



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## In True Ignatian Spirit

**T**his weekend, we come together to celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of St Ignatius on 12 February. And how we have grown

from a small community gathered in Kingsmead in the '50s to our growing parish of today.

The Church of St Ignatius was consecrated on 12 February 1961. Archbishop Michael Olçomendy presided at the blessing of the church, named after the founder of the Society of Jesus, St Ignatius of Loyola. Fr Kevin O'Dwyer, SJ, became the first parish priest, followed in succession by Fr John Wood, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, and currently Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. And inspiring us weekly with words of faith and wisdom, Fr Gerard Keane, the only member of the founding Irish Jesuits, is still writing for the parish bulletin.

In the 1950s Jesuit fathers arrived in Singapore to build a student hostel in Kingsmead estate and named it Kingsmead's Hall. Masses were celebrated for students and Catholics living in the area and soon the need for a church became obvious. The task of getting the church built was taken on by Fr Patrick Joy, SJ, and Fr Thomas Doody, SJ.

"At the end of Mass, Mrs E M Boswell doffed her beret and took a collection which she emptied on the table where Fr Joy was unvesting ... 'I invited him (Fr Thomas Doody) to play mahjong .... At the start of the game, he declared in perfect Cantonese that all the winnings from the table would go to the church building fund!'"

**Taken from 50 Years of the Parish  
of the CHURCH OF ST IGNATIUS**



### Sunday 12 February 2017

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

#### Monday 13 February

Liturgy of the day

#### Tuesday 14 February

Liturgy of the day

#### Wednesday 15 February

St Claude de la Colombière, SJ

#### Thursday 16 February

Liturgy of the day

#### Friday 17 February

Liturgy of the day

#### Saturday 18 February

Liturgy of the day

#### Sunday 19 February

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Priest	Fr Leslie Raj, SJ
Assistant Parish Priests	Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ
Parish Administrator	Angela Kurnadi
Parish Accountant	Joyce Setiawan
Catechetical Director	Jeremy Aloysius
Youth Coordinators	Gerard Robert
Sacristan	Robert Ong
Operations Manager	David Saw
Facilities Manager	Steven Leong
Communications Manager	Therese Gian

## Dedication Prayer

**Father in heaven,  
Source of holiness and true purpose,  
It is right that we praise  
and glorify your name.**

**For today we come before you,  
To dedicate to your lasting service  
This house of prayer,  
This temple of worship,  
This home in which we are nourished  
by your word and your sacraments.**

**Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.**

**The Church is fruitful,  
Made holy by the blood of Christ:  
A bride made radiant with his glory,  
A virgin splendid  
in the wholeness of her faith,  
A mother blessed through  
the power of the Spirit.**

**The Church is holy,  
Your chosen vineyard:  
Its branches envelop the world,  
Its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,  
Reach up to the kingdom of heaven.**

**The Church is favored,  
The dwelling place of God on earth:  
A temple built of living stones,  
Founded on the apostles  
With Jesus Christ its corner stone.**

**The Church is exalted,  
A city set on a mountain:  
A beacon to the whole world,  
Bright with the glory of the Lamb,  
And echoing the prayers of her saints.**

**Lord,  
Send your Spirit from heaven  
To make this Church an ever-holy place,  
And this altar a ready table for the  
sacrifice of Christ.**

## PARISH NEWS

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation next week.

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK** with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Saturday, 25 February at 2.30pm. Confessions from 2.00pm. Please fill up registration form at the Place of Gathering.

### SUNDAY CANTEEN

Willing hands are needed for Sunday canteen to start 19 February. If you or your ministry is interested in serving this good cause (3-4 times a year), contact Raymond, 97318432 or raymond.thng37@gmail.com.

### CALL FOR GREETERS

The Greeting Ministry is looking for greeters to serve at 8.15am and 10.15am Masses on Sunday. We also need to build a pool of greeters for special Masses, usually on Saturday afternoons or public holidays. To volunteer, please leave your names and contact numbers at the Help Desk.

### COLLECTION OF OLD PALM LEAVES

You can drop last year's palms in the basket near the vestry. Last day of collection is on Friday, 24 February.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Come and adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist! Sing hymns, pray the Rosary, offer intercessory prayers and spend an intimate hour with our Lord. Friday, 17 February, 7.45pm. Main Church.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The 8.15am session will resume next Sunday 19 February.

### INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 12 March at 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 5 March, 3.00pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child's baptism. Contact Michelle (9765 5065) & Lin Wein Khoo or Michelle (9633 8236) & Dennis Ng (9457 7772).

