



Giving and Receiving Love

✝ The young man in today's Gospel questions, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He was very much concerned with his own actions and how they would merit him eternal life. If this seems somewhat transactional, it probably is. The Lord's response is not just in His answer, but in His gaze. "Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him", wrote Mark to demonstrate the Lord's compassion and His seeking to reach out to the young man and to build a relationship.

The gaze of love and compassion speaks volumes about what more we need in our path towards the Kingdom and life eternal – relationality. While the doing, especially the keeping of the commandments, is important, we learn that the giving and receiving of love in the process of establishing a relationship is even more important.

We're called to live our faith by bringing it to others, to reach out with the same love and compassion that the Lord gives to us.

We should do good, not for its own sake, but as a means of building the bridges that are so necessary, especially in our

current day and age. Jesus' request for the young man is to let go of the trappings that link him to the life of 'doing' and to move into the life of 'being with'. It wouldn't be too far-fetched to consider that someone like the young man would work very hard to maintain or enhance his wealth.

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In response to the man, Jesus lists some commandments – which should raise further questions since Jesus only lists those commandments which speak of our relations with other people, not the three which speak of how we should treat God.

When the man says that he has always kept these commandments, Jesus responds in an entirely unexpected manner: He says that the man must basically divest himself of everything he owns, simply give it away, and follow Jesus. This substitution for a listing of the commandments touching God suggests that Jesus is Himself God, but also points to a Way beyond the Law.

Jesus implies that the true worship of God is to give our all to take care of others, and to follow not the Law but Jesus. This is not a written law, but the very personal business of trusting our all to the Spirit. Christians are neither

The Lord tells the young man, as he does us, to let go of our attachment to 'doing', that's represented by our wanting to accumulate earthly things, and instead focus on 'being with' and loving others as they should be loved.

STANLEY GOH, SJ

People of the Law nor People of the Book; we are the flock of Jesus, centred on the living Person/s of our God, and on living in a prayerful and dynamic relationship with each of the Holy Three and with all of them.

We must "lose our lives", as He sometimes puts it, must forget ourselves to serve others in our search for a godly love, and we must be willing to follow Jesus on His journey, wherever He will lead us and whatever He will call us to do. We must not only face hardship but embrace it, seek to empty ourselves completely so that God can fill us as He thinks best. This is what it is to live in hope.

The man in the Gospel believes that he is ready to accept the next step, but discovers that he is not. The reading from Hebrews says, "The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit ... and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Jesus is that living, effective word of God, and He reveals the man's heart to him. The man goes away sad because he had thought that Jesus would give him a clear and simple answer, but instead discovers a call and a challenge.

The question is how this all clarifies our own search for eternal life and indicates what we ourselves need to be and do next. Or maybe we need to ask how much we really trust God?

CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ

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PARISH NEWS

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Collections from all masses on the weekend of 20/21 October will be for the spread of the Gospel. NCCs, SCCs, ministries, groups and individuals are encouraged to use the *Mission Is Obedience* booklet available for download at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources/mission-is-obedience/>

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

There will be recitation of the Rosary after the weekday 7.00am masses, at 5.15pm before the 6.00pm masses, and on Saturdays, 5.15pm to 5.45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Come as a family to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Sing hymns, offer intercessory prayers and pray the rosary in this month of the Holy Rosary.
Friday 19 October, 7.45-9.00pm at main Church.

LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 CLASSES

LLOTG K2 classes (for children born in 2013) will be on Saturdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Register at <http://bit.ly/K2-LLOTG-2019> (case-sensitive).

LLOTG K1 classes (for children born 2014) will be on Saturdays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Register at <http://bit.ly/K1-LLOTG-2019> (case sensitive)

Closing date: Friday 16 November.



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 child-sized toothbrushes will be sent to 2,500 children in Battambang Province and Don Bosco Schools. Hand your gift to your Catechist during the Weekend Catechetical, 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. Until 28 October.

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018

All of you are invited to attend our Parish Assembly on this coming Saturday, 20 October at St Ignatius Hall. There will be a talk by Fr Ricky Manalo on "Encountering Christ in the Mass" and our Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, will present an update on the activities and priorities of our parish and plans for the next five years. An election of the Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee members will also be held. Breakfast is provided and starts at 8.45am. The Assembly will begin by 9.30am and ends at noon. Nomination forms are available at the Place of Gathering and on our website www.stignatius.org.sg



The **PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM** is looking for more volunteers to help in preventing and managing emergencies in church. These range from providing simple medical assistance to guiding parishioners, especially the elderly and the young to



safely evacuate from the church premises should there be a fire, security violation or other emergencies. Register at the help desk at the Place of Gathering or online: <https://goo.gl/forms/ai4szMJ5IKwZFA6m2>. Training will be provided.

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

PARISH-WIDE FORMATION SESSIONS

SESSION 2: Responding to Conflicts in the Workplace (25 October)

SESSION 3: Responding to Conflicts in School (8 November)
St Ignatius Hall, 7.45pm-10pm

For details and registration, go to www.stignatius.org.sg, scan the QR code, or get forms at the Place of Gathering.



LIGHT AND HOPE – Featuring the Music of Fr Ricky Manalo, CSP, and Janèt Sullivan Whitaker. Guest appearance: Fr Edward Lim, OCD.

