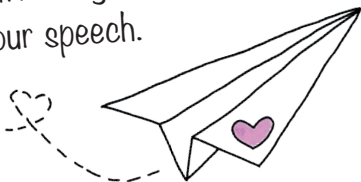




**The PPC Exco, the Parish Staff and the Jesuit Community at Kingsmead Hall wish all Parishioners Peace, Serenity and Prosperity in the Lunar New Year**

### A little love note

Let us be more encouraging, affirming and life giving in our speech.



## Doing Good in the Face of Evil

I remember, in the days when we were trying to help East Timor in the midst of the fight between the pro-independence and pro-integration factions in 1999, it was a historically tense moment for the East Timorese. The JRS group in which I was involved, responded to their crisis and without much difficulty collected donations of clothing, food and medicine. Unfortunately, it had great difficulty sending the donations to them. This was because not many shipping companies plied that route and because the fighting had made it more risky to do so. One volunteer who was very frustrated said in exasperation, “Why is it that when I try to do good, I get whacked!”

Jesus was also trying to do good and he found himself getting “whacked” —facing jealousies and battling many forces that were against him as well. It is one thing for the religious leaders to praise him and admire his eloquence, and how they were “astonished at the gracious words that came from his lips.” But it was another matter when they were envious, unreasonable and determined to get rid of him.

The test of any good deed done is the ability to persevere in the midst of opposition. Often, it may be easy to give up even at the slightest discouragement, a caustic remark, let alone unjustified, vicious attacks from the threatened opposing party. Only a grounded love and deep faith can

overcome such opposition.

With the celebration of the Lunar New Year, we are invited to renew our relationships with our families, relatives and friends in order to herald in another year of good will, God’s blessings and well wishes to everyone. We know that when we seek what is good, we will be blessed. The fearless ones with faith have no need to fear, but the faithless can become superstitious and vicious.

As we mark this year in 2019, we are called to remember that God is there to bless our enterprise and endeavours. We are simply invited to align our vision with His and to see, with the eyes of faith in each season of celebration and festival, the presence and guidance of God’s hand in steering the course of the events in our lives and history. As a faith community of believers in the parish, I invite you to be focused on how to be more loving this year and in particular, to be more loving in our family for this quarter.

Even when a prophet is not accepted in his own country, we do not stop being prophetic and loving in our intention, action and direction. We will persevere and still be guided by the principles of good will, good conscience and good deeds.

Wishing all our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Lunar New Year for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

## PARISH NEWS

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed during Chinese New Year on Tuesday 5 February and Wednesday 6 February.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY MASSES

Tuesday 5 February: 8.15am, 10.15am and 6pm. All Mass intentions for 7am will be offered at 8.15am Mass.

*Distribution of Mandarin oranges only on Tuesday.*

Wednesday 6 February: 7.00am, additional 9.00am in Cantonese, and 6pm.

### MASS IN CANTONESE

Due to several requests, Fr Jerome has kindly offered to say mass in Cantonese on Wednesday 6 February, 9.00am in the main church. All are welcome.

### ROAD TO EMMAUS SESSIONS – RECOMMENCEMENT

*Journey on the Road to Emmaus and let the Word of God burn within your hearts* (Luke 24:32).

Parish-wide Bible program designed to help us Break the Word of the weekend Liturgies, enabling us to apply its truths and meanings in our daily lives. Every Monday, 7.45pm at the Annexe Hall, except during school and public holidays. Newcomers are welcome to small group sharings, wrap up talks and fellowship gatherings. Contact Raymond (9731 8432) or Matthew (9667 6690).

### ALPHA FILM SERIES: BEGIN THE GREATEST ADVENTURE

Session 1: Is There More to Life than This?

Alpha, the series of interactive sessions that explores the meaning of life in the context of our Christian faith, starts 14 February and on every Thursday. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a video presentation/talk and a short group discussion. 7pm at Sacred Heart Hall (Canteen).

**MASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK** with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is on Saturday, 16 February at 2.30pm. Confessions from 2.00pm. Registration forms at the Place of Gathering.

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Catechetical sessions will only resume on Saturday 16/ Sunday 17 February.

### TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Every Tuesday 10am to 12pm at the Annexe Hall.

**15 January to 19 March** *7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues* by Bishop Robert Barron

**26 March to 11 June** *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* by Tim Gray

Contact Marjorie Teo at marjteo@singnet.com.sg or 9733 8730 for more information

### SATURDAY ROCKERS

Draw closer to Christ by immersing yourself in The Great Adventure's bible study, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. Encounter Christ, understand His mission and discover what Jesus' life and teachings mean for us today. Begins Saturday 16 February, 1.30pm at Room 02-02. Pre-registration is required: Contact Magdalene at 9152 8227 (whatsapp) or svdp88@gmail.com

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

This Wednesday 6 February, our prayer community will take a break and will be back on 13 February.

### TAKING CARE OF GOD'S HOUSE

Help keep the church a sanctuary for peace and prayer for all who come to rest in God's house. Please dispose food crumbs, wrappers, soiled tissues and other litter in the bins outside at the Place of Gathering. Please remind your children to treat the Sunday missals and hymn books with consideration and to refrain from plaiting the ribbon markers.

