



Bread of Angels

Sometimes when you meet a person, you are vaguely aware of a mark of joy, an aura of holiness, a spirit of exuberance, a face that glows with peace. In short, we notice something different about such a person and we are not sure what has transpired in that person's life. On the other hand, we have also met people who appear to be hollow, empty of life, who are "dead"—insensitive and impervious to their surroundings, to people and to what they are doing to others. They seem to be like "dead man walking". What indeed does a person live on that makes him/her look dead or "glow" with life? Do you take this superfood to keep you energised each day? Who supplies this?

Jesus makes the most audacious and unbelievable claim that he is giving us himself as 'bread of God from heaven—the true bread—is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world' (Jn 6: 33).

This truth-claim of Jesus was not easily accepted by the disciples. Even up today many do not accept his offer of eternal life. Some who did not believe in him, left him. We stake our lives on Jesus because he is true to his word. He is worthy of his claims and does not deceive us. In short, my faith in Jesus rests on his word, on his claim, on his example in his life spent for us. My faith is enough to say, "I accept what you say as true. I know that you do not lead me astray but to eternal life."

The Catholic Church has been the only institution that Jesus has given

us as the means to make present this bread of eternal life. It is through the ordained priesthood, in the line of Jesus as the high priest, that "the bread of eternal life" is offered with the celebration of the Passover meal at the Holy Mass.

It is this treasure that we have inherited and benefitted from all generations to be the well spring of life and the nourishment of our life in God. Hence, we are mindful of this "source and summit of our faith" that we draw strength and inspiration in all that we do.

As we concluded the celebration of the Feast Day last Sunday, with the Fiesta, I was very impressed by the spirit of faith and unity in the parish coming together as a family. We came together to rejoice in the blessings of the Lord for his goodness to us through St Ignatius—giving us good weather, good food, good fun and good spirit to mark the Feast Day with the presence of His Excellency, the Archbishop Marek Zalewski, the new Apostolic Nuncio to Singapore and Vietnam. He presided at the 8.15 am Mass together

with the Counsel, Msgr Yovko Pishtiyski and five other Jesuits, Frs Matthew, Alvin, Jerome and Gerald Keane and myself. Archbishop Marek then blessed the 55 recipients who had been nominated for the Long Service Award. It is given to all those parishioners who have served 20 years or more. We want to remember and recognise their contribution and to say "Thank You." I am sure that this little acknowledgement does not in any way take away the reward that is theirs in heaven. We all

know well that we all must work for what endures in eternity.

Indeed, when we work for our Lord, we learn to "glow" and be nourished with his eternal bread that strengthens us for the mission entrusted to each of us. It strengthens us and helps us to surmount all the obstacles in the way.

I take this occasion, to especially express my appreciation and thanks to the Fiesta Organising Committee, co-chaired by Gordon Pinto and Patrick Tan for successfully putting together this celebration for the parish. In addition to celebrating our Feast Day, we were mindful also of the plight of the Rohingya Refugees. This is what we continue to promote—a social conscience and awareness of the suffering of humanity in the world—regardless of their background. We know that they too are God's children! Indeed, we have been nourished by the bread of Angels so that we can be angels to those in need.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on NATIONAL DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, Thursday 9 August. Masses at 7.00am and 6.00pm as usual.

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

† St Ignatius hall, 7.45-10pm

PARISH-WIDE FORMATION SESSIONS

SESSION 1: Responding to hurts and conflicts in the home

- Sharing how family members can hurt each other; the effects of hurts
- The need for forgiveness and healing through God's love and mercy

Part 1 – Responding to Hurts and Conflicts in the Family (16 Aug 2018)

Part 2 – Responding to Hurts and Conflicts between Couples (23 Aug 2018)

SESSION 2: Responding to Conflicts in the Workplace (1 Nov 2018)



SESSION 3: Responding to Conflicts in School (8 Nov 2018)

For agenda & registration for SESSION 1 Please visit our website www.stignatius.org.sg, scan the QR code or use the forms at the Place of gathering

THEMATIC MASSES

Next weekend Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 August.

Saturday, 6.00pm – Family Mass

Sunday, 8.15am – Children's Mass

Sunday, 12.15pm – Youth Mass

We want to encourage greater participation of children, youth and families so that they can take ownership of the Mass, and together make all feel at home in St Ignatius Church. Please make a special effort to join us.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: Tuesday 14 August: 6pm,

Wednesday 15 August: 7am, 6pm and 8pm

UNVEILING ABBA is an evening of musical enjoyment, spiritual encouragement and faith nourishment by New York City based Christian artist Genevieve Toh, in collaboration with friends from our parish. Free, no tickets required.

Next Saturday 11 August, 8pm at main church.

Featuring Genevieve's original songs which are inspired by her unique faith journey. All are invited!

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 12 August at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing this Sunday 5 August, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Stephanie (9116 6898) & John Ng (9677 3632) or Ava (9618 0012) & Gerald Teo (9270 8213).

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 to 7 classes are held weekly on Tuesday or Thursday, 4-5pm; Confirmation classes Sunday, 3.30-5pm, starting from September until end of May 2019.

Online registration now until 31 August. All students (new and returning) must register ONLINE at www.stignatius.org.sg or google "St Ignatius Singapore CCD" for more information.

