



## “You Are Not Far From The Kingdom Of God”

“**L**ove is the greatest power for the transformation of reality because it pulls down the walls of selfishness and fills the ditches that keep us apart.” Pope Francis.

Often, A question that I get asked is, “Father, can non-Catholics be saved? My mother is not baptised and I am worried about her.” This is a legitimate question and it can apply to one’s brothers and sisters and friends who are not yet baptised.

What do we know about the will of God? Simply that God has come to save us! Why? Because God is love. If God is love, then all that God is and does is willed towards the good of all of us as is His nature.

When I meet people in my daily interactions, I always try to see the goodness in them and work from there. I will try to identify what is the good in them. I will see if they have the desire to go beyond their present state of life. “Do they have a hunger for doing good? Are they wanting to help the poor? Wanting to sponsor poor children’s education? Wanting to promote good human values and virtues in society?” When I sense that they have this reservoir of goodness in them, I will point it out to them and

compliment them on what they are doing well. I tap into their well-spring of goodness and kindness and allow the good spirit to work in them. Once at a birthday dinner, a man made an announcement to everyone present, “I am a man who can find heaven on earth in my work and family. I am grateful to God for His blessings in my life.” He was not a Catholic and yet he spoke with such openness and gratitude with an intimations of divine guidance in his life. Immediately, I was moved to reply to him and said, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God! You are ready for baptism....” Everyone had a good laugh.

Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms that the most effective witnessing to God’s love is to “Listen”, to obey the commandments of our Lord, to live out one’s faith in God by loving our “neighbour as yourself.” This is the meaning of our witnessing-to the practice of God’s love that can be seen in what we do. Start today by identifying and naming goodness in others where they are to be found. God is there. When you find them, make sure you are there also to announce God’s presence and love.

FR COLINTAN, SJ

Parish-Wide Formation Sessions

### RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

St Ignatius Hall, 7.45pm-10.00pm



SESSION 3 (8 November)

### Responding to Conflicts in the School

Presentation by  
**Bro Colin Wee**

Each member of the school community is unique. In diversity lies not only strength, but also challenge. This diversity provides the potential for growth, but frequently results in conflict. When recognised, addressed and embraced, conflict contributes to the growth of relationships in the family.

Conflict can be addressed in such a way that members experience respect, compassion and understanding – qualities which draw them into the family or community rather than alienate them.

Consider this:

1. Is there enough of trust in your family to deal with conflict?
2. What steps do we need to take to deal more effectively with conflict?
3. What are the fears and other obstacles which prevent us from dealing more directly and effectively with conflict?



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.

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## PARISH NEWS

### NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

You can submit names of deceased relatives and friends and drop them in the box at the Place of Gathering. These names will be offered at weekend Masses in November.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Deepavali public holiday, Tuesday 6 November. Masses at 7.00am and 6.00pm as usual.

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

The Welcoming Ministry invites families and friends to come together for Advent wreath making with music, games and festive potluck. Saturday 1 December, 3-5pm. @ \$50 per wreath with net proceeds to the Social Mission Fund. Contact Lynette at Lynette@me@gmail.com by 18 November. On a first come first served basis, and places run out fast. Please leave payments at the church office, after receiving an email confirmation.

**SALVE REGINA ORCHESTRA** invites string/woodwind musicians, aged 10 years and above (including adults), to accompany the Christmas Pageant Mass. Rehearsals begin next Sunday 4 November. Contact Claire at ooi.claire@gmail.com for information.

**SSVP MILK & DIAPERS (MAD)** project helps low income families by providing milk and diapers for their children (below 3 years old). It provides the children with basic sustenance and nutrition in their crucial developmental years. To find out more about how you can help, visit SSVP and MaD booths at the Place of Gathering on 17 and 18 November.

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Primary 1 registration for 2019 is now open. Limited spaces are available for NEW registrations for other levels – subject to existing enrolment and other conditions. Registrations close on 30 November and are available ONLY through our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend/registration> Current youths and children in our programme need not register. Email [stignatius.wecat@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.wecat@gmail.com) for queries.

Catechetical sessions for 2018 will end next weekend on Saturday 10/Sunday 11 November.

2019 sessions will begin on Sat 16/Sun 17 Feb. Look out for notices at the beginning of the new year for start-of-year parents meetings.

We wish all our children, youth and families a blessed holiday and thank all for your support and prayers this year.

### LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD NEEDS YOU!

LLOTG needs to recruit Catechists for 2019, to successfully continue our Formation Program for K1 and K2 children. We have two time slots – 1.30pm to 3pm, or 4pm to 5.30pm – for just 10 Saturdays in a year. We have different teams teaching each week, so volunteers can choose their team and dates. Email: [llogt.ignatius@gmail.com](mailto:llogt.ignatius@gmail.com)

### 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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Our final session for 2018 is Sunday 25 November, on the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Children's Liturgy Program will be back on Sunday 17 February, 2019.

