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What's the point of being a Christian? Timothy Radcliffe asked in his book of the same title. A Jesuit who has just returned from his studies made an interesting observation, "Without faith and religion, the world will be a sad place." We can't help but ask ourselves some difficult questions that will not go away even if we are in denial or in a crisis.

Being a Christian is to know **who we are, what we are made for** and what we stand for in our world view and understanding. I am a Christian who knows, believes and accepts Jesus as the Son of God who has come to save us. He has come to remove sin, reconcile us to the Father with His death on the Cross, and justifies us sinners to share in His life and love of the Father.

When there is a crisis, there is a call to make changes because of new technology, thinking and power that subverts the old status quo, attitudes and ways of doing things. Hence a crisis occurs when a turning point is experienced because of a failure or inability in the system to rise to the needs and challenges for growth, and adaptation of new solutions to existing problems. For example, the Swiss watch industry that prided itself on being the world's best producers of quality, handcrafted timepieces, faced a crisis in the 1970s. Japan introduced mass produced digital watches for a fraction of the price of Swiss watches. Inability to change, innovate and adapt can lead to complacency and stagnation.

Crisis of Faith. Christians, who no longer go to church, believe in God,

practise the faith, pray, or who live in a dysfunctional family, have lost their bearings because they have become disillusioned. At times, it may not be their fault, but is due to the internal rot from within as seen in the scandals that have hit the Church in the US and Europe, Chile and Australia today. This is exacerbated by the failure of church leadership to take responsibility squarely. Instead, the hierarchy is perceived to be more interested in its self-preservation, and projected its ineptitude by shifting problematic priests to other places rather than making them accountable for the harm caused especially to children who were victims of the sexual abuse.

How to recover the faith? How can we bear witness to the presence of God in our lives?

The Christian Faith. The first basic truth that should be taught in the family is why we are created. **Why am I here?** Tell children this, "I am created by God because God loves me." You can also say, "Because of this, I want to love God in return." Everything that I do is "to return love for love" (St Therese of Lisieux). In the words of St Ignatius, "Man is created to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save his soul." Or as one friend puts it, "**We are born so that we can have the privilege of attaining eternal life if we use our free will wisely. As such life is truly a gift!**" This is the fundamental truth which children must be taught, without which there is no education worthy of its name. Children need to know that they are created by God for a purpose. They

The Crisis and Challenge of Being a Christian Today

have to experience the goodness of God, and to know that God has given them everything needed for their wellbeing and salvation. And to know that God is on their side. God wants them to be happy in this life – to have faith and hope, to know their rights and the will to forgive even when it is difficult.

Children should be guided to know that they have two kinds of inclinations: to do what is good, and to do what is evil. We still have to live with the effects of original sin and our fallen condition – a consequence is personal pride and power. If we only welcome pride, power and sin into our house, then we leave Jesus outside the door. Jesus tells us, "**Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me...**" Don't leave Jesus and the children out in the cold. We must stand with them in their pain. We must not be ashamed of Jesus and of our identity as Christians, in good and bad times.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

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

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Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ★ 1st Reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20 ★ 2nd Reading James 3:16-4:3 ★ Gospel Mark 9:30-37

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS this Friday 28 September, is at **6.00pm** at the main Church. All are welcome.

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018

All parishioners, ministries, and NCC and SCC groups are encouraged to attend our Parish Assembly on Saturday 20 October at in St Ignatius Hall. Our Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, will provide an update on the activities and priorities of our Church of St Ignatius. There will be a reflection by Fr Ricky Manalo who will share with us his experiences, 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 be held.

Breakfast is provided and starts at 9am and the Assembly will begin by 9.30am to noon.

Nomination forms are available at the Place of Gathering and on our website.



DIVINE MERCY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

IN AND INTO THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE MERCIFUL

Conducted by Fr J. Weyms, SJ. Saturday 13 October, 9am-4pm, at La Storta Room. Registration forms are available at the Place of Gathering. For enquiries contact: Faye: flwt@yahoo.com or Shireen: shireen_neo@yahoo.com.sg

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 are available at the 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.

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, aunties, uncles and all concerned are welcome.

If you would like us to pray for your child, please send details to <https://tinyurl.com/StlgsPrayforourchildren>



CER FELLOWSHIP

Come for an evening of Praise and Worship, Faith Formation and Fellowship with Fr Colin Tan, SJ, in this gathering for post-CER and awaken retreatants from our church and other parishes. All are welcome. Thursday 4 October, 7.30pm to 9.45pm, St Ignatius Hall. Light refreshment at 7.30pm.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Living in turbulent times, it is sometimes difficult to see the graces of God. But with the Holy Spirit keeping the church alive, awakening and empowering our spiritual lives, drawing us back to His fold, there is Hope! All are welcome

to a sharing on remaining steadfast and faithful to our Lord, drawing strength from Him, as we go through the ups and downs of our life experiences. This Wednesday 26 September at St Ignatius Hall. Starts with fellowship dinner at 7.30pm and ends at 9.30pm.