### MIND YOUR STUFF

Parishioners are advised to keep watch on their personal belongings, especially handbags and valuables while receiving communion. Please also do not leave your big bags and luggages unattended within the church premises. Check to ensure you have not left anything behind when leaving.

## NCC NEWS

**Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.**

### ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 13 February, Rm Sh-02-E

Programme: SYMBOLON: Episode 5 Matrimony and Holy Orders

The Sacraments of Service and Communion

### ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 12 February, room SH-E

Programme: Recitation of the Rosary & Prayer of Generosity  
Screening Of DVD on Mary as in The Footprints series  
Discussion & Fellowship.

### ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Monday 18 February, 7.30pm

Venue: The Nexus, Function Room, Bukit Timah Road  
Programme: CNY Pot Luck dinner & fellowship

### ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 21 February. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

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

# A Dream of Love

**W**e do not always believe that God can be that concrete and commonplace, that close and real, and much less that he can become so present and work through somebody like a neighbour, a friend, a relative. We do not always believe that the Lord can invite us to work and soil our hands with him in his Kingdom in that simple and blunt a way. It is hard to accept that “God’s love can become concrete and can almost be experienced in history with all its painful and glorious vicissitudes” (BENEDICT XVI, General Audience, 28 September 2005).

Often ... we prefer a distant God: nice, good, generous but far-off, a God who does not inconvenience us. Because a close and everyday God, a friend and brother, demands that we be concerned with our surroundings, everyday affairs and above all fraternity. God chose not to reveal himself as an angel or in some spectacular way, but to give us a face that is fraternal and friendly, concrete and familiar. God is real because love is real; God is concrete because love is concrete. Indeed, this “concrete manifestation of love is one of the essential elements in the life of Christians” (BENEDICT XVI, Homily, 1 March 2006).

One of the fruits of the last Synod was the enrichment that came from being able to meet and above all to listen to one another. The enrichment of intergenerational dialogue, the enrichment of exchange and the value of realizing that we need one another, that we have to work to create channels and spaces that encourage dreaming of and working for tomorrow, starting today. And this, not in isolation, but rather side by side, creating a common space. A space that is not simply taken for granted, or won in a lottery, but a space for which you too must fight.

You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you.

Not tomorrow but now, for wherever your treasure is, there will your heart also be (cf. Mt 6:21). Whatever you fall in love with, it will win over not only your imagination, it will affect everything. It will be what makes you get up in the morning, what keeps you going at times of fatigue, what will break open your hearts and fill you with wonder, joy and gratitude. Realize that you have a mission and fall in love; that will decide everything (cf. PEDRO ARRUPE, S.J., *Nada es más práctico*). We may possess everything, but if we lack the passion of love, we will have nothing. Let us allow the Lord to make us fall in love!

For Jesus, there is no “meantime”, but only a merciful love that wants to enter into and win over our hearts. He wants to be our treasure, because he is not a “meantime”, an interval in life or a passing fad; he is generous love that invites us to entrust ourselves.

He is concrete, close, real love. He is festive joy, born of opting for and taking part in the miraculous draught of hope and charity, solidarity and fraternity, despite the paralyzed and paralyzing gaze born of fear and exclusion, speculation and manipulation.

Brothers and sisters, the Lord and his mission are not a “meantime” in our life, something temporary; they are our life!

In a special way throughout these days, Mary’s fiat has been whispering like a kind of music in the background. She not only believed in God and in his promises as something possible, she believed God himself and dared to say “yes” to taking part in this now of the Lord. She felt she had a mission; she fell in love and that decided everything.

As in the synagogue of Nazareth, the Lord stands up again among us his friends and acquaintances; he takes the book and says to us “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (Lk 4:21).

Do you want to live out your love in a practical way? May your “yes” continue to be the gateway for the Holy Spirit to give us a new Pentecost for the world and for the Church.

## ○ JESUIT NEWS

### IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR MOBILE PEOPLE

Saint Ignatius of Loyola wanted the Jesuits to be on the move. Hence the central point of Ignatian spirituality is the capacity to find God in all things – in all the highs and lows of life.

Date/ Time: Wednesday 27 February, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Facilitator: Fr Chris Gleeson, SJ

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/gleeson19>

**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, Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

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

### 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.**

## ○ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 'REVIEW OF LIFE' WORKSHOP

By CARITAS SINGAPORE FORMATION COMMITTEE

How do we make sense of our life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Learn the Review of Life (ROL) method over 2 evenings to understand how to integrate faith and life.

Tuesday 26 February and Wednesday 27 February; 7.30pm to 9.30pm; at Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh).

### COME ALIVE: A WEEKEND RETREAT – 2ND RUN

Pray with the songs from the movie, "The Greatest Showman". Discover who you are and discern God's dream

for you. Where are you fully alive, and what keeps you from being fully alive? Presented at Montfort Centre. 8 – 10 March. Contribution: \$345 (Single) \$270 (Twin). Details/Registration: [anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com) or 96311943.

**ONE DAY** serves to introduce the work of ONE to potential volunteers to be part of the New Evangelisation. The Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) is seeking collaborators who are fired up to build the Kingdom of God.

Register: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

Date: Saturday, 23 February

Time: 10.00am-12.30pm

Venue: St Michael's Room, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S(549102)



*Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians. St. Francis Xavier*

### 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. No session in June and December

#### Memorial Mass

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