



“Be Merciful to me, a sinner”

“Anyone who wants to have a happy life and to enjoy prosperity must banish malice from his tongue, deceitful conversation from his lips; he must never yield to evil but must practice good; he must seek peace and pursue it.”

(St Peter, 1 Pet 3: 10-12)

I remember a man who before receiving Holy Communion would say a prayer that was barely audible: “My Lord and My God.” He did so with great faith and humility to truly acknowledge and believe that the reception of the Holy Eucharist was an act of faith for him. It was more than receiving Jesus into his life. It was more than that – he knew that he was not worthy and in all humility, recognised the Mercy of God in counting him as a member of his flock in spite of his many sins.

This could be contrasted to another man who thought so highly of himself that everyone else was beneath him, and that if anyone were to cross him, he would say so convincingly, “All of you will go to hell for this!” (If you were quick and cheeky you might say, “Thank you very much, hope to see you there!”)

Often in our lives, we all have need of God’s mercy. We are weak and prone to errors of judgement and are also blinded by our pride, our wounds, our pain and suffering, and we cannot bring

ourselves to forgive others who have wronged us. I have at times felt anger rising in me over decisions made by my superiors or even by others without my consent that I perceived to be unfair and was tempted to strike back at them. But I had to remind myself to be charitable, forgiving and merciful. To repay a wrong for another wrong will not end the cycle of violence, hatred and evil.

So it is that we must bear in mind – we are recipients of God’s mercy and not only his justice. If it were his justice, we would never be able to pay for our many deserved punishments for all our transgressions and sins. We are all in need of God’s mercy that is freely given to us. We, who have been recipients of this gift of Mercy, must show mercy especially to others who are weaker than ourselves. It is so tempting to direct our anger, failures and frustrations at those who are powerless and under our control, like domestic helpers or our subordinates.

In these days of Easter, if we are to live our Easter joy and blessing, we

PPC MEETING 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council 2019 meeting will be held on Saturday, 4 May 8.30am to noon (starts with breakfast and fellowship) at 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 or scan the QR code 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.



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It is in all humility that we can enter into the belief of Thomas in his encounter with the Risen Christ and proclaim with him in faith, “My Lord and my God!”

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

Next week's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the poor.

THEMATIC MASSES

The first weekend of May:

Saturday 4 May, 6.00pm – Family Mass

Sunday 5 May, 8.15am – Children's Mass

12.15pm – Youth Mass

We want to encourage greater participation of children, youths and the families in our Liturgy so that they can take ownership of the Mass, and together make all feel at home in St Ignatius Church. Please make a special effort to join us.

PRAYER CONCERT BY 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 Saturday, 4 May 2019 at 8.00pm in the main church.



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.

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.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:

CATECHESIS FOR LATE-BLOOMERS

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

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

There is no prayer meeting this Wednesday 1 May. We will be back the following Wednesday, 8 May.

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

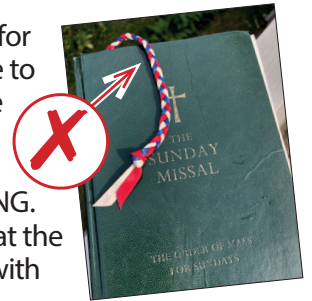
Cost: Free (love offering welcome)

Registration: <https://w2w-wdysia.eventbrite.sg>

Information: email icpew2w@gmail.com

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.



RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Margaret Wong Ai Lin – 62 years old

Departed: 11 April 2019

Ruth Wee Chwee Cheng – 97 years old

Departed: 12 April 2019

Christopher Chua Peng Chye – 87 years old

Departed: 16 April 2019

Celeste Tay Pheck – 71 years old

Departed: 17 April 2019

Jeanne Christine Monteiro – 83 years old

Departed: 20 April 2019

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

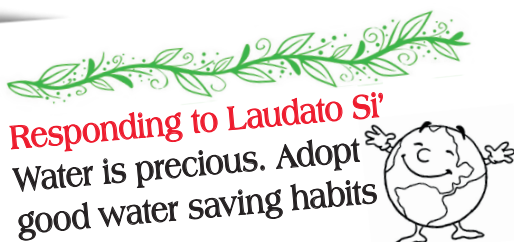
Thursday 2 May. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 16 May, #02 SH-F

Programme: 1) Gospel sharing – Daily Word of God
2) Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues (DVD). Rev. Robert E. Barron



Divine Mercy

The verse “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (Jn 3:16) is often used to describe the depth of God’s love for us. This verse is quite unfathomable, as our human mind simply can’t comprehend this profound expression of love.

