



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Vol 88 No 47  
Sunday  
21 October  
2018

## A Faith on Fire or a Fire on Faith?

**A** priest at a recent meeting bemoaned the lack of enthusiasm and fervour in the faith of people around him. He bellowed, “Are you willing to die for Jesus? How much do you love Jesus? Where is your faith?” There was silence and no one dared to open his mouth.

This week being World Mission Sunday, we are asked to examine our faith and know how to share it with others who do not know Jesus, Our Lord.

Sometimes we do not know what to do. But there are some things we can do — talk to them about the meaning of life and to know the purpose for which we are created; and the strength we receive from the faith in Jesus who reveals the Father’s love for each one of us. Or share with them what makes life meaningful and joyful..

Why is it that we don’t have zeal and the enthusiasm for the love of God? Perhaps, we have never taken our faith seriously. Those who are born in the Catholic faith seem to be lukewarm in their approach to religion. Those who are converts have questioned our faith, God and life in order to find the answers, tend to be more fervent and convinced of what they believe.

We know that the truth and the answers we have been searching for can be found in the Catholic Church. There is no doubt to this, even in the midst of the scandals and pain – the truth will not be smudged by the sins and weaknesses of human nature.

Closer to home, we have been asked to review the vision of the Church – “Towards a vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church.” What does this mean for you?” This is the vision of our Archbishop William Goh, but how have you translated it into your own lives? In your workplace and within your families?

In fact, there is a crisis in the family. How do we rekindle the faith in the family? In a diocesan survey, the question addressing how families practise and evangelise their faith had the lowest average score of 2.8 out of 5 on this question. Indeed, families are in trouble. They are not transmitting the faith. Instead, families can be counter witnessing by their lack of love, by infighting over money, property and inheritance, and by their lack of forgiveness and charity, and the inflicting of hurts.

Our Mission is clear: Go and make disciples of all nations. Perhaps, the best place to start is in our homes. Look at ways in which we can bring about healing in our families – reach out to those who have stayed away from God and the church. They will not know the love of God if we do not show them our love by our acts of humility, charity and forgiveness. It’s only when we have experienced love that we are willing to die for Jesus who loves us beyond our unloveliness.

FR COLINTAN, SJ

Parish-Wide Formation Sessions

### RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

St Ignatius Hall, 7.45pm-10.00pm



SESSION 2 (25 October)

#### Responding to Conflicts in the Workplace

Presentation by  
**Prof Bertrand Lim Soo Ping, SMU**  
and Retired Auditor-General of Singapore

Drawing from generic lessons from the resolution of conflicts in the Holy Lands during recent times, Prof Lim talks about typical causes of workplace conflicts – distinguishing them from mere disputes or disagreements. The possible outcomes of a conflict, with the focus on reconciliation, will also be discussed, including the importance of effective listening, an essential ingredient for reconciliation. Using case studies, some from his personal experience, he will outline a generic framework for dealing with ethical dilemmas in the course of work.

SESSION 3 (8 November)

#### Responding to Conflicts in the School

Presentation by  
**Bro Colin Wee**



For details and registration, go to [www.stignatius.org.sg](http://www.stignatius.org.sg), scan the QR code, or get forms at the Place of Gathering.

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

### 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.

**MEMORIAL MASS** this Friday 26 October, is at 6pm instead of 8pm, at the main Church. All are welcome.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY (A DAY OF OBLIGATION) MASS TIME

Wednesday 31 October 2018: 6.00 pm

Thursday 1 November 2018: 7.00 am, 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm

### ALL SOULS' DAY (COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED) MASS TIME

Friday 2 November 2018: 7.00 am and 6.00 pm. Blessing of niches at our columbarium after 6.00 pm Mass.

*\*Please note there is No First Friday Mass on Friday 2 November.*

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/ai4szMJ5lKwZFA6m2>. Training will be provided.



### MASS POWERPOINT SLIDES

AV Ministry is conducting a survey on the effectiveness of the slides during Mass.

Feedback forms are available at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering after Mass. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

### CHRISTMAS CHORISTERS

DVC Youth Choir invites all choristers to join them in singing for this year's Christmas Midnight Mass. Email [dvcyouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:dvcyouthchoir@gmail.com) by Wednesday 31 October. Practices on **November 2, 10 and 16 (3pm - 6pm); 23 and 30 (7.30pm - 10pm). December 7, 20 (7.30pm - 10pm) and 22 (3pm-5pm). In Rm MR2. December 23 (1.30pm - 4.30pm & 8pm - 10pm) and December 24 (7.30pm until Midnight Mass). At main Church.**

### SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 3 November

**HOW ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS IMPACT ECO**

**SYSTEMS AND HEALTH:** Talk by Assoc Prof Karina Gin, who teaches Environmental Engineering at National University of Singapore. 9am at La Storta Room. Organized by Parish Green Movement. Register with Angela Sng at 9664 2094 by Wednesday 31 October.

