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The Reign of Christ

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of history, both secular and the long story of the People of God. It is the end to all that the Old Testament prepared and foreshadowed, and is the actualization of all that Christ rendered imminent by His coming. The culmination of the Incarnation is the Second Person's assumption of a most intimate relationship with creation, becoming even more incarnate in physical reality than we are. This feast is also the playing out of His Passion and Death, the apparently ultimate frustration of God's plans and hopes for us, just as it is actually the fulfilment of the Resurrection and Ascension. It is even the completion of the coming of the Holy Spirit to create and quicken the People of God, the Church.

This is where the concept of the Mystical Body becomes more than an idea. We are more intimately the People of God by being joined – through Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and other sacraments – into Christ's Body, even into His very person and identity. The Holy Spirit was just as responsible for the origination of Christ's Mystical Body as He was for the Babe of Bethlehem, and through that same Spirit Jesus has been working in His Mystical Body ever since, affecting the world, and through all those who have chosen to join themselves to Him.

This feast is the celebration of the New Jerusalem of the last chapters of the Book of Revelation, where Christ subsumes His people into that heavenly city which is His own self: there is no

need for a Temple. It is the celebration of the New Creation, where the old creation has finally reached its goal in becoming, through the Incarnation, redeemed and renewed in every sense of these words: Christ is Himself that New Creation, and we live in His Heart, even now at the center of the life of the Trinity.

We return to our beginning, the Garden: God created us to be innocent and familiar with Him in a world of perfect peace, and this is what we celebrate today. We have eaten of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and yet God returns us to innocence by His love and we now eat gratefully the fruit of the Tree of His life (Gen 2:9, 16-17).

It is not the Crucified Christ nor the Risen Christ who comes to the fore, but the Incarnate Christ whose Mystical Body is itself the Kingdom which He presents to the Father, the New Creation which is no longer at a distance from God's presence and His love, but a creation which is so completely healed and transformed by Jesus the Christ that it is now incorporated into God's very being.

Jesus is not just a King, He is on the one hand the very substrate and form of all created reality, in absolute control of all of it, and on the other, nothing but a humble and passionate love for every member, bit, and aspect of that reality. The "reign" of Christ in "power and glory" is rooted in that love.

That, I believe, is the situation, but just what will we do about it? The answer will be different for each of us and will be something we can only find



In the month of November, we pray that the souls of our loved ones "and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." The Church teaches that "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030) We in the Bereavement Ministry, the Lilies of the Valley, pray at the wakes of our parishioners and assist at their funeral Masses and prayer services at cremation or burial. We not only assist the bereaved, but the departed in their purification before entry to heaven. For this important but unpredictable work, we need a large number of members, currently about 100, to ensure a good presence at wakes, and sufficient support at funerals. We are all called to Acts of Mercy, the loving-your-neighbour part of our Faith. If you find it difficult to commit to other ministries because of your unpredictable schedule, please consider joining us in our work which is much appreciated – as the reflections on page 3 show.

by a very personal prayer and a deep, yearning listening to what the Spirit will have to say to us.

CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

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

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PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

You can remember deceased relatives and friends by submitting their names at the Place of Gathering. These will be offered at all weekend Masses in November.

LILIES OF THE VALLEY

Members of our Bereavement Ministry are recruiting this weekend. They will be at the Place of Gathering to answer your questions and for sign-ups. Read about their work on page 3 of the bulletin. More info at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/pastoral/lilies-of-the-valley-bereavement-ministry>

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

There will be recitation of the Rosary on Saturday, 8 December, at 5.15pm before the 6.00pm mass

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The Office for the New Evangelisation's booklets of reflections for Advent and Christmas are available in English, Mandarin and Tamil with the themes "Watching & Active Waiting in Communion" for Advent, and "Celebrating in Communion" for Christmas. Online edition at <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

All are invited to spread joy at the **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASS AND PARTY FOR THE AGED, SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** by the PaCes Ministry. Friday 28 December, 2.30-5.00 pm. Sign-up forms at Place of Gathering.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT & CAROLLING

Monday 24 Dec, 5.30pm
Children (aged 6 -10) joining the Christmas Eve Pageant at 5:30pm (before the 6pm Mass), will meet for practices in the St Ignatius Hall on December 9, 16 and 23, 2pm-3.30pm. Parents' help during rehearsals and pageant is much needed. Bring along Nativity costumes if you have them. Email stig.nativity@gmail.com

INFANT BAPTISMS Sunday 9 December at 3.00pm

Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday 2 December, 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 Bob (9767 3053) & Beth Bermundo (9648 5345) or Stephanie (9116 6898) & John Ng (96773632).

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This Sunday 25 November is the final session in 2018 for Children programme. It will resume on Sunday 17 February, 2019.

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 a year. As we have different

teams teaching each week, volunteers can choose their team and dates. Email: llogt.ignatius@gmail.com

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Primary 1 registration for 2019 is NOW OPEN. Limited places are also available for NEW registrations for other levels – subject to the existing enrolment and other conditions. All registrations will close on 30 November. Existing youths and children in our programme need not register. Register ONLY through our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend-registration> Email stignatius.wecat@gmail.com if you have any queries.



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.