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Our 2017 programme begins this weekend. We welcome all our children, youth and catechists back to our catechetical space.

### PARENTS PRAYER GROUP

While the children are in class, join the Parents Prayer Group and support your children, and each other, in prayer. Saturday, 1.30pm and 4.00pm. Sunday, 10.00am. At Room #02-06, Annexe building. For information, contact Donald Poon at 8123 2660 (Sunday), Andi Sumaryo at 9191 3734 (Saturday, 1.30pm) or Aaron Boey at 9618 5337 (Saturday, 4.00pm).

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1). In response to this simple

request from his disciples, Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer. Join us in our Bible Sharing on Mt 6:7-15; a very beautiful and heartfelt prayer, and how it continues to draw us into a deeper communion with God. This Wednesday, 15 February, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CHARISMATIC RENEWAL IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join us for an hour in Eucharistic Adoration to pray for the 50th Anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. Fifty years ago in Duquesne University in Pennsylvania, USA, students on retreat experienced the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit; soon the movement spread throughout the world.

Date: Thursday 16 February

Time: 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room

### DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Due to the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on Tuesday 14 February, there will be NO 6 pm mass at all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Mass intentions for 6 pm Mass will be offered at 7am Mass.

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Ong Liang Neo – 91 years old

Date of death: 9 February 2017

## DVC COMMUNITY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



DE VITA Christi  
The Youth of St Ignatius

Calling youths and young adults of our parish to worship and encounter the Lord as one

community in our bi-monthly Community Mass.

Friday, 3 March, 8.00pm at the Attic (Level 3, Annex block).

Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### Zone A District 1

Wednesday, 15 February, SH-02-E

Programme: Symbolon episode 8 – "Why do I need the Church?"

### ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 15 February #02-06

Programme: Symbolon, part 1 session 10 – The Last Things

### KING'S, QUEEN'S & TAN KIM CHENG GROUP

Saturday, 18 February @ the home of Stephen Chua & Kiat Beng, 97 Sunset Way, Singapore 597124

Programme: Planning session for 2017

# IN THE Deep Silence

According to the Sunday Missal of *the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, “The law of Christ is unlike any human law; it contains the hidden wisdom of God. It is a law given by love, and can only be fulfilled by genuine love and true concern for others.”

Martin Scorsese’s latest movie *Silence*, based on the 1966 award-winning novel by Shusaku Endo, is set during the religious persecution of 17th century Japan. *Silence* opens a space within us to reflect and ponder on how we can live our Christian faith meaningfully. The question then is: If I believe that God exists, then how do I know the law of Christ, so that I can discern *what God’s Will is for me?*

*Silence* is not an easy novel to read or a pleasant movie to watch because of its thought-provoking subject. However, it will certainly help us understand about Christian persecutions of the past and the present. It scrutinizes our hearts, making us wrestle with the meaning of our faith, and even existential questions about God, human betrayal and suffering. It will challenge us in the Ignatian Spirituality and charism of **Finding God in All Things**, especially in the deep silence of God amidst life challenges.

Christianity came to Japan in 1549 through St. Francis Xavier, SJ, and this mission flourished until the martyrdom of St. Paul Miki, SJ, in 1597, with 25 Catholics. In 1614, the Tokugawa feudal government forbade the practice of Christianity. *Silence* is set in 1640s, in a hidden Christian community. (When missionaries returned to Japan in the 19th century, they found hidden Christian communities that had survived persecutions.) During the persecutions, Christians were forced to step on “fumie” (image of the Virgin Mary or Christ). They were given a choice to either apostatize (renounce their faith) or to face a prolonged, tortured death.

*Silence* opens with two Jesuit missionaries, Fr. Sebastian Rodrigues (Andrew Garfield) and Fr. Francisco Garupe (Adam Driver), who are sent to

Japan to minister the hidden Christian communities and to search for their missing teacher, Fr. Christavao Ferreira (Liam Neeson).

Fr. James Martin, SJ, editor at large of *America Media* and author, helped Scorsese, scriptwriter Jay Cocks and Andrew Garfield “to understand how a [real] Jesuit might think, act, speak and even pray ... more free-form prayer rather than formal prayer.” Fr. M. Antoni J. Ucerler, SJ, comments, “*Silence* asks some of the absolutely most difficult questions about human life and death,



and faith. What does it mean to be loyal? What does it mean to have a belief? What does it mean to live and die for that belief? ... That’s the mystery that Endo was trying to understand.”

