



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Truly Alive

“Wait, it's 110 km/h on this stretch. The annoying car in front is a little slow. Nevermind, overtake.”

Most of us live ordinary lives, and die very ordinary persons. The laws we follow might not be as sure as death and taxes, and we don't question their necessity. Maybe we should go beyond thinking it's just “necessary”. Jesus did.

“Oh no, sugee cake! Just a small piece - and less rice later (and skip toast tomorrow morning, for good measure).”

We live with rules and regulations, and make some up for ourselves. Does such a life feel stale, as if we've no freedom?

“Take the bus - or walk to the train station? Or hail a ride? Or call my friends? Or just not leave the house and surf the Internet instead?”

Laws deaden when we expect less of ourselves because we “only” have to follow the law. Jesus takes the law as a reference point for living a life that makes a difference.

“Let's focus on fuel efficiency - and don't worry about speed traps or overtaking. It's also a nice drive.”

As such, Jesus repeatedly says, “But I say this to you.” As if to challenge our old ideas and attitudes, to remind us of a way of being that goes beyond obeying the law. One that encompasses a healthy attitude and regard for ourselves.

“Oooh - sugee cake! This inspires me to experiment making sugee crisps - all the flavour and crunch, minus almost all the eggs, flour, butter and sugar... and good for dunking in rum!”

Jesus shows that the Spirit - reaching beyond such laws - would make us alive instead, because with the

Spirit we can see beyond the boundary of the law. Our lives can wholesomely unfold, creatively and fruitfully.

“Great, bus is here, I'll be early for volunteering, then later to the market, get some groceries, and slowly stroll back...”

Embrace life - thorns and all, rules and boundaries. Be extraordinary, be Catholic, and live with the creative, loving, Spirit of God.

Scholastic Michael Phung, SJ

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Powered by Love

+ Revenge and retaliation is seen everywhere - throughout history, in shows and in the world we live in. You hurt me, I hurt you.

Jesus counters with, “Eye for eye, tooth for tooth. But I say to you: offer the wicked man no resistance”. When Jesus says “no resistance” he means not taking any retaliatory action.

This is shown again in John 18:19-24, when Jesus is arrested and questioned by the High Priest. When one of the officers struck him, Jesus replies, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” He shows no resistance. But does this mean that when someone strikes you or hurts you, you do nothing?



Sunday 19 February 2017

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Monday 20 February

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 21 February

St Peter Damian

Wednesday 22 February

The Chair of St Peter, the Apostle

Thursday 23 February

St Polycarp

Friday 24 February

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 25 February

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 26 February

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

No, because Jesus adds, “If anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well...” Why do that? Because that is love. It is love when one is able to forgive another. It is love when one is able to go an extra mile for someone. It is greater love when one is able to do all these and love his enemy. Why? Because God loves them too.

“For he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike.” God loves each and every one of us equally, no matter if we are good or bad, no matter what race, language or religion. God loves everyone equally.

It would seem that Jesus is challenging us to look at the world differently. Perhaps, he is inviting us to see every single person as children of God and also to love them regardless of the circumstances.

Gerard Robert

PARISH NEWS

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our Church's website, under construction since January, is now accessible again for parish news, updates and church related matters. We also welcome your feedback to help us improve this site. Visit us at www.stignatius.org.sg

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased is on Friday, 24 February at 8.00pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm mass on that day. All are welcome.

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 (9AM TO 12PM)

Willing hands are needed for Sunday canteen. If you or your ministry is interested in serving this good cause (3-4 times a year), contact Raymond at 9731 8432 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 room. Last day of collection is on Friday, 24 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).

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

El Camino de Santiago – A quest in search of God's will. A journey of the spirit in the shoes of a pilgrim walking over 800km through ancient paths, vast plains of vineyards and beech woodlands. A humble sharing of a 35-day

hike along one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage routes from France to Spain. Join us this Wednesday, 22 February, at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

INFORMATION COUNTER

If you are new to this parish or if you need help and information, or if you have left your spectacles, Rosaries, shawls, etc, in Church, please approach volunteers at the Help stand for assistance.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Doreen Ong Liang Neo – 91 years old
Date of death: 9 February 2017

Evangeline Lim – 70 years old
Date of death: 14 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

Download the new DVC App for updates, weekly reflections or to sign up for camps. Search for "De Vita Christi" on the App Store and Google Play.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

Zone A District 1

Wednesday, 8 March, SH-02-E
Programme: Symbolon episode 9 "Mary and the Saints?"

Zone C District 3, group 1-3

Tuesday, 23 February, #04-01, 9am–1pm
Programme: An invitation into Silence

Zone D District 1

Friday, 10 March, SH-E
Programme: Lenten booklet: Reflection and discussion of 1st week of Lent.

Zone D District 2

Wednesday, 22 February, 02-06
Programme: Understanding Church History – from the Early Church Fathers, the Crusades to Vatican II!

Zone E District 3

Thursday, 23 February, SH-E
Programme: NCC – An introspection: where do we go from here?"

Marital Bliss



Come for CEP @ St Ignatius Church because a strong marriage is the bedrock of a happy Christian family.