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.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Ask for Jesus' healing touch and leave the rest to the sovereignty of God. All are welcome this Wednesday, 28 November at St Ignatius Hall, for a sharing on Luke 4:40 followed by a Healing service. Fellowship dinner starts at 7.30pm and the session ends at 9.30pm. All are welcome.

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

John Alexander Richardson – 62 years old
Departed: 16 November 2018

Amy Chan Wee – 96 years old
Departed: 22 November 2018

Jaen De Oehlers Micaela Dolores – 88 years old
Departed: 22 November 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 20 December, Rm SH-F
Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 6 December. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com
Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 29 November, SH-02-E
Programme: Experiencing grief and loss

A Community that Stands with You



Julia Quek: Many of us were scaredycats, never wanting to be involved in wakes. After I joined Lilies of the Valley, our Bereavement Ministry, I said prayers with the family and I felt that strong sense of love and compassion for the grieving family. I empathized with their loss. I also felt that I was accompanying the deceased to meet Jesus, with the angels and saints waiting in welcome. I felt honoured to be a companion. The family is always grateful, some of them very moved, and eventually joining the ministry.

Our work involves:

- ✠ Praying as a group together with the bereaved family
- ✠ Attending funeral mass (optional)
- ✠ Sending off at the crematorium (optional)

Come, be part of us to experience the compassionate mercy and love of Jesus.

Chriscelia Tan: I did not know anyone from the prayer group, but they were so prayerful and I felt so touched these people went all the way to St Mary's to pray for mum. They were all so kind. We are not Catholic yet, have not met them before, yet they were so willing to pray for mum. (Chriscelia's mother was baptised a week before she passed away. Her father was baptised recently. Chriscelia is undergoing RCIA.)

Darren Tham: I joined LOTV because I was touched by the devotion during my father's wake. After 6 years, I know I have chosen wisely. It's a humbling and spiritually rewarding vocation.

Olivia Menon: My father passed away last December – just days before Christmas. He had been ill in hospital 3 weeks prior

Sermon on Purgatory

by ST JOHN VIANNEY

"My friends," they cry, "free us from these pains; you can do it." Consider then, my dear brethren: (a) the magnitude of these sufferings which the souls in Purgatory endure; and (b) the means which we have of mitigating them: our prayers, our good works, and, above all, the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

to his passing. It had been a difficult time for my family and we were all exhausted. When it finally came to organising his wake and funeral we were so grateful to have the invaluable assistance of the members of the Lilies of the Valley. The wake turned out to be longer than we anticipated as we had to wait for members of the family to travel from overseas, and, given it was Christmas time, the church was not available for funerals on certain days. The wake stretched on for 6 days, yet the Lilies turned up every single night to pray with my family. And at 3pm when other members came to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet with us. I was amazed that there were people, unfamiliar to me, who were willing to comfort us and give of

their precious time during such a busy season. I asked why they weren't home enjoying the season with their families? The members replied, "We will after we pray with you!" Truly I experienced the love of Christ for me in this selfless outpouring of compassion. I asked how I could ever repay them. One member said, "Come join us and pay it forward!" So I did. It has been almost one year now and I can say that it has been a privilege to pray with grieving families. I continue to stand in awe of the commitment that members of this ministry show. It is quite possibly one of the most powerful images of the meaning of "church" to know there is a community that stands with you during your most difficult moments.

A Lily of the Valley:

With you beneath the Cross
As strangers we enter,
you know not why ...

We wear the same badge of loss
and pain;

Our presence, our prayers to
lighten your darkness,
To share Faith, candles of our love
and hope ...

We walk the last steps with you.

Patricia Pellmann: The Bereavement Ministry is one that is noble and fulfilling, where we are able to perform our Christian duty of sending off beautiful souls to Jesus through wake prayers and a dignified memorial mass before they are committed to their final resting place. It is through the personal testimonies of families that we get to know what rich and fulfilling lives that they've led. That's a great takeaway and blessing for me.



JESUIT NEWS

THE CHRISTIAN LABYRINTH OF MEMORY AND DESIRE

Labyrinths are about walking the journey of life and death, feeling lost and getting found, and learning to listen to the quiet voice of the Spirit on the way. Come, pray the labyrinth using Ignatian spiritual exercises.

Dates/ Times: Friday, 7 December (7.30pm) – Sunday, 9 December (5pm)

Facilitator: Fr Michael Hansen, SJ

Contribution: \$270 (non-AC), \$330 (AC)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mhansen18>

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

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2019

By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP

The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. This course is organised under Caritas Singapore. It starts on 11 January 2019 and will be held weekly on Fridays, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street.

Information and registration: Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

BOOK OF PSALMS

By Fr Ferdinand Purnomo, OCD

22 January to 28 May, every Tuesday, 9.30am-11.30am

Venue: 2 Highland Road, #03-17 CAEC Building, S549102

Organised by Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate

Information and registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/ooXUGzFcXAD5gpG63>

CHRISTMAS OLPS MASS & POTLUCK BY ST RAPHAEL SINGLES

Venue: OLPS Canteen (Siglap)

Date/ Time: Sunday December 16 2018 10am-2pm

Purpose: Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass

Cost: Bring Some Food to Share with Others

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp/>

Email StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com to confirm your participation

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 one year 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. No session in June and December

Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 6.00pm, followed by prayers in the Columbarium