



JESUS Within the First Domestic Church

In a Christmas homily by Fr Aloysius Pieris, SJ, a renowned liberation theologian in Sri Lanka, he highlighted that the “first Christmas took place amidst nation-wide panic and political turmoil”. Roman soldiers had occupied the Holy Land and the city of Bethlehem. Fr Pieris encouraged his parishioners at St Mary’s Church, Bambalapitiya, to “set aside fear and anxiety from our hearts and bear witness to the serenity of the first domestic church, the Holy Family – serenity, because Jesus was its centre.”

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we should also heed the words of Fr Pieris to set aside our fears and anxieties for the coming year, and place Jesus at the centre of our family, the domestic church, so as to experience the serenity that comes from Jesus Christ. Like our own domestic church, the Holy Family also went through the various stages of family development. Almost immediately after the birth of Jesus, the young family had to make the dangerous journey to Egypt as refugees to escape the murderous intent of King Herod. Young families today also encounter many challenges, among them marital adjustments and developmental issues of their children. These young families can take comfort from the first domestic church, knowing that God who cared and protected the young Holy Family will also do the same for you when you place Jesus at the centre of your domestic church.

As a family with a teenager, Jesus’ parents lost him while travelling

back to Nazareth, not realizing that he had stayed behind in Jerusalem. They were anxious and fearful until they found Jesus in the temple seated among the teachers of the law. In managing teenagers today, parents like Mary and Joseph are faced with challenges, and are often at their wits end. The actions of Mary and Joseph may provide you with a clue – to seek the advice from other experienced parents, and before getting professional help, you may also review your own actions and see what you can do differently next time. Return to the temple or Church as a couple, and you will find Jesus there, to reassure you that everything will be fine because he is attending to his Father’s affairs and you should do likewise, placing God first in your life as a married couple and family. And like Mother Mary, when in doubt you may also ponder them quietly in your heart.

As Jesus grew in age and wisdom under the loving care and guidance of his parents to young adulthood, he too had to leave his family for public ministry. The first domestic church would have experienced what we called the “empty nest” syndrome. Mother Mary would have experienced that sense of loss, perhaps the loss of Joseph to old age and death, and eventually the greatest loss in her life, the death of her beloved son on the Cross. The Holy Family experienced what you may experience as your adult children leave your home for studies, work or marriage. And eventually the loss of loved ones to old age and death.



The first domestic church of Jesus, Mary and Joseph reflects our own unique domestic church. The joys, sorrows, challenges and hopes of the Holy Family are also experienced by our own family. So God understands, empathises and cares deeply for our human families. And echoing the words of Fr Pieris, there is serenity in our domestic church when Jesus is at its centre. We need to remind one another to consciously and continually place Jesus at the centre of our family. And to turn to the Holy Family as our first resource, rather than the last resort, in prayer for the coming year. God bless!

FR CHARLES SIM, SJ

*Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian
Spirituality and Counselling*

PARISH NEWS

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

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed on New Year's Day. As Tuesday 1 January is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, masses are at 8.15am, 10.15am, and 6.00pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF GOD

There will be recitation of the Rosary on Tuesday 1 January 2019, at 5.15pm before the 6.00pm mass. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday 4 January, 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.

PARISH BULLETIN EDITORIAL SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all announcements and visual materials for publication in the Sunday bulletin should be submitted to Angela (csi.admin@catholic.org.sg) or Therese (communications@stignatius.org.sg) in the parish office latest by Tuesday of that weekend.

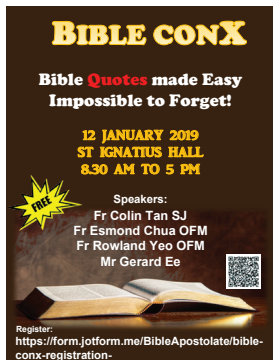
INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 13 January at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday, 6 January 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms available at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Lisa (9818 5281) & Brian Ling (9760 0978) or Michelle (9765 2936) & Mark Kwek (9221 0281).

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

All new registrations for 2019 has now been COMPLETED. If you have not received notification of your application, please email us directly at stignatius.wecat@gmail.com.

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Parishioners of St Ignatius can now access this online platform, which provides information on the truth,



BIBLE CONX
Bible Quotes made Easy
Impossible to Forget!
12 JANUARY 2019
ST IGNATIUS HALL
8.30 AM TO 5 PM
FREE
Speakers:
Fr Colin Tan SJ
Fr Esmond Chua OFM
Fr Rowland Yeo OFM
Mr Gerard Ee
Register:
<https://form.jotform.me/BibleApostolate/bible-conx-registration>

Master Bible quotes in a fun and easy way at Bible ConX on Saturday 12 January, 2019 at St Ignatius Hall, 8.30am to 5pm. Register at <https://form.jotform.me/BibleApostolate/bible-conx-registration> or scan barcode. Enquiries: Magdalene at 9152 8227 or batstig@singapore@gmail.com



teaching and meaning of the Catholic faith. Explore links to renowned speakers, online movies and audio resources. Go to 1) www.FORMED.org 2) Enter our parish code 4904ed on the homepage.

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.

MIND YOUR STUFF

Parishioners are advised to keep watch on their personal belongings, especially handbags and valuables, while receiving communion, and within the Church compounds. Check to ensure you have not left anything behind when leaving.