St Ignatius Hall on Sunday, 26 March at 1.00pm

Married couples in contemporary Singapore face more challenges and societal pressures than ever before. Even young couples starting their new life together juggle competing demands of work and home. Add children to the equation and the fine-balanced act, (if there ever was any) is knocked off-kilter. Today's always-online and jet-setting work culture blurs the line between the home and workplace.

The Couple Empowerment Program (CEP), now in its 10th year (inception in 2006), has been addressing these and other challenges faced by modern day couples. CEP creates self-awareness and equips married couples with emotionally intelligent life skills. The program enhances marriage spirituality by imparting a post-marriage catechesis in line with Catholic teachings. CEP under the auspices of the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family answers the call for a continuum formation for newly-weds, bridging pre-marriage programs such as Engaged Encounter and Marriage Preparation Course, with Marriage Encounter.

Topics explored in CEP include the need for couple communication, unity and intimacy; how to maintain a work-life balance; how to enjoy a harmonious relationship with parents and in-laws; discovering fulfilling couple sexuality; the church's teaching on procreation and parenting children. All sessions combine teachings of the magisterium, insights from marriage psychology and life skills

which build and sustain healthy marital relationships.

A CEP participant shares the stark but familiar realities of marriage life: "There were times when I felt unsupported by my partner, creating fissures of resentment from time to time. However, having gone through this journey in CEP, I find our relationship has changed to become a more collaborative and giving. It has been good because I feel more contented and happy." After attending CEP, Hendri feels, "CEP taught me that marriage is a process; it is a continuous learning for both me and my wife. Since marriage is a process, it will never be 100 percent perfect. But, it will always grow better, each day we decide to love each other."

Edward Schillebeeckx, a 20th century theologian, writes, "Marriage is a human reality and a saving mystery." CEP not only touches on human realities, but also unpacks the spiritual truth that serves to give hope to all. CEP reveals the importance of guidance and support during the early years when marriages are more prone to conflicts while couples are adjusting to a new life together. During these formative years, spouses struggle to accept each other's differences in personality, family practices, values and attitudes. They are also grappling to learn how to cope with new responsibilities in managing a household, finances, parenting and raising kids, caring for aged parents and their careers. One couple felt that the real-life sharing by other married couples

I always felt that I had to put my children first and my spouse second. [After CEP] my spouse is now my best friend ... and the good news is the children are happier when parents put their marriage FIRST.

We make it a priority to set aside more couple time even with tight schedules. We recognize the need to bond strongly and set a good example for our children.

The part about in-laws, which had caused tons of unhappiness and unforgiveness (sic) in our household, simply evaporated – almost overnight! It felt like a ton of bricks lifted off our shoulders.

He now gives me time to tell him about my day – we have both agreed that we should put our Iphone/lpad aside before we retire just to talk and catch up on the day's events.

I think he realized that he has to make more time for us. When he was called for a game with his friends recently, he even considered turning it down. I was really surprised.

We gained a lot from the sharing by CEP couples. We were inspired that with God at the centre of our marriage, we can face up to all our problems.

revealed that everyone faces very similar challenges, and that they are not alone in their struggles. After participating in CEP, couples form communities with the aim to continually seed, sustain and re-invigorate themselves and fellow parishioners to establish good marital and family lives within their parish. *This year from Sunday, 26 March, 9 sessions of CEP will be held at the Church of St Ignatius. Parishioners who wish to discover this saving mystery can contact Victor at 91059921 or Andrea at 98579075, or find us at www.cep-sg.org; Like us on [Facebook.com/sg.cep](https://www.facebook.com/sg.cep)*

JESUIT NEWS

INTRODUCTION TO AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS

The dire lack of authentic conversation spaces has reduced many conversations into gossip, slander and the vulgar. How do you nurture safe spaces for authentic conversation that is so needed in the world today? Listen to your call through the needs of the many who thirst for real conversation.

Date & Time: Sunday 19 March, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Fee: \$60 (includes lunch and refreshments)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/iac2017>; Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

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

CLARITY'S PUBLIC TALK ON YOUTH DEPRESSION & SELF-HARM

Learn more about youth depression and self-harm, recognize early warning signs and available therapeutic interventions. Keynote speaker Assoc Prof Ong Say How with panel speakers. Saturday, 4 March, 10am – 12pm at Agape Village L1. \$10 per person. Free for students who present their student card. Register: <http://www.clarity-singapore.org/english-programmes.html> or 6801 7467/6. Closing date 28 February.

CHINESE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

For Mandarin speaking couples, ACAMS organizes two runs of Chinese Marriage Preparation Course this year. Contact Anna at 9852 4047, email 2tempicture@gmail.com or Vinna Lim at 9878 2200, email vinnalim1961@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, 5 and 12 March; 6 and 13 August

Time & Fee: 9am – 5pm; \$100 per couple

Venue: Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1259 Upper Serangoon Road Singapore 534795

CATHOLIC SYMPOSIUM ON DIVORCE, SEPARATION AND ANNULMENT

Symposium to help Catholics gain insight into the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment. Explore how Catholics in such situations can keep in full communion with the Church.

Date / Time: Saturday, 4 March, 1pm – 4.30pm

Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, CAEC, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102.

Register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/dsa2017>

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

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)