St. Paul tells us, “the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ” (1 Cor 2:2). *Silence* invites us into a deeper knowledge of Christ, reminding us of what Jesus says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” (Mat 9:13; Hos 6:6). In doing so, we may find peace and consolation in God’s faithful love and mercy. *Silence* tells us that we can find God in all things, even in the deep silence of God, because Jesus Christ himself has assured his disciples, “Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Mt 28:20).

## More reflections:

- ★ <http://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2017/01/18/fr-james-martin-answers-5-common-questions-about-silence>
- ★ <http://jesuits.org/story?TN=PROJE-CT-20161220114257>
- ★ <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/222739/scorseses-silence-jewish-film>

*Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ*

## One Complete Life

✝ Rules and laws are enforced to define a correct behaviour and maintain peace. Most people abide by them, yet there are others who choose to break them. Similarly the Commandments are meant for us to maintain peace for ourselves with God.

There are questions that Jesus challenges us to reflect on: Do we live it out the Commandments in our daily lives?

Are we living one or two separate lives, one inside and outside the Church?

Jesus gives us the answer, “For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.” The scribes and Pharisees were known for “living a holy life” in front of the people but had another one behind closed doors. Jesus states an example, “You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court”.

What does it mean to be angry with

a brother? It is not wrong to feel anger, a natural emotion experienced by all. It is only wrong when it becomes excessive. St Thomas Aquinas writes that if you “desire the taking of vengeance in any way whatever contrary to the order of reason, for instance if he desire the punishment of one who has not deserved it, or beyond his deserts, or again contrary to the order prescribed by law, or not for the due end, namely the maintaining of justice and the correction of defaults, then the desire of anger will be sinful, and this is called sinful anger” (Summa Theologiae, II-II, 158, art 2).

In short, it is best not to let sinful anger get the better of us. This is a major challenge in this secular world. We are often told to be the best and climb the corporate ladder. But at what cost? If we allow sinful anger to take over, we will lose control over ourselves.

Jesus wants to give us eternal life, a complete life in him, by encouraging us to live out the law, not just as an external obligation but from our hearts.

*Gerard Robert*

## JESUIT NEWS

### THE FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

A retreat made in daily life over four weeks. These exercises contain first-step exercises for beginners, new visions for searchers, and solid food for those desiring more in their interior life. Includes 4 SD sessions in between.

Opening: 5 March. Closing: 9 April, 1.30pm-5pm; Fee: \$170 (inclusive of SD stipend).

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/1stexercises>; Details: [www.kingsmeadcentre.sg](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg)

### BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to [www.mas-jesuits.org](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore](http://www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore) for information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto: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 Gerard Keane SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng SJ, Fr Charles Sim SJ, Fr Colin Tan SJ, Msgr Philip Heng SJ,  
Fr Adrian Danker SJ, Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### ON-THE-SPOT GIRO SIGNUPS FOR GIFT

Catholic Foundation has recently launched the GIFT programme of regular giving to help the archdiocese achieve its Pastoral vision to make a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church. This weekend, volunteers from the Catholic Foundation will be staging a roadshow at our parish to collect online donations and assist you with your GIRO pledges.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) WEEKEND IN BAHASA INDONESIA

The Indonesia Catholic Community in Singapore (KKIS) is inviting couples to an ME weekend from 17 to 19 March in Batam-Indonesia (in Indonesian language). Contact Monique (9001 1090) or Pingky (8586 8128).

### JFE WORKSHOP 101

Saturday, 25 February. Workshop for people new to the work of evangelisation, as well as those who want to learn more about what they are already doing.

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

Venue: St Paul room, Level 1, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/Ddecw0LRvLZky81r1>. Registration closes on 22 February

Enquiries: Email Catherine at [catherine@one.org.sg](mailto:catherine@one.org.sg)



### Church Office

3rd floor (from King's Road) or behind Kingsmead Hall (Victoria Park Road)

### 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 available at front of Church office

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### Weddings

Couples must make themselves known to the priest at least 6 months before the wedding.

Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

### Columbarium Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday:

6.30am – 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

### Inigo Bookstore

Open during Weekend Masses.

### Sick and elderly

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners regardless of which hospital they are at. You may also contact priests' residence at 6466 3225

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### Bereavement

Please contact the parish office Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614)

for help and advice before contacting the funeral director.

### Entrance via 8 Victoria Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling)

### WEEKLY

#### Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

#### Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

#### 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.

Catholic content online, login:

**www.FORMED.org**; parish code: **4904ed**

### MONTHLY – in Main Church

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every 1st Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Followed by

#### Generation CHRIST!

#### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

#### Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)