### 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 11 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

### LANDINGS ARRIVAL

Landings Ministry is coming to St Ignatius. The outreach program helps welcome back those who have been estranged from the Church. Contact Fr Jerome if you are interested in becoming coordinators and facilitators.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

*PRIEST, PROPHET & KING PREVIEW*

Learn from Bishop Barron the priestly, prophetic, and kingly missions of Jesus and his followers. On Wednesday 21 November, 9.30am-12pm. To register, sms Viv (9785 2268) or Jo (8183 2273).

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.

### 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.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

A sharing of **One Man's Journey**, a cradle Catholic in over 50 years of worldly pursuits and with a "fake faith" in an environment of meritocracy, peer pressure and intolerance of failure. Transformation began when he joined a community of love through LISS, and CER, that led to forgiveness, discernment, self-realisation and discipleship. This Wednesday 8 November, at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner at 7.30pm, and the evening ends at 9.30pm.

# Intercessions of the Saints



Using the Kahoot! quiz app, Secondary 1 catechists from our weekend Catechetical Programme

encouraged the teens to recognize and identify the qualities of the more familiar saints – John Paul II, Mother Teresa, St Peter, St Paul – in a fun way.

They explored the process of canonization, followed by research on saints who are linked to their daily lives such as St John Baptiste de La Salle (SJI & St Patrick's School), St Louis de Montfort (St Gabriel's School), St Magdalene of Canossa (St Anthony's Convent), St Francis of Assisi (Franciscans) and St Therese de Lisieux (Carmelites).

Catechists, dressed as St Mother Teresa, St Agnes, St Denis, St Joan of Arc, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Lucy, St Paul and St Peter were "interviewed" in a special talk show segment. The session closed on the Litany of Saints, encouraging all to reflect that the saints can be our intercessors, and Mary is our greatest saint.

## ST DENIS

Patron Saint: Headaches  
 Feast Day: October 9  
 Birth: Unknown  
 Death: 258  
 A 9th Century legend recounts that St Denis' decapitated corpse carried his head from Montmarte, Paris, northeast to where the Benedictine abbey of St Denis was founded. He is portrayed in art as a decapitated (though evidently living) figure.

## ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Patron Saint: Bakers

Feast Day: November 17

Birth: 1207  
 Death: 1231  
 The prayerful Princess Elizabeth led an austere life of penance and charity, wearing simple clothing and delivering bread daily to the poor. Elizabeth used her royal position to advance her mission for charity.

## ST THERESE OF LISEUX

Patron Saint: Missions  
 Feast Day: October 1  
 Birth: 1873  
 Death: 1897  
 St Therese, the "Little Flower"

died, aged 24, after a short cloistered Carmelite life. Her journal "Story of a Soul" was published soon after her death. Her letters and restored versions of her inspirational journals have inspired many.

## ST LUCY

Patron Saint: Blind  
 Feast Day: December 13  
 Birth: 283 AD  
 Death: 304 AD  
 Lucy, meaning "light" or "lucid," is depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and holding a palm branch, a symbol of victory over evil.

## ST JOAN OF ARC

Patron Saint: The Military and of France  
 Feast Day: May 30  
 Birth: 1412  
 Death: 1431  
 At 17, Joan led a small army, winning many battles for the French king. Captured by the Burgundians and sold to the British, she was convicted of heresy and burnt at the stake. To prevent anyone from collecting relics, the English raked the coals and burned her dead body two more times, reducing it to ashes,

and throwing any remains into the Seine River.

## ST MOTHER TERESA

Patron Saint: World Youth Day  
 Feast Day: September 5  
 Birth: 1910  
 Death: 1997  
 Teresa arrived in Calcutta in 1929, taught at St Mary's School for girls and made her Final Profession of Vows in 1937. On September 10, 1946, she received her "call within a call". By means of interior locutions and visions, Jesus beckoned "Come be My light" revealing His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. Mother Teresa established the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor.



## **NCC NEWS**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### **ZONE B DISTRICT 3**

Thursday, 15 November, Rm SH-F

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God  
2) Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

### **NCC DAY OF RECOLLECTION/YEAR END MASS AND FELLOWSHIP**

Members of all NCCs are invited and encouraged to attend a recollection and Mass, followed by lunch, celebrating the end of the year. Saturday 8 December, 9.00am to 2.00pm. Please inform your respective NCC facilitators of your attendance.

## **JESUIT NEWS**

### **A RELIGIOUS-CHARISM RETREAT**

Have you ever wondered about the different religious orders in Singapore? What makes each charism so special and unique in answering God's call to vocation? Open to all aged 25 – 45 years.

Dates & Times: Saturday 10 Nov (9am) – Sunday 11 Nov (3pm)

Contribution: \$120 (non-AC), \$140 (AC)

Facilitators: Celina Lin & Team

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/rcr18>

**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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**Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022**

## **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

### **QUIETING THE SOUL: SINGAPORE**

by The Cenacle Sisters and Team

Date: 23 (Friday 7pm) – 25 November (Sunday 4pm)

Venue: St Patrick House (behind St Patrick's School)

Contribution: \$250/person (single room)

Registration: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

Enquiries: 9722 3148; Whatsapp 9641 5651

Email: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com).

Step aside from the busyness of life for quiet prayer and reflection, and deepen your relationship with God. Individualized retreat, guided by a trained spiritual director, who will help you process your prayer and to discern God's voice.

### **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