



Breaking The Bonds Of Death



*The PPC Exco, the parish staff,
and the Jesuit community
at Kingsmead Hall wish all
parishioners a Blessed and
Holy Easter 2019.*

We wait, we long and we hope. Will it happen? Is he really the One and no other? Has he broken the chains of the enemy's stranglehold on us which held us captive and hostage because we had no escape from the prison of darkness, despair and death in this life?

If we dare to dream and dare to hope, this is what gives us life! I was with a family for a meal and the mother of my host who was recently discharged from hospital said, "I pray that the Lord will give me the strength to start (a new life) again." She was determined to get well and start doing things she loves doing — going for the daily morning Mass, doing marketing on her own, and cooking her favourite nonya dishes and kueh salat for family and friends. Guess what? She said, "The Lord has answered my prayers!"

This is what Easter means for us. That we can have the power of Christ's resurrection and to bear witness to that reality which transforms ourselves, the whole world and the course of history forever. Wars will be there, but victory belongs to Christ and his disciples! Suffering and pain will be with us, but

we can bear all illness by the grace of Christ's victory over death. Evil and sin will still prevail in the world and bruise our souls, but Christ has conquered sin and evil so that we are not afraid to die. The stone of mortality, pride and death that has kept us like prisoners in darkness, has been rolled away. We are set free!

The light of Christ's resurrection has shone into our hearts like a ray of morning sun dispelling the darkness of the night. We who were once prisoners huddling in fear and trembling are now set free by the good warden who stayed behind to witness the transformation of Christ rising from the dead. Christ's message to us is clear, "I am risen! I am the Conqueror of Satan and vanquished him forever!" He has broken the chains of slavery and the bonds of death to give us a new start, a new life, a new faith, a new identity. Indeed we are to become

from here on — The Easter People!

The impossible is no longer in our minds to restrict our freedom and our will to walk tall outside the tomb. The Prince of lies and deceit can no longer control and condition us to cower in fear under his shadow. For the light of truth is revealed and the linen cloths of constrictive pain that bind us and suffocate us to death, have been finally removed. Our wounds are healed and our life is redeemed because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

This is our faith — this is our emblem and standard by which we dare to stand beneath to fight our enemies with the love of Christ in our hearts. Indeed, our waiting, our longing and our hoping is over. We run, we rejoice and we celebrate with the Risen Lord.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

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

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased parishioners and family is this Friday 26 April, 6pm at the main Church. All are welcome.

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation. Your contributions have helped complete the Bethany East Clergy Residence, and your continued support will go towards the medical and welfare needs for all our priests.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

From 19 April to 27 April
Saturday 20/Sunday 21 April, 3.00pm at St Ignatius Hall.
Monday 22 April to Friday 26 April, after 6.00pm Mass
and Saturday 27 April, 3.00pm at main Church.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 28 April, 6.00pm Mass
Offering of all petitions and unveiling of new Divine Mercy painting and procession.

EASTER JOY WITH KENNETH NGO

Come celebrate Easter joy with *Soli Deo Gloria* (SDG) organist Kenneth Ngo, who will be holding A Prayer Concert titled "Kenny Ngo – The Lord Deserves All Praise" on Thursday, 4 May 2019 at 8pm in the main church.

PPC MEETING

Saturday 4 May, 8.30am to noon, St Ignatius Hall
A Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Saturday 4 May, 8.30am to noon at the St Ignatius Hall. All Ministry, NCC, SCC and other Church group leaders, core team members, parish staff and representatives of foreign resident groups are invited to discuss matters relating to the parish, including present and future plans.

Register at administrator@stignatius.org.sg for catering and planning purposes. Ministry and parish groups are asked to refrain from organising activities on that day to allow for greater participation at the meeting.