PMC (Person with Mobility Challenge)

At all masses, seats have been reserved for parishioners with limited mobility (PMC), the elderly and wheelchair bound, who require communion to be brought to them. Only one caregiver may be seated next to their PMC. All seats are on a first come first served basis. Please inform the greeter if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

BE PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

The 12 NCC and SCC groups within our parish allow for parishioners to support each other in faith and fellowship. If you wish to be part of any of these communities of faith, contact the church office or Bernard at bernard@attitudeDS.com or 9450 7077. You can also leave your contact at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering. All, whether young or old, are welcome. We also encourage new parishioners to register with the Church Office. Being registered as parishioners gives you the privilege of using the church for weddings, catechism classes and funerals, among other advantages.

YOUTH NEWS

DE VITA CHRISTI YOUTH COMMUNITY

welcomes all youths and young adults to our various ministries and communities. Follow us on Instagram: @120kingsrd or go to devitachristi.wordpress.com for more information.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1 & 3

Wednesday, 16 January, Rm SH-E.
Light Refreshment @ 7.30pm
Programme: "Insights on the difference between Catholic teaching & Atheist view/Catholic & Protestant." By Fr Ravi

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



The performance of Fr Ricky Manalo, CSP, and Janèt Sullivan Whitaker was a spirit-filled evening filled with light and hope. His soulful and mellifluous voice dazzled, while her rich and powerful vocals left the audience equally entranced. This highly-anticipated concert, organized by CANA, held on 20 October at our Church of St Ignatius, brought together two accomplished musicians and liturgical composers, who collaborated in an evening of prayer through music with the theme “Light and Hope”.

Fr Ricky, composer of some of the best-known hymns such as “Beyond the Days” and “Worthy is the Lamb”, opened the evening with “Be Still and Know I’m Here”, a hymn aptly chosen as it led the audience into a peaceful atmosphere, enabling everyone present to feel the presence of God.

The audience also had the privilege of listening to inspiring classical compositions such as “In Ev’ry Age” and “Here at This Table”, sung by the composer herself, Janèt, who made her first-ever visit to Singapore to join Fr Ricky. Both Fr Ricky and Janèt shared their stories behind the inspiration for their music compositions. Another highlight of the evening was the guest appearance by Fr Edward Lim, OCD, who sang “The Holy Light” and “God of Mercy” alongside Fr Ricky.

As Fr Ricky and Janèt performed a repertoire of their stirring compositions, they were joined by instrumentalists and choirs from four parishes – Church of St Ignatius, Church of Divine Mercy, Church of the Holy Trinity and Church of St Mary of the Angels – led by music director,

Rac Roldan. With four choirs coming together to practise just three days before the performance, everyone present at the concert would agree that the choristers were exceptional as their voices blended seamlessly together as one combined choir, displaying their musical prowess.

Fr Ricky explained at the start that he



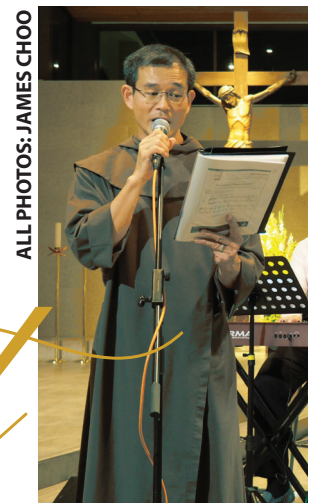
preferred not to call the event a concert but “a night of prayer, dance and music”. The audience understood why later, as they became part of the performance. There were several moments when the audience was invited to join in the chorus. Janèt even got everyone on their feet, snapping their fingers and belting out the lyrics to her musically colourful Advent piece entitled “Tryin’ to Get Ready”.

No one was left out of experiencing God’s love through music that evening as children too were involved in sharing

their gift of music. The children’s choir from Church of St Mary of the Angels delivered an uplifting message through their performance of two upbeat choral pieces – one written by Fr Ricky and the other by Janèt – that were composed for children.



The evening was a spiritual feast for the soul as the beautiful compositions and equally beautiful vocals of Fr Ricky and Janèt captured the true essence of praise and worship as a faith community, spreading the heartfelt message of light and hope. It was, beyond doubt, the liturgical music concert of the year.



SHARON FAITH KHOO

JESUIT NEWS

'O GOD, IT'S A NEW YEAR!' | DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Rejuvenate spiritually and renew commitment to grow your relationship with God. Spend some time in silence contemplating God in Scripture and be engaged in guided activities based on Ignatian themes.

Date & Time: Saturday, 19 Jan 2019, 9.30am - 5pm

Facilitators: Diana Tan & Roselie Chia

Contribution: \$60

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/ogod2019>

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 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

CROSSROADS

Date & Time: 5 January 2019, 9am-

6 January 2019, 1.00pm

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47

Jurong West St 42

Contribution: \$180

A retreat for young people (20-35 yrs) to consider where they have been and where they would like to go, and to prayerfully discern the choices in their lives. By Cenacle sisters. Please register at www.cenaclemission.com

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2019

By REV FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

This one-year systematic course in Moral Theology, consisting of 6 individual modules, is for all Catholics and people of goodwill

interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. Organised under Caritas Singapore. Begins 11 January, every Friday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org or email formation@caritas-singapore.org

CATHOLIC NEWS SURVEY

Support the Catholic News by taking part in their survey @ <https://tinyurl.com/y9qq7kgj> by 7 Jan 2019



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

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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