After submitting the online registration form, 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, contact Chantal Wong at ccdstignatius@gmail.com



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

GISS: GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Seek and ask for a deeper understanding of the 7 Gifts of the Spirit -- wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. All are welcome on August 8, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship and end the evening at 9.30pm.

THANK YOU

Fr Colin Tan, assistant parish priests, the Feast Day Organising Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore would like to thank the many generous parishioners, church ministries, volunteers, participating churches and social mission groups for supporting and contributing to the huge success of the Fiesta. Every dollar spent will go a long way to helping the Rohingya refugees. Through God grace and your generosity, we have, as at 1 Aug 2018, raised a sum of \$590,000 comprising of tickets sales, donations, pledges and the JRS Rohingya appeal.

BE PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We encourage new parishioners and those who have yet to register, 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

Karen May Seow Kim Yen – 54 years old
Date of death: 27 July 2018

REFLECTION

Many years ago, I was about to leave for the States to study, my family had gathered at my uncle's flat to wish me well and bid me good luck. As I sat and talked about where I was about to go, and what I was about to do with everyone, my uncle said something which at the time seemed rather poignant. He said, "Don't worry. If things get too hard out there, know that you can come home. You have to know that things are all right here. You can come home."

At the time that he said that, I am ashamed to admit that I scarcely understood what he meant. Was he saying I was going to fail? Or that I was eventually going to come home? As it turns out, I only realized many years later that what he meant was, "Do not worry about falling or failing. Your family will always be here to catch you. You can come home."

In James Joyce's Dubliners, the character of Mr Duffy is described as living "a short distance from his body", I feel that we often get like this. Every so often we get preoccupied with who we think we are and what we "have" to do. We forget that God is constantly reaching out with love and concern for us. God is our home, a home that is ready to reach out and catch us if we fall, a home that wants to know who we really are.

The people in the readings this week experienced such a home. They had just fallen. The Israelites had wandered in the desert and were beginning to run short of food, the people of the gospel were hungry and lost. In both instances, God reached out and caught them.



Manna fell from heaven so the Israelites could make food, and Jesus made five loaves and two fish to feed a crowd. And to assure the crowd that they were not lost, Jesus told them that he was "the way, the truth, and the life" and the new manna from heaven. The people in the readings this week felt like they had come home.

However, home and family aren't always so comfortable. Much like how I was challenged by my uncle's statement, the people of the gospel were a little confused by Jesus' declaration that he was "the way, the truth, and the life". It was only in the fullness of time that the people of the

gospel began to understand what Jesus said. This is natural. After all, it took me some time to understand what my uncle was trying to say. Like reading a book, we don't always understand at first where we are going, but we understand a little better the further we go along.

Nevertheless, there God is, patiently waiting with love and constantly reaching out. Just like my family did and does, God is watching and waiting, ready to catch us when we fall, softly whispering to all of us "Don't worry. You can always come home."

JONATHAN LEE

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 15 August

Sh-02-E (opposite Adoration Room)

Symbolon: The Sacraments - Baptism and Confirmation

ZONE A DISTRICT 2 ST. AUGUSTINE

Saturday August 11, 7.30pm

Programme: Pot Luck Dinner followed by Fr Jerome's talk on Jesuit saints.

Venue: Home of Kiat Beng and Stephen Chua

ZONE B DISTRICT 1. No meeting on Monday 7 August

ZONE B DISTRICT 3. Thursday 16 August, room 01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God

2) History of Christianity

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 16 August. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

KINGS/QUEENS ROAD

Saturday 18 August, 9.30am-12.30pm. Annex Hall

Programme: Gaudete et Exsultate – the call to Holiness in today's world

Facilitator: Sr Ermilda (Mel) Benedictos

JESUIT NEWS

EXPERIENCE, POETRY & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Poetry as the recollection of intense feelings can be the literary distillation of spiritual experience, and window into the mind and heart of an author. Discover how you can approach poetry and prayer in the Ignatian tradition. Facilitator: Stanley Goh, SJ | Date: Tuesday 21 Aug | Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Contribution: \$30 | Register: <http://tinyurl.com/StanGoh18>

MAGIS IMMERSION RETREAT

Discover God and self through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Explore what it means to find God in all things and live as a contemplative in action. Dates & Times: Friday 24 August (7.30pm) to Sunday 26 August (4pm) Contribution: \$270 (non-AC), \$310 (AC) Facilitators: Keith Neubronner and Margaret Tang Register: <http://tinyurl.com/magis18>

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

FOR JC/IB MASS & OUTREACH

Shoutout to all JC/IB students! This coming September break we want to meet you for a time of worship, Mass, and prayer ministry at OYP. Come and experience the truth that GOD IS WITH US at all times and in every circumstance.

Date & Time: 8 Sep 2018, 10am – 1pm
Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, Singapore 536449
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/JCIBOutreach2018> - or contact shaun.oyp@catholic.org.
sg for more information

FOR TREASURE RETREAT

As young working adults, we spend our lives searching for the one treasure that can satisfy our hungry hearts. What are you seeking? Come and see what the Lord has in store for you at this encounter retreat!

Date & Time: 20 Sep (Thu) 7:30pm – 23 Sep (Sun) 6:00pm
Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, Singapore 536449
Registration fee: \$130
Sign up: <http://oyp.org.sg/treasure10/> - or contact treasureretreat@gmail.com for more information

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

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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