Friday 19 October, 7.45pm, Church of Divine Mercy

Saturday 20 October, 7.45pm, Church of St Ignatius

Tickets \$25 at CANA, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor

Reservation: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

St Paul in Philippians 2:12-18, advises us to guard our salvation received from Jesus Christ with "fear and trembling". He will give us the graces to achieve our salvation, to claim our eternal prize and shine like "stars in the sky". All are welcome to Bible Sharing this Wednesday October 17, at St Ignatius Hall. Starts at 7.30pm with Dinner Fellowship and ends at 9.30pm.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Mary Lee Mey Chng – 89 years old

Date of death: 8 October 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 2 ST. AUGUSTINE

Wednesday 17 October, Rm 02-06

Programme: "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before" by Dr Edward Sri

ZONE A DISTRICT 3 – ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday, 31 October, Rm SH-E

Programme: "The Virgin Mary revealed through Scripture" by Dr Scott Hahn.

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 18 October, Rm 01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) The life of St Monica

ZONE C – ST THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Monday 15 October, Loyola Room, 7.30pm

Programme: Rosary/reflection and sharing

GREENLEAF SIXTH AVE

Monday 15 October. For details: *message only* 9678 8788

Programme: Mini retreat on Prayer.

A Space for Encounter with God

Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling provides a 500-year tradition of Ignatian spirituality that helps people grow in their faith through talks, workshops, retreats, spiritual direction, and counselling. Officially opened on 21 October, 1990, the Centre offers quiet space and companionship, and the interior silence to reconnect with your faith, spiritual journey and relationship with God. The teams of spiritual directors and counsellors, including Jesuits and trained lay persons are available to be a listener, guide and companion on your life journey.

To find out more, visit www.kingsmeadcentre.sg or email: cisc2664@gmail.com

A Retreat is basically a period of time devoted to personal prayer and reflection. This concept of retreat goes back to Christ himself, who withdrew from the world and went into the desert prior to his public ministry. Today, people make a spiritual retreat at retreat houses. They withdraw (retreat) from their daily busy schedule to engage themselves in prayer, silence, solitude,

Now I have learned to follow Scripture in my decisions, to seek God in prayer, to seek counsel from spiritual teachers and to heed the promptings of the Holy Spirit, rather than my old way of scrambling after purely secular technical knowledge, and ignoring the spiritual realm. This has been a big change for me.
RETREATANT

reflection, penance, discernment, and to receive spiritual guidance from a director or retreat-giver. Kingsmead Centre welcomes individuals to make retreats just about any time of the year.

Spiritual direction has been part of the Christian tradition since the earliest times. The desert fathers and mothers valued having a spiritual guide or companion to share with, and in the process, discover the ways in which the Lord had been dealing with them. This process continues to help many grow closer in relationship with God.

Spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment focuses on your prayer life, spiritual questions, deep longings and sacred experiences. The spiritual companion will help you notice, savour and be aware of the movement of God in your daily-lived experiences. This spiritual direction or spiritual conversation is usually carried out once in 1-2 months in an atmosphere of openness and trust.

Kingsmead has a subtle yet alluring charm. The quiet and privacy one gets allows me to feel an intimate closeness with God. It's like coming home.
ANONYMOUS

Counselling helps you work on your thoughts, emotions and behaviours that impact your life and relationships. The counsellors can help you with a variety of issues ranging from those related to marital and family relationships, and personal development.

Some differences between spiritual accompaniment and counselling are: generally, therapy and counselling deal with problem areas of one's life, attempting to bring healthy solutions to those issues, whereas spiritual direction helps one grow in faith by being aware of God's presence in the midst of pain or disorder as well as in one's stages of human development.

Having someone who has the spiritual insights helps me to see situations differently.
Adeline Foo

Living in a very busy world, overwhelmed by a culture of doing, and noise prevails in our daily living, we are often lost and confused about who we are and our purpose in life. Only in the silence, we can listen to what is truly going on in ourselves, and begin to listen to the gentle whisper of God.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I love the serenity of Kingsmead ... It allows me to get into a right frame of mind and spirit to share intimately my life with my spiritual director ... My spiritual director has led me to understand similar patterns (of emotions and reactions to events) that I otherwise might not be aware of. This has in turn helped me respond and make more positive and life-giving decisions in my life.
JULIUS TAN

Kingsmead Centre offers you...
the quiet space and companionship to look within...
to reconnect with your faith, spiritual journey and relationship with God.

Be enriched, energised, renewed... and find healing through
✿ a diversity of retreats ✿ prayer and reflection days ✿ spiritual workshops ✿ spiritual companionship ✿ counselling

JESUIT NEWS

PRAYING WITH MARY RETREAT

In this month of the Rosary, get to know Mary better and pray with her by reflecting on her journey with Jesus.

Dates: Friday 26 October 7.30pm to

Sunday 28 October 5.00pm

Contribution: \$260 (non-aircon.), \$300 (aircon.)

Facilitator: Fr Greg Tan, SJ

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/pwm18>

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for more information. You can also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

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 Place of Gathering. Please support generously.

MISSION IS OBEDIENCE

The Church celebrates Mission Sunday on 21 October. The Office for the New Evangelisation's weekly reflections e-booklet, *Mission is Obedience*, is now available for download at www.one.org.sg

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

Critics of Pope Francis have pointed out that his teaching on mercy in his apostolic exhortation "amor laetitiae"

seems to contradict what Pope John Paul II 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-9.00pm

Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01)

Enquires and registration: theology.sg@gmail.com or call Nick at 9784 3682

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the Word of God. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tuesday, 23 October, 7.30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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