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God Has No Borders



I remember when I was walking by a golf club in Australia, a man stopped me and said, "This is private, for members only." I felt irritated and discriminated.

While I could understand his reasoning of allowing members in and keeping "non-members" out, I was struck by the idea that we create a lot of artificial boundaries, lines and borders to mark out our space and possessions. My understanding was more expansive and inclusive, thinking to myself that God created the world for everyone to live in and to enjoy. It is only human beings who have divided his creation

and aligned them for themselves at the expense and exclusion of others.

Many of us have a tendency to think that elite members have privileges and perks while the poor get to scrape the bottom of the barrel in life. The more we have, the more we try to hold on to what we have and want even more. Pope Francis invites us to think not how to be richer, but "to be a bit poorer" so that others may have a share of what we hoard which we do not need.

Jesus in today's Gospel conveys to us the attitude that his disciples are not to discriminate against those who are not from their circle. We must not allow jealousy, envy and pride to keep others away. "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me." (Mk 9: 39)

Being magnanimous is to see the good that others do and to welcome them as well. It is to have a big heart to embrace the invisible hand of God at work in their lives as well and not despise what they are able to do. Worst of all, we sometimes allow jealousy to even discredit the good they do and destroy them out of envy and pettiness!

Unfortunately, jealousy is a sign of insecurity and we build walls to keep others out. However, we end up making ourselves prisoners in the process. The others are free — not we, who are burdened and imprisoned by our pride, possessions and power. Thankfully Jesus reveals to us a God who is bigger than our boundaries of insecurities and borders of pride. The kingdom of God is open to all members who believe and accept Jesus as the Son of God who has come to save us.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

October: Month of Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday, 7 October

Final (6th) Appearance of Our Lady at Fatima where Our Lady said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day." Saturday, 13 October

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
Monday, 15 October

Memorare Prayer to Our Lady
To be recited at all Weekend Masses in October

Offering of Spiritual Bouquets of the Rosary to Mother Mary
The family that prays together stays together. Write your rosary prayer intentions and offerings and post them up on the Spiritual Rosary Bouquet Board @ the Place of Gathering.

Daily Rosary at Main Church
Monday to Saturday: after 7.00am Mass
Monday to Friday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm
Scriptural Rosary: Every Saturday in October: 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Fatima Video & Recitation of Rosary for CCD Catechism children
Tuesday 16 October & Thursday 18 October: 4.10pm to 5.00pm
@ St Ignatius Hall

Eucharistic Adoration for Children at Main Church
Friday, 19 October, 7.45pm
@ Main Church
Recitation of the Rosary

Rosary Making Workshop
Saturday, 27 October 2018,
Session 1: 2.30pm to 3.30pm and
Session 2: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
@ La Storta Room

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

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Suzie Wee 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

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday 5 October, 8.00pm. Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus.

THEMATIC MASSES

Next weekend Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October.

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 participate more fully at these Mass, and create a greater sense of belonging in St Ignatius Church. Please make a special effort to join us.

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018

All parishioners, ministries, and NCC and SCC groups are encouraged to attend our Parish Assembly on Saturday 20 October in St Ignatius Hall. Our Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, will give an update. An election of the Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee members will also be held. Breakfast is provided and starts at 9.00am. The Assembly will begin by 9.30am and ends at 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.

CHILDREN'S DAY GIFT OF TOOTHBRUSHES

ACTS Cambodia invites the children of St Ignatius to celebrate Children's Day 2018 by giving toothbrushes to children in Cambodia. 5000 children-sized toothbrushes will be sent to 2,500 children in Battambang Province and Don Bosco Schools.

Hand your toothbrush gift to your Catechist during the Weekend Catechetical sessions, CCD, Children's Liturgy, Leading Little Ones or CGS sessions or leave them in the boxes provided at the Place of Gathering, Catechetical office or parish office from next weekend till 28 October.

SPECIAL INVITATION to parishioners who are new to our parish to meet and chat with our Parish Priests over drinks and snacks at the Place of Gathering after the 10.15am Mass, next Sunday 7 October.

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. The theme is "Hope in Brokenness". All are welcome. Thursday 4 October, 7.30pm to 9.45pm, St Ignatius Hall. Light refreshment at 7.30pm.