Visit our edible garden and marketplace with organically farmed vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants and saplings, home baked cakes, desserts, seed exchange programme and more. Contributions most welcome. 10am – 12 Noon at Annexe Porch (next to Sacred Heart Hall). Contact Patricia Cheah at 9620 0085 for details.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday 11 November at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday, 4 November 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms available at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Michelle Ng (9633 8236) & Dennis (9457 7772) or Alison (9691 3447) & Gordon Pinto (9615 3447).

### 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.

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday 24 November, 9.30am to 3.00pm and Sunday 25 November, 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 or electronic items like TVs and printers, video and cassette tapes, and textbooks. Place your donations by 12 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Prayer for Healing: A sharing of a faith journey that started with the healing grace of God. Come and join us this Wednesday, October 24 at St Ignatius Hall.

We start at 7.30pm with our Fellowship Dinner and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### 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.

### ONE C DISTRICT 1

Thursday 25 October, SH-02-F

Programme: Sharing by Fr Jerome on the history of the Jesuits

# Evening of Hymns and Sacred Music



 It was a night of sacred music and hymns on guitar and vocals, featuring Maestros Rodrigo Rodriguez from of the US and Jose Valdez of the Philippines.

Rodrigo Rodriguez took us on a journey of exquisite musical arrangements of familiar hymns on the guitar; such as “How great thou art”, “Great is thy faithfulness”. It was not only a display of his talent and musicality, but more so in the manner in which he was able to project a sense of “spirituality” in his music with the emotions expressed through the masterful touch of his guitar, emanating sounds and rhythm that touched us all beyond the human plane.

Rodrigo shared that he plays with his eyes closed -- so that he can feel God’s presence guiding his hands to produce such moving sounds that we too were immersed in the presence of God. After many years as a professional classical guitarist, he found a new direction in 1992, where he could “play with joy and inspiration that only comes from having a personal relationship with God”. He now serves the Lord in full-time music ministry.

**REVIEW BY ANDREW TAN**

 Such a lovely treat for our stress-filled and hectic schedules on a Wednesday night, 19 September, at St Ignatius Church! With the Classical Guitar as centrepiece, our spirits and hearts were spellbound by beautifully arranged and brilliantly, creatively played performances from two eminent guitarists Maestros Jose Valdez of the Philippines and Rodrigo Rodriguez of the US.

Opening the evening, Jose Valdez (on a specially designed and handcrafted 10-string classical guitar) was accompanied by fellow countryman and classical guitarist Phil Valdez. They played beloved Catholic hymns such as “Amazing Grace”, “As the Deer”, “Glory and Praise to our God”. Their melodious and harmonious plucking, finger-picking style drew out the most amazing, breathtaking sounds from both guitars. Most of us opted to lose our eyes and contemplate, reflect, draw ourselves into the experience. Others quietly sang along.

With effortless grace, clarity of sound and emotional intensity, Rodrigo Rodriguez drew the audience into a first-hand experience of his God-gifted talent and agile, nimble guitar finger-

picking style. We were mesmerized, captivated and carried away to angelic realms of heavenly music with “Shout to the Lord”, “Ten Thousand Reasons”, and “Great is Thy Faithfulness”, followed by “How Great Thou Art”, “What a friend we have in Jesus”, and his special rendition of “Via Dolorosa”. The latter he played with such emotional passion and intense dramatic flair, we could feel the agony that Jesus Christ had to bear on the way to the Cross on Calvary.

Soprano Delvinia Phee, accompanied by guitarists Jose Valdez, Phil Valdez and Singaporean Andrew Wee, closed the evening with “The Holy City”, “I love to tell the story” and “Ave Maria”.

**REVIEW BY JOANNE GAN**

Guitarist with 8.15am Sunday Family Choir



## JESUIT NEWS

### DEEPENING AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS RETREAT

In Introduction to Authentic Conversations, we become more conscious of an experience of the presence of God through real conversation. In this deepening retreat, the invitation is to grow in awareness of how personal this Lover's language is.

Dates & Times: Saturday, 3 November (10am) to Monday, 5 November (5pm)

Contribution: \$260 (non-AC), \$300 (AC)

Facilitator: Lance Ng

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/dacr2018>

**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](http://www.one.org.sg)

**CANA** invites you to repeat screenings of popular films that were featured in our recent Cana Film Festival 2018. Come on down with your friends and loved ones!

**ON WHEELS** – Saturday, 3 November 2018, 3.00pm - 4.45pm

**KEEPER** – Saturday, 15 December 2018, 3.00pm - 5.15pm

**LOVE AND BANANAS** – Saturday 26 January 2019, 3.00pm- 5.15pm

**BENDING THE ARC** – Saturday 23 February 2019, 3.00pm - 5.15 pm

Seats on first come first served basis, RSVP via [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) or call 63384080. Love offering. More info on [www.canafilmfest.com](http://www.canafilmfest.com)

### CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS BUILDING THE KINGDOM WORKSHOP THE SPIRITUALITY OF RECREATION

Formation workshop for young adults (aged 18 to 35) on the social teachings on rest and recreation. Saturday 10 November, 5pm to 9pm, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

Speaker: Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. Information and registration at [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

### 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](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