SAT ROCKERS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass takes you through why we pray what we pray and do what we do during Mass. Explore the Scriptural roots of the Mass, and discover the beauty of the words and gestures towards a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Over 5 Saturdays from 29 September, 1.30pm at Rm 02-02. To register, contact Magdalene at 9152 8227 or svdp88@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE (YAB) STUDY GROUP

Embark on an extraordinary pilgrimage this Advent with the Young Adults Bible Study Group (YABbies). Uncover Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives through Edward Sri's – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. Join our weekly bible study from 14 October to 2 December, Sundays 10.30am, #01-09 Annex Hall. Register with Amanda 8322 5130 or Edris 9722 4023.

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

24 November, Saturday, 9.30am to 3.00pm and 25 November, Sunday 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund. Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition. NO bulky furniture, fax machines, TV and printers; video and cassette tapes and text books. Place your donations by 12 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

WEDDING MATTERS

Booking of our Church for your wedding should be made at least nine months in advance. Book early to secure your preferred date. For enquires, contact sacristan Robert Ong at 8511 4614

FREE ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

All places have been taken up. To be waitlisted, please register online at <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/all-events/530-october-month-of-the-holy-rosary>

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Joseph Yip Chan Meng – 86 years old
Date of death: 14 September 2018

Ruth Sim Seok Keow – 97 years old

Date of death: 15 September 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1– ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Wednesday 10 October, Room Sh-02-E

Programme: Symbolon: Walk Through the Mass

Encountering Christ in the Poor



■ SSVP Milk and Diapers program provides milk and diapers to babies and toddlers from low-income families as well as diapers for the elderly in need.



Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:40)

If you feel drawn to serve the poor and grow in spirituality within the Vincentian community, come join us!

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is part of an international Catholic lay organisation dedicated to following Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate love.

■ SSVP distributes fresh fruits, toiletries, snacks and clothes to jobless and injured Special Pass migrant workers.



■ SSVP gives cash assistance to the elderly, sick or disabled, living in the HDB one-room rental flats at Redhill Close.



■ SSVP organises "Goin-a-Shoppin" interactive experience for residents of St Joseph's Home.

■ Fun activities and outings are organised to cheer and boost the confidence of girls of Ahuva Good Shepherd Centre.



SSVP reaches out to those in need on a person-to-person basis, regardless of their faith, race or stature.

All are invited to participate in any one of our ongoing or annual outreach activities. Experience the joy that comes

from lending a hand in friendship.

Contact us: ssvp.stignatius@gmail.com
 Website: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/service/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul>



JESUIT NEWS

KINGSMEAD CENTRE'S IGNATIAN FESTIVAL (10 TO 21 OCTOBER)

Opening Session: **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY A PILGRIMAGE OF MORE**
Ignatian Spirituality is a pilgrimage of seeing, discerning and serving, with the magis (or more) as a compass.
Date: Wednesday 10 October | Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm | Contribution: Love offering
Facilitator: Lance Ng | Register: <https://tinyurl.com/igfest18>

LIFE OF A JESUIT

Discover the unique charism and formation process of the Jesuits, as well as a day in the life of a Jesuit.
Date: Sunday 14 October | Time: 2pm - 3.30pm | Contribution: Love offering
Facilitators: Fr Adrian Danker, SJ, & Fr Jerome Leon, SJ
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/iggyfest>

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,
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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

MISSION IS OBEDIENCE

The Church celebrates Mission Sunday on 21 October. The Office for the New Evangelisation will be publishing weekly reflections leading up to the celebration. The e-booklet, Mission is Obedience, will be available for download at www.one.org.sg from 26 September.

EMHC & WARDENS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Date: Saturday, 13 October
Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm
Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), level 2 (no lift access), at 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102
For those who wish to attend, gather as a Parish or Ministry. Email registration forms to enquiry@one.org.

sg for catering and logistics purposes. Registration closes 28 September.

MAKING CHRIST PRESENT IN THE FAMILY

A half-day retreat for Married Couples. Make time away with the Word of God. Join us for a quiet and spirit-provoking afternoon of praying with the Word of God with the Verbum Dei Missionaries next Sunday 30 September, 3.15pm to 6.00pm. To register, SMS or WhatsApp Mark at 9487 0999.

ACF PHOTO CONTEST 2018

WALKING WITH FAMILIES
Take part in a Photo Contest to capture what it means to be a Catholic Family and win prizes of up to \$1,500. Information: <http://bit.ly/ACFPhotoContest>

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; 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