



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

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## Catholic Education Sunday

**A**s we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday this weekend and give thanks to all the teachers and educators who are so instrumental in forming our future generations, we turn also in gratitude to the Lord who not only acts as an inspiration for all educators but also accompanies all of us in our ordinary lives as we seek to grow in faith and love. The readings for today lead us to observe how Jesus always seeks our good and heals us in the exact way that we need to be healed. There are two points from the Gospel that are particularly relevant for us this Sunday when we reflect about education – the first is about how the ears of the deaf man were opened, and the second is the tenderness with which Jesus sighed and laid his hands on the man's ears and mouth.

Education is not about the accumulation of discrete bits of information, nor is it about being taught to do particular tasks. I believe education is about opening the mind to the world, allowing the Lord, through the work of the educator, to say to all of us "Ephphatha", "Be opened". If we were to stop at trying to accumulate knowledge and skills, we would not be able to respond to the world that is changing at an increasingly swift pace. However, practicalities aside, a Catholic educator also has the task to open the eyes and senses of the students to the marvels of God who moves and acts around us in wondrous ways. The act of teaching is thus very much like the act of healing that Jesus performed on the blind man – giving

the students the possibility to approach the world with new senses and to learn about the wonders of God in our world.

The tenderness and compassion that Jesus showed as he sighed and went on to heal the deaf man give all educators and those who are involved in the formation of others an idea of how we should act when carrying out the mission of education or formation. It's not enough to work to teach, instruct or even help open the senses of one's charges if there is no compassion and the recognition of the human needs of those who are learning. In Jesuit education circles, the phrase *cura personalis* is often used to describe the necessity for the "care for the whole person". That Jesus sighed and brought the man to a place where the healing would not turn into a spectacle showed the care and concern for the deaf man, a care that went far beyond the need for physical healing. The same should go for educators or formators in their work with their charges – the whole person should be at the centre and all that we do should be at the service of building up this whole person.

Aiding in the opening of the senses of others and in showing compassion are not the domains of our educators alone. Taking a cue from how the Lord always seeks to heal, let us go forth to be agents of the healing power of the Lord and to do our little part to make our world a little more open and compassionate.

**BRO STANLEY GOH, SJ**

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### CATECHETICAL

#### AWARENESS WEEKEND

## Are You Called to Journey with Children?

**+** "Catechesis is not just about sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation; it is part of an initiation into the entire Christian life, which culminates with initiation for community and mission. (General Directory for Catechesis #67)"

We run our catechetical ministries with volunteers from among the parish, who feel called to journey with our young ones. Each year we reach out to the parish to increase our numbers to better serve the needs of the children and youths in formation. If you feel called to bring young persons closer to God, perhaps you are being invited to be a catechist! All you need is a good Catholic life, a relationship with Christ, a love for the young, and a desire to share your faith with them. Training will be provided.

The role of the catechist then becomes a "steward of the mystery" (1 Cor 4:1), facilitating the catechumen's encounter with Jesus and His Church as there is "only one Teacher, the Christ." (Mt23:10). The catechist's goal always is to set hearts aflame for Christ.

This weekend, catechists are at the Place of Gathering to share about our catechetical ministries.

Please stop for a chat, a brochure, or drop us an email (contacts above).

**JEREMY ALOYSIUS**



Catechists with Sec 3 youths.

## PARISH NEWS

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

### HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND PURIFICATION OF CHURCH

Archbishop William Goh has called for the celebration of Holy Mass and Holy Hour for the healing and purification of the Church in holiness on the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross on Friday 14 September. Holy Hour at the main church from 6.45pm to 7.45pm, after the 6.00pm mass.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday 9 September is Catholic Education Sunday. The theme is "Catholic Education in Singapore: Nurturing the Whole Child since 1852". There will be a prayer of blessing for Catholic teachers, a screening of a 2-min video, distribution of brochures at all parishes, and school students joining the congregation in worship at the 10.15am mass.

### PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018

All parishioners, ministries, and NCC and SCC groups are encouraged to attend our Parish Assembly on Saturday 20 October. Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, will provide an update on the activities and priorities of the Church of St Ignatius. There will be a reflection by a guest speaker and an opportunity for you to provide feedback on the future priorities of the parish. An election of the Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee members will also take place. Saturday 20 October at St Ignatius Hall. Breakfast and fellowship at 9am, Assembly from 9.30am to noon. Parishioners who wish to serve on the PPC Exco or to nominate persons to serve on the PPC Exco, can pick up nomination form at the Place of Gathering.

