power like a dynamo that is fully charged and waiting for it to be turned on to release the energy to light a bulb. **Each time when I say, “I trust, I believe, I accept” — I am turning on the power of my spiritual dynamo to allow God to work a miracle in me.**

The opposite is true when I express doubts, skepticism and cynicism. I put a damper on my self and others. It's like throwing a wet blanket on someone who is full of enthusiasm and initiatives to do something new. “I don't believe you can succeed” “Sure or not?” “Don't even try.” I am sure you have come across these naysayers and those who discourage you even before you can start an enterprise. Many great inventors, businessmen and women, and sports champions would not have made their mark had they no faith in themselves and in God.

Thomas Edison in attempting to invent the incandescent light bulb in 1879, had famously said when questioned by a reporter who told him he had failed 10,000 times. He replied, “I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.” He had tested over 6,000 filaments before using a carbonized bamboo as the filament for the bulb.

In our world, there will be many people who are fond of discouraging you rather than affirming you. Stick with the positive people who believe in you and who have faith in you.

Jesus tells us in the gospel today that

he was **“amazed at their lack of faith”**. Because of this missing ingredient, Jesus did not work his usual miracles in his hometown. This seems to indicate that **faith is a pre-requisite for God to work a miracle in our lives**. You can have the most powerful dynamo in the world but if you say, “I don't want you to turn it on — it's not going to work!” It will be useless. But if you have even the smallest dynamo that is a bit cracked, and you tell Jesus, **“You can make it work, I believe in you”**. Jesus will be thrilled and delighted at your faith in him and with a twinkle of his eye, he will turn your faulty dynamo power into a power house to light the brightest bulb that you have ever seen!

I had grown up, thankfully, in a family where my grandmother and my mother believed in me and accepted me. They gave me the confidence I needed to succeed in my life. They laid the foundation for my faith and I had the courage to say, “I believe in you, Jesus. I am willing to follow you”. My job was to say “Yes” to you and your job was to take care of those who say “No” – including my father. That was my bargain with Jesus when I joined the Jesuits.

This is the power of faith. Jesus is waiting for us to say, “Yes, I believe.” **Is your faith ready to say “Yes” to Him?** And if so, the miracle is yours for the taking!

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

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REFLECTION

All For Him

+ This weekend's readings help us to understand that living out our Christian vocation will require us to face challenges and trials. We are not assured of immediate and instant success in the work we do for God; nor will it be easy. But the knowledge that is it for Him sustains us.

Just as people were opposed to God's prophets including Ezekiel and Paul, they were opposed to God's Son. And when they rejected Jesus, it was not because of any lack of force in His teaching, which they found astonishing. But they could not get over their familiarity with Him. This was the son of Mary and relative of James and the rest and had grown in their midst. How could He possibly have anything useful to say to them? Their knowledge about Him far from strengthening their faith in Him in fact wiped it out. This is the difficulty when we place reliance on our own senses instead of being open to the power of the Holy Spirit through whom God transforms us in His image.

Each of us is called to continue the work of God. Jesus commanded His disciples to go preach the Good News of salvation that has been given to us through His Incarnation, Crucifixion and Resurrection. In spreading this message, we can expect frequent and strong opposition because it is a message that is rooted in humility borne out of the recognition that we require God's grace to be saved. God tells us beforehand not to expect universal acclaim, but to rest knowing that when we rely on Him, His purpose will be done.

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

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PARISH NEWS

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

The **JUMBLE SALE** held on 23/24 June raised \$ 19,244.21 for the Social Mission fund. Homemakers thanks all volunteers and donors for their supports.

ST IGNATIUS LONG SERVICE AWARD

To recognise 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.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

As part of our spiritual preparation to celebrate our feast day, all in the parish are invited to deepen your faith journey and be a part of our Day of Recollection. Come as a family or with friends.

The themes:

Day One – Wednesday 25 July **My Human DNA: God's Master Code In Creation.** By Fr Matthew Tan, SJ

Day Two – Thursday 26 July **My Spiritual Battle: God's Friend or Foe?** By Fr Jerome Leon, SJ

Day Three – Friday 27 July **My Life's Mission: God's Promises and Presence,** presented by Fr Colin Tan, SJ
Time: 7.45pm-9.30pm.

