



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

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## To Be God's Children

**P**aul speaks of God's choosing us to be holy and blameless in Christ and to be His adopted children.

I find this very attractive, but it also unsettles me somewhat. I look at myself and find myself far from being "holy and blameless": quite to the contrary, I am aware of the ways I have actively hurt people at different stages of my life and with varying degrees of intention. I have also become progressively aware of how much I have hurt others by simply ignoring them, not seeing them and their pains, and not caring that I did not.

When I was younger I would occasionally dream of how I would act if I could go back to my beginnings with the knowledge and strengths which I possessed at that moment. I imagined that I would do everything right and would show great wisdom and compassion, and not walk the crooked path that rarely goes straight towards God, whom I barely dared to claim as my Father. I would think of the values and behaviour that I would most pay attention to, what major and minor choices I would alter, what particular individuals I would approach with special gentleness and attention.

Then one day I realized that all of this was completely beyond my control if I limited myself to the past. It was the me of today which I needed to change, the me that is now, at this moment, with the people whom God has decided to place in my ambit as I am in reality, not in my dream world.

I must turn my eyes more outward, open my ears to the cry of those around me now, know their hungers,

and do what I can for each one. Each of them is Christ asking me, "See me, love me, take care of me in these, my true brothers and sisters". Matthew 25:44-45 has Christ's comments about this in terms of the Last Judgement.

This abandonment of self in care for others, this patience and humility and generosity, is our attempt to be attentive and eager children of God; it is our school of purification and love, and as the Spirit cares for these people through us, the presence and care of the Spirit also blesses and heals us as the Spirit uses our human hearts, our minds, and our hands to do the Spirit's work.

And so we do become, slowly and sometimes painfully, "holy and blameless in Christ and His adopted children."

**CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ**

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

### REFLECTION

## We Are All Missionaries

**✝** Jesus sent his apostles to teach and preach, to introduce God and faith to people, to tell them about his love for us and to help them in his name. Jesus' ministry gave the disciples the power and authority to the works he did. Jesus' instruction is simple – to love and serve the Lord.

Nothing but Christ's teaching should be on the minds.

What more can we do as a disciple of Christ? Jesus tells us that we can grow in love for all men and women. Christian mission can only be true by faith alone.

**FR GERRY KEANE, SJ**

A triduum in  
preparation for  
the Feast of  
St. Ignatius of  
Loyola



## Days of Recollection

The themes for each day are:

WEDNESDAY	25 JULY	<b>My Human DNA God's Master Code In Creation</b> President: Fr Matthew Tan, SJ
		<b>My Spiritual Battle God's Friend or Foe?</b> President: Fr Jerome Leon, SJ
THURSDAY	26 JULY	
FRIDAY	27 JULY	<b>My Life's Mission God's Promises and Presence</b> President: Fr Colin Tan, SJ

**7.45pm – 9.30pm**

All sessions end with Benediction.

Come and join us.

Bring your family and friends as well.

No registration required.

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Sing hymns, offer Rosary and intercessory prayers, and spend an intimate hour with Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Friday 20 July, 7.45-9pm at main Church.

### FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS

#### THREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

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

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

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

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

This year our Feast Day Fiesta promises to be different in many ways. We have our popular Dunk our Parish Priests, entertainment from Jack and Rai, Singapore's "Elvis Presley", and Ramli Burgers, Roti Prata, BBQ from Huber Foods, craft beers and wines.

Tickets are on sale at the Place of Gathering. All stalls are fully booked, but sponsorships are very welcome. Contact raymond.thng37@gmail.com or get a form at Place of Gathering. All proceeds to support Caritas Bangladesh for the Rohingya Refugees. Learn more at www.jrsg.org. We urgently need volunteers on the Fiesta Day. Sign up at the Place of Gathering.

### IMPORTANT CARPARK NOTICE

There will be limited parking lots at St Ignatius and Annex Halls on Saturday 28 July, to make way for tents for next day's Feast of St Ignatius Fiesta 2018.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

#### Growth in the Spirit on Transformation

Spiritual transformation is about releasing ourselves from this world and living in God's world. All are welcome this Wednesday 18 July, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm.

### CCD 2018 – 2019 REGISTRATION

#### Catechism classes for international schools

CCD is a faith formation program for children aged 6 to 13 years old in international schools. Grade 1 through grade 7 classes are held weekly on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 4 – 5pm; and, the Confirmation classes are held on Sundays at 3.30-5pm, starting in September through the end of May 2019.

Online registration opens on 1 August. All students (new and returning) have to register online. Registration must be done ONLINE at [www.stignatius.org.sg](http://www.stignatius.org.sg) or google "St Ignatius Singapore CCD" for more

information. (Registration closes: 31 August)

After submitting the online registration form, please mail the required documents and fees to the Church office. For the sacraments of First Holy Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 8), a hard copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required.