### EXAM PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Every Friday until 30 November, 7.45pm to 9.00pm Room SH-F (above Sacred Heart Hall) Families and children need our prayers always, and

especially as the exam season draws near. The Magis Family Ministry and the Charismatic Renewal Community will be including special intentions for children in our prayers during September, October and November. Parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and all concerned are welcome. If you'd like us to pray for your child, please send details to <https://tinyurl.com/StIgsPrayforourchildren>



### INFANT BAPTISMS Sunday 14 October at 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday 7 October, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Michelle (9765 5065) & Matthew Khoo or Lea (9173 8717) & Wahjudi Gunawan

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Do note that our catechetical sessions will resume next weekend Saturday 15/Sunday 16 September. We hope that all our children, youths and catechists had a blessed holiday.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Our LISS & GISS have been completed, with God's grace. For this, and many more blessings and graces, we give thanks. All are welcome this Wednesday 12 September. Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Colin Tan. Praise & Worship begins 7.30pm, Mass at 7.45pm, followed by light fellowship dinner.

### AN EVENING OF HYMNS AND SACRED MUSIC ON THE GUITAR AND VOICE

A concert featuring Maestro Jose Valdez from the Philippines, on 10-string guitar, and Rodrigo Rodriguez from US. Jose Valdez has arranged and published books on inspirational hymns and Christmas music for classical guitar. Rodrigo Rodriguez has recorded 8 albums on Christian worship and Christmas songs on classical guitar. All are welcome Wednesday, 19 September, 8.00pm, St Ignatius Church.

### FREE ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 27 October, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, at La Storta Room. For people aged 13 and above as you need to handle small beads with tools and wires. Register early as places are limited. Registration forms are available at the Place of Gathering and on the church website. Registration closes 30 September. You can opt to buy your own tool (\$20).

### PLEASE RETURN OUR CHURCH'S UMBRELLAS

If you have borrowed our church's umbrellas, please return them so that they can be made available for future use.

### RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Peter Low Siew Sung - 90 years old  
Date of death: 31 August 2018

## DVC NEWS

### DE VITA CHRISTI YOUTH COMMUNITY

DVC welcomes all youths and young adults to join us in our various ministries and communities. Follow us on Instagram: @120kingsrd or go to [devitachristi.wordpress.com](http://devitachristi.wordpress.com) for more information.



## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE A DISTRICT 1- ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, 12 September SH-02-E  
Programme: Symbolon: The Eucharist - Source and Summit of Christian Life.

### ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 20 September, room 01-04  
Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing - Daily Word of God  
2) History of Christianity



### My first year as a Catechist in the Weekend Catechetical Programme

When the catechetical ministry called for new catechists last year, I ventured to find out more as I felt drawn to share in the work of forming the young, so that they may grow to be steadfast and committed Christians. While doubtful of my abilities, I decided to register after sitting in at a few catechetical sessions and being encouraged by catechists.

Over the past eight months as a Level 2 catechist, I have been edified by their receptivity to learning about the Faith. While they may be rowdy and inattentive at times, demanding much patience and effort to manage, at other times their energy and exuberance are channelled to an active participation and raising of questions which make the sessions lively and engaging. Sometimes, they even ask profound questions, such as "Where is heaven?" and "How big is God?" Indeed, it is heartening to observe their squeals and excitement to volunteer, their puzzled looks as they attempt to articulate or make sense of what is taught, their laughter when enjoying a song-and-dance, and their silence when reflecting on something profound. Such moments of participation and engagement fill me with joy. It is truly a blessing to be around and to nurture these children.



Mark Cheong

## ⊙ JESUIT NEWS

### A SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

In this retreat, participants will explore and experience some of the major themes found in the Spiritual Exercises, from reflecting on one's graced history, to getting to know Jesus intimately, as well as living with joy in our everyday life.

Dates and Times: 19 October (7.30pm) to 21 October (5pm)

Contribution: \$270 (non-AC), \$330 (AC)

Facilitator: Fr Jerry Cusumano, SJ

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/jcsj18>

**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**

### 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 account.**

## ⊙ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

Dates: 15, 22, 29 September, 6 October

Time: 6.30pm to 9pm

Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S 187954

Love Offering and everyone is welcome. Details and registration at [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act) For enquiries only: (Andrew) SMS 9649 3893

### 4TH ASIAN APOSTOLIC CONGRESS ON MERCY (AACOM4)

AACOM4, held once every three years, is an Asian gathering of Divine Mercy devotees and promoters, among whom are cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and the laity. Themed "Experiencing Mercy Through The Joy of The Gospel in Asia", it will take place in Penang on 26-28 September.

Register: <http://www.cdm.my/4th-asian-apostolic-congress-on-mercy/registration/>

For more details, email

[aacom4penang.2018@gmail.com](mailto:aacom4penang.2018@gmail.com).

For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**LUX NOVA: NEW LIGHT**, a night of sacred music and contemporary favourites, by Cor Novum Choir to raise funds for Caritas Singapore under the auspices of Holy Family Church. Tickets at \$15, all proceeds will benefit Caritas Singapore.

Sunday 21 October, 8pm, at Church of the Holy Family  
Get tickets at <https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/luxnova> and followed by email to [cornovum8@gmail.com](mailto:cornovum8@gmail.com) to confirm your donation and number of tickets needed. E-tickets will be provided via Whatsapp or Email. Clergy and Religious Orders enter for free.

### WEEKLY

#### Rosary Devotion 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 the Columbarium