Each session will end with benediction.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS FIESTA 2018

Sunday 29 July, 8.00am to 3.00pm

Our Feast Day Fiesta promises to be different in many ways. Come and dunk our Parish Priests for a worthy cause. Entertainment by Jack and Rai, Singapore's "Elvis Presleys"; F&B includes Ramli Burgers and Prata, BBQ from Huber Foods, craft beers and wines. We are also sponsoring stalls by Beyond Social Services and the Migrant Group from Church of the Risen Christ. Stalls also by Alzheimer's Disease Association Cafe, Free Food For All (Muslim), and by Church of St Vincent and Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Get your tickets early at the Place of Gathering for catering estimation. If you wish to operate or sponsor a stall, contact raymond.thng37@gmail.com or pick up a form at the Place of Gathering. Organized by the Parish Fiesta Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore in collaboration with CHARIS. All proceeds to support life-saving projects by Caritas Bangladesh for the Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar. More info at www.jrssg.org.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LISS) – NEW LIFE

Col 1 :13-14: "He has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us, in the kingdom of the Son that he Loves, and in him we gain freedom, the forgiveness of our sins."

Upon receiving the Gift of Love and Salvation from God, will we experience **New Life** living in Christ? All are welcome this Wednesday 11 July to delve into the New Life that Jesus wants to give each one of us. Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit, who will live in us and will let us know God in a new way; a new life will grow in us until we become a

changed person. At St Ignatius Hall, start at 7:30pm with dinner and end at 9:30pm.

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 7 August, 8.00pm 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

FILM FORUM JULY 2018

This film forum educates us on human slavery trafficking and exploitation of the poor and ignorant to cater to the rich greedy consumers .

EmancipAsia is screening documentaries on human trafficking and modern day slavery, at The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, Singapore. Admission is free. No reservation is required. Seats are available on a first come first serve basis. Door opens at 7.00 pm. More information : <http://www.emancipasia.org/filmschedule/>

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Donald Yeo Hock Chwee – 86 years old

Date of death: 29 June 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated,
all meetings start at 8.00pm.



ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Friday 27 July, 7pm. Contact: Kevin at 9759 2278

Programme: Mass, Celebrant: Father Jerome Leon, SJ

ZONE A – ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday, 18 July, Annex Hall, #02-06

Programme: The Bible and the Virgin Mary :

Lesson 7 – The Promised Mother

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 19 July. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Revelation – Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 19 July, #01-04

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

Bible Apostolate At St Ignatius

BAT@Stig invites you to the Place of Gathering this weekend to uncover the story of God's love for us through The Scriptures and upcoming Bible Studies. Come play "Bible Bingo" after morning Masses.

Our parish is blessed with a variety of Bible Study Groups to suit all age and interest groups. Join us and grow in your Faith.



Road to Emmaus
Monday, 8pm-10pm



The Pilgrim Group
Alternative Monday,
8pm-10pm



Tuesday Ladies
Tuesday, 10am-12pm



Seniors
Alternative Tuesday,
10am-11.30am



Wednesday Wonderers
Wednesday, 9.45am-12pm



Japanese Group
Wednesday, 10am-11.30am



Listening to God
Saturday, 1.30pm-3.30pm



Saturday Rockers
Saturday, 1.30pm-3.30pm



Young Adults
Bible (YABbles)
Sunday, 10am-12pm



Legion of Mary
2nd Sunday, 2pm-4pm



Enrich your understanding of Sunday Mass Scripture readings with **FORMED**
www.formed.org
and/or

Our parish website,
<http://stignatius.org.sg/home/sunday-reading-reflection>
<http://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/homilies>



○ JESUIT NEWS

INTRODUCTION TO AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS

Explore what is at the heart of an authentic conversation – listening. Are we aware of what and how we listen? Learn how to nurture safe spaces for authentic conversations.

Facilitator: Lance Ng

Date: 4 August 2018

Time: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Contribution: \$60

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/itac2018>

JESUIT VOCATION RETREAT

For single men aged 22-35 to discern their calling.

27- 29 July at Maranatha Retreat

House, Janda Baik, Pahang. Directed by Rev Fr Albreto Irenus, SJ. Theme:

Share in Christ's Mission of Faith, Reconciliation and Justice. Those interested, email: alfrenus@jesuits.net.

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

JOURNEYING INTO LOVE & HEALING

By Sr Francisca Tan and Ms Gerry Szeto – Registered Counsellor

"Where is God in my pain?" A weekend of journeying within, to look at ways of prayerfully embracing hurts, trials and struggles of life, and to find the healing love of God.

Date: 20 July to 22 July (Friday – Sunday)

Time: Friday, 8pm – Sunday, 1pm

Venue: Montfort Centre 624 Upper Bukit Timah Road, S678212

Contribution: \$300

Contact: 6565 2895; 9722-3148 Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

CARITAS SINGAPORE – SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2018

Saturday 21 July at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre).

Whole of Me, All of Us, One in Christ looks at the social teaching of integral human development – where the whole person is developed (physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) and all persons are included in the development of our society.

Keynote speaker: His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development.

Registration: www.caritas-singapore.org/smc2018

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