Want to share your faith and get more involved? Volunteer to teach or assist in the CCD ministry. To find out more, please contact Chantal Wong at [ccdstignatius@gmail.com](mailto:ccdstignatius@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:rciy.ignatius@gmail.com)

### MIND YOUR STUFF

Parishioners are advised to keep watch on their personal belongings, especially handbags and valuables, while receiving communion, and in and outside the Church. Check if you left anything behind when leaving.

### RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Danny Tan Boon Kwang – 45 years old

Date of death: 10 July 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](mailto: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



# When can the Rohingya Children Go home?

Jeremy Lim, a volunteer with Jesuit Refugee Service (Singapore), travelled to Bangladesh in May with three parishioners and two representatives from the Archbishop's office to visit the Rohingya refugees

**W**e met Muhusana Begum at the well. Wearing a bright pink dress, she walked barefoot along the muddy paths in between shelters made from bamboo and tarpaulin, carrying a large metal jar that weighs 5kg when filled with water. She pumped the water out of a standing pipe by pushing the lever up and down, making a harsh squeaking noise.

Muhusana is 12 but looks much older, maybe because she has seen more pain and suffering than the average Primary 6 child. Last August, soldiers set fire to her village in the western part of Myanmar. With her parents, brother and six other relatives, she left her home behind and made the long walk to Bangladesh, where they found a place in an ever-growing sea of refugee shelters.

In Kutupalong camp, two hours' drive east of the seaside town of Cox's Bazar, Muhusana's family is safe – for now. The Bangladesh government allows the refugees to stay in specific zones, where Caritas Bangladesh and other NGOs provide food rations such as rice, lentils, sugar, salt and oil. Toilets are a hole in the ground encased in concrete. Children bathe in an open-air pit where every drop of water has to be pumped out by hand.

Although the local Bangladeshis have been generous in helping the refugees, the situation is not sustainable in the long run. Most of the refugees came from farming communities, and lost their fields, cows and chickens when they fled to Bangladesh. They can earn a little pocket money from the UN by

constructing shelters and toilets, but it is not enough to support a family.

Every day, children as young as seven make a long trek to search for firewood. With nearly one million refugees living in the camps, the immediate area has been totally stripped of greenery. Satellite photos show an ever-expanding circle of brown around the shelters, and some reports say that children have to walk up to 10km to find trees that can be cut. Others resort to the dangerous activity of diving into the dust beneath the moving construction machinery to collect tree roots.

There are no schools, so the life of a refugee youth is filled with manual labour. Everywhere, we saw children carrying rocks, bamboo or wood. An enterprising 15-year-old, Jakir Ahmed, was walking from door to door selling clothes and household items. He buys them from a supplier outside the camp and then carries them in two large woven baskets suspended on a long wooden pole.

I admire Jakir's can-do spirit, but worry that he has no future in the camp. As long as the refugees do not have a permanent home, they will find it impossible to plan for their children's future. Even the NGO workers on the ground do not know what language to teach the children because they have no idea where they will eventually settle down.

Ferdinand Pereira, a Caritas social worker in the camp, shared his frustrations in caring for the children. He asked a child, "Where are your parents?" The child replied, "My parents have been



Muhusana Begum, 12, at the well.



A child carries bags of stones near a construction site for upgraded shelters.

killed." Ferdinand was upset because he was powerless to replace the child's parents or find a new home for the child.

Although we are still searching for long-term solutions for the children, it is clear how we can help them. Caritas Bangladesh has opened child protection centres that give the children a safe place to play, practise speaking and express themselves through art. These centres keep the children out of trouble and away from gangs and extremists in the camp. Caritas is also supplying cooking gas to each family, so that children will not need to risk their lives to collect firewood. Jesuit Refugee Service (Singapore) is sending funds to support these services and we hope that you can join us to make a difference.



## 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](mailto:alfrenus@jesuits.net). You can also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto:mas-vocations@jesuits.net)

**Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356**

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

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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

### ACTP AND MCC 2018

#### MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS (MCC)

MCC course is a 2-year distance learning programme, jointly offered by Maryvale Institute, UK, and the Office For Catechesis. Begins 10 November. Application closing date: 31 July. Email [michele@catechesis.org.sg](mailto:michele@catechesis.org.sg)

### ACTP 2018

Formation for Catechetical Trainers to train catechists and support catechetical ministries. Programme includes training, formation, parish attachments and certifications. Begins 10 November.

Contact: [actp@catechesis.org.sg](mailto:actp@catechesis.org.sg) for queries concerning Maryvale Certification in Catechesis (MCC) or ACTP.

### 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](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

### 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](http://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