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Intercession is powerful prayer that is an Act of Love and an Act of Faith, presenting the needs of our brothers and sisters and asking our Almighty God, who is All-Knowing and All-Loving, to intervene. All are welcome to this Wednesday 3 October, at St Ignatius Hall. Starts with fellowship dinner at 7.30pm, and ends at 9.30pm.

FREE ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 27 October, 2nd session 4.00-5.00 pm, at La Storta Room. Due to the overwhelming response, the Rosary Ministry is opening up a 2nd session for 18 more places. On a first come first serve basis. Online registration at <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/all-events/530-october-month-of-the-holy-rosary>

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

With immediate effect, couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the church wedding one year in advance. The booking will be confirmed by the priest celebrant for the wedding upon the couple signing the acknowledgement form. Take note of the need to plan ahead for this important milestone in your life's journey. And to secure your preferred wedding date and priest celebrant.

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

ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 2 October, Room SH-E
Programme: Recitation of Rosary/Prayer of Generosity/
Detailed Discussion on Upcoming Home Visit /Fellowship

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 4 October. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com
Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

A Youth Engagement

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

The Social Mission activity with migrant workers is part of our Sec 1 Weekend Catechism Programme. As with past years, we collaborated with ACMI who made the arrangement with the Management

of the Dormitory to allow us to visit the venue.

The teens gathered to receive a blessing from Fr Jerome, before boarding buses, which took them to the Foreign Workers Dormitory in Jalan Papan. The Sec 1 youths were reminded that the Foreign Workers left behind loved ones to work in Singapore. Without them, many of our buildings and MRT Stations would not have been built.

Catechists led the teens in prayer before they were ushered into the community hall to gather essentials for care packs for dormitory residents. By 3pm, a long queue of the workers snaked outside the hall, really a small number of the total number of workers as many were still at work at the nearby Petrochemical plants.

After the distribution, some workers stayed behind to interact

I feel extremely grateful for the position I am in. I feel thankful for the gifts I receive everyday, food, clothes and shelter. I feel bad for the workers who had to sacrifice their comfort to come to Singapore to work for their families.
MARK Sec 1 teen

It's been eye opening to see the many different people who have moved here to earn a living for their families. A guy that we talked to told us that after he went back to India during a break he got married. He and his wife both have kids in India that they had to leave behind. And had to miss out on them growing up.
GENEVIEVE, Teen

It's an eye-opener for me on how people struggle, yet persevere facing the problems in their life, and how people are willing to help out each other without expecting anything in return.
HENDRA, Christabel's father



When I first went to the dormitory I felt reluctant to do the activity, but when we got the chance to talk to the workers, I felt sorry because they only have the chance to visit their families once a month.
CHRISTABEL Sec 1 teen

with the youths. Many were heard sharing how they felt, having to leave their families behind as they came to Singapore to work.

Many teens were grateful to these workers for their contribution to the building of Singapore, and for the opportunity to bring Christ's love to these workers through the gifts. Yet others got a glimpse of a life, so different from their own.



JESUIT NEWS

KINGSMEAD CENTRE'S IGNATIAN FESTIVAL (10 TO 21 OCTOBER) AN IGNATIAN REFLECTION OF LAUDATO SI

Drawing from Ignatian spirituality, this session reflects on the insights of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on "Care for our Common Home"

Date: Thursday 11 October | Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm | Contribution: Love offering
Facilitator: Fr Greg Tan, SJ | Register: <https://tinyurl.com/igfest18>

LAY IGNATIAN COMMUNITIES

Come and hear more about Christian Life Community (CLC), a community present in over 60 countries including Singapore. CLC members live a way of life inspired by their experience of the St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises.

Date: Tuesday 16 October | Time: 2pm - 3.30pm | Contribution: Love offering
Facilitators: Calvin Tam & Members of CLC Singapore
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,
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

APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available at the parish office. Send a crossed cheque payable to "CHARIS HAF" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. More information at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org.

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, is now available for download at www.one.org.sg

MERCY AND MARRIAGE IN THE TEACHING OF POPE FRANCIS AND JOHN PAUL II

Critics of Pope Francis have pointed out that his teaching on mercy in his apostolic exhortation "amoris laetitia" seems to contradict what John Paul 2 has taught on the moral life. Join us to explore this important issue of the church's teaching on marriage and family. Speaker: Andrew Kong
Date: Tuesday 16 October
Time: 7.30pm-9pm
Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01)
Enquires and registration at theology.sg@gmail.com or call Nick at 9784 3682. Seats are limited.

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.

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