INFANT BAPTISMS Sunday 12 May, 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend the briefing on Sunday, 5 May, 3.00pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Lisa (9818 5281) & Brian Ling (9760 0978), or Lea (9173 8717) & Wahjudi Gunawan.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents, children and youth are reminded that catechetical sessions resume next Saturday 27/Sunday 28 April.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: CATECHESIS FOR LATE-BLOOMERS

Catechetical program for adults seeking confirmation on Saturday 8 June. Five sessions beginning from Thursday 2



Responding to Laudato Si'
Pope Francis calls us "to be stewards of all creation".
Have a heart and do your part!



May, 8.00pm at Annexe Hall. Others who need a "refresher course" on the faith are also welcome. First four sessions are conducted by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ, and the final by Ian de Vaz. Candidates for confirmation must attend all five

sessions, with recollection (morning of 8 June), while confirmed parishioners may sign up for individual sessions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

PREVIEW The Mass DVD. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and learn how we move from the fallen world into the heavenly realm. Wednesday 24 April 24, 9.30am-12pm. SMS Viv (9785 2268) or Jo (81832273).

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Just as Jesus gave Peter an opportunity to affirm his love for the Lord, so we too are asked how much we love Him. Bible Sharing on John 21:15-19. All are welcome this Wednesday 24 April, at St Ignatius Hall. Dinner fellowship starts at 7.30pm and the session ends at 9.30pm.

BEING WITH MY RISEN LORD

Easter meditation through Scripture and Art.
For adults aged 21 and above

Venue: Open Studio @ St Ignatius, classroom #01-09
Date/Time: 4 weekly Friday sessions (26 April-17 May), 9.00am to 12pm. Sessions are not linked. A love offering will be collected for each session. You may register on the day of the session. Contact Anne at anne.eighteen@gmail.com
Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/E2CZMK6bMromjrn2> or scan the QR code.



ICPE WOMAN TO WOMAN

By ICPE Woman to Woman Ministry.
All women are invited on a spiritual journey to deepen their relationship with God and to grow in greater self-awareness.
Theme: "Who do you say I am?"
Date/Time: 1 May (Wednesday), 9.30am to 5.00pm
Venue: St Ignatius Church, Sacred Heart Hall Level 2, rm SH-F
Cost: Free (love offering welcome)
Registration: <https://w2w-wdysia.eventbrite.sg>
Information: email icpew2w@gmail.com

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday 25 April, SH-02-E
Programme: Showing a movie on the life of St Oscar Romero, who was appointed the fourth Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977.
On 23 May 2015, he was beatified and subsequently canonized on 14 October 2018 by Pope Francis. All are welcome. Contact either Andrew at 9692 3209 or Henry at 9755 8120.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Throughout the history of the Church, the use of candles in our liturgies, which perhaps began as a matter of practicality as a source of light when praying in dark places like catacombs, has evolved over the years into an unmistakable symbol of our faith – we recall that Christ is the light of the world.

During this Easter season, the Paschal Candle has a very special liturgical significance. It is a direct symbol of Christ, and serves as a call to all who see it to dwell upon the Paschal mystery, which is the very root of our salvation.

The Symbols

The Paschal Candle is made of pure white beeswax, representing the sinless, virginal Christ who was formed and took flesh in the womb of His mother.

The **wick** of the Candle symbolises Christ's humanity.

The **flame** of the fire points to Christ's divinity, and as it burns the wick of the Paschal Candle, we are reminded that Christ's humanity and His divinity are intrinsically linked with one another.

Five grains of incense are inserted into the Paschal Candle in the outline of a cross. The cross is the principal symbol of Jesus and His crucifixion. Incense helps us to recall the aromatic spices with which Christ's sacred body was prepared for the tomb, while the five grains represent the five holy and glorious wounds in Christ's hands, feet, side and head, which were inflicted upon Him before His death. We recall that Christ retained the scars of His healed wounds after His resurrection. Hence,

we put the five grains of incense into the Paschal Candle before it is lit, and they remain there afterward.

As the Paschal Candle is prepared, the Greek letters '**Alpha**' and '**Omega**' are traced on it. These are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet and serve as a reminder to us that Christ is our Beginning and also our End.

The **year** is also traced on the Paschal Candle, as we acknowledge that all time belongs to Christ. We know that He is here with us today, and that He shall guide us through all the ages.

After the Paschal Candle is prepared, it is lit from a blessed fire. No longer is our Lord lying dead in the tomb; He is resurrected and rises in glory, coming to banish the darkness of sin and bring us to new life.

A light to dispel the darkness

When we begin the Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday, the Church is plunged into darkness and for a few moments, the only light emanates from the Paschal Candle.

The Paschal Candle leads the procession into Church, and the minister bearing it sings out, "Lumen Christi (the Light of Christ)".

As all eyes are drawn to gaze upon the burning flame of the Paschal Candle, these words serve as a poignant reminder to us that Christ alone is the true bringer of light into our darkened world.

The Paschal Candle is then brought further into the Church. The single flame that burns is used to light other candles, symbolising the gift of faith that we each receive in our lives. As we pass the flame

from candle to candle, person to person, we emulate the spreading of our faith to those around us. We are reminded in this moment of the call to share the love and the life that we have been so blessed to receive from Christ. Slowly, we see the light grow and dispel the oppressive darkness, which is powerless against the flames of faith and love that we have kept burning in our community.

A love at any cost

There cannot be a more beautiful reminder of Christ's selfless love for us, than in the symbol of a burning candle.

Apart from the Easter season, the Paschal Candle is also lit during the celebration of baptisms and funerals, recalling that Christ is with us throughout our lives, from the beginning when we joyfully receive new life, to the end when we are comforted in knowing that Christ has conquered death and we have thus received the promise of eternal life.

Each time the Paschal Candle burns, it gives us light and hope, a reminder of these promises that we have received from Christ as His people. As it burns, the wick is consumed by the flame and the wax melts away, potent symbols of Christ's overwhelming sacrificial love for us.

As we gaze upon the burning Paschal Candle this Easter and in the year ahead, may we recall with conviction and hope the words of Jesus who proclaimed, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

JESUIT NEWS

MARITAL FIRST RESPONDER (MFR) TRAINING WORKSHOP

Pick up the seven essential skills needed to help individuals with marital issues. Learn to discern when to listen, give guidance, or direct friends and family members to seek professional counselling help.

Facilitator: Fr Charles Sim, SJ Ph.D.

Date/Time: Saturday, 27 April 2019, 9.30am - 5.30pm

Contribution: \$150 (includes lunch & refreshments)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mfr19>

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SEXUAL RISK FORUM II – PORN PROOF YOUR CHILD

Saturday 27 April, 9am - 1pm

Pornography – one of the most pervasive and perilous issues in sexuality. For parents/teachers/catechists/all to be equipped with knowledge and tools on how to porn-proof children. Register online at sexualforum2019.peatix.com or call 6488 0278.

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

All couples are invited to improve your marriage in a light-hearted yet impactful workshop by Phil Gungor, a renowned international speaker from the US. REKINDLE and RECHARGE the LOVE, JOY and PASSION in your marriage through laughter. 24-25 May or 25-26 May @ \$100 per couple. Register online at philgungor.peatix.com or call 6488 0278.

CARITAS SINGAPORE

A Mandarin talk, part of Talks @ Agape Village series

"In You, Lord Jesus, Death Has Lost Its Sting –w Preparing for Death"

Speakers: Fr Edward Lim, OCD, and Ms Liao Kehua, Registered Nurse (Gerontology Nursing and Palliative Care Nursing)

Date: Friday 10 May, 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: Caritas Singapore-Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264)

Fr Lim discusses the Christian understanding of death, and the various spiritual aids available to the Christian to prepare for death, and Ms Liao explains the need of Advance Care Planning. Register early as seats are limited. email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org | tel 6801 7400 (10am–6pm, Mon–Fri)

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