In the recent Lenten Triduum recollection, a speaker used an analogy of a fruit fly: it is like a mighty human who loves fruit flies so dearly that the human became one to save them. That comparison is intriguing. Could we imagine leaving our comfortable life as a human being willingly and stoop down to be born as the humblest of the fruit flies in order to save the sinful and the ungrateful flies, accepting the gravity of the suffering and sacrifice that await us?

Perhaps we can’t, but God did. “God proves His love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). He who loves us first; He who loves us when we are still sinners. God’s love and mercy for us is inseparable from human existence – the mercy shown to Adam and Eve for their disobedience and rebellion, to Cain for his act of violence, to humanity’s present days’ malice and cruelty. The Living Word continues to offer His mercy to us, the prodigal son, the lost sheep, the adulterous woman, the thief on the Cross. His final utterance on the Cross, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” says it all.

Indeed, God says what He means, and He means what He says. Alas, despite the unending exhortations and living proofs, humanity continues to doubt and to forget. In the last century, when the world plunged into darkness, besieged by two world wars and their aftermaths, Jesus sent another messenger, Sr Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938), a Polish nun and mystic, to remind the world yet again of His faithfulness:

He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine [723].

Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand



in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy [1059].

Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity [1062].

I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust ... Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace

at the hour of death [1520].

Sr Faustina’s diary reminds us that Jesus refuses no one if they turn with trust to His Mercy and seek forgiveness for their sins. No sin is too grave for Jesus to forgive. All we have to do is to open our heart to receive the gift. A gift we can never repay and can only accept, one that must be experienced and not simply understood. For it is in experiencing this unconditional forgiveness that we can extend forgiveness to others.

It takes two to hold hands. Our God is a generous God who never tires of giving. Jesus continues to extend His hand to us. Are we responding to His invitation?

When we pray Our Father, when we do the examen of consciousness, when we seek His mercy at Mass and in the sacrament of Reconciliation, do we mean what we say and say what we mean?

We are in the joyous Easter season, a season where we celebrate the victory of Light over darkness. Jesus Christ’s blood has redeemed us, transforming us from the beloved dust into the precious child of God. In the excitement of Easter celebrations, let us call out to the Lord with conviction, “Jesus, I trust in You.” And let us place our contrite heart in His loving palm and allow the Divine Mercy to heal the wounds of our sins and guilts.

Works of Mercy

The Divine Mercy Apostolate meets every Wednesday after the 6.00pm mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the needs of the world, the Church and our own personal intentions. The ministry also engages in works of mercy including weekly music therapy at Villa Francis (2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month) and St Joseph’s Home (1st and 3rd Tuesday), and for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers. The Hope Alive Workshop bakes cookies, cakes and pies with the elderly every week, with an annual Social Outreach to the Poor in Malaysia. If you wish to be part of our ministry, you may contact Levy Khor at 9673 6185 or Jeannette Fernando at 9831 5571.

ROSINA SIMON

JESUIT NEWS

READING WITH THE PILGRIM: FACE TO FACE TO FACE

A series of 3 evenings for reading, praying and sharing Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad): On the Call to Holiness in Today's World.

Facilitator: Fr Chris Soh, SJ

Dates/ Times: Tuesday 7, 14 and 21 May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Contribution: \$90

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/pilgrim19>

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

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.

LEADERSHIP GROWTH SERIES

By Catholic Business Network(CBN)

Is it possible to be good and effective Christian leaders in the workplace?

23 May, session 4: Leadership must be rooted on solid ground.

Thursdays, 7.30pm to 9pm.

Each session is a standalone module.

Trainer: Andrew Soong

Venue: The Catholic Centre, Level 3, 55

Waterloo Street, Singapore 187854

Fee: Love offering appreciated.

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/yxb2j4aj>

Enquiries: admin@cbn.sg/Teresa

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CHARITIES WEEK 2019 is

launched during Lent as part of the Archdiocesan fundraising campaign.

Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of the Caritas Singapore family to partner and journey with the poor and vulnerable including low-income families, youth-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and also people with mental health problems. Pick up the purple appeal envelope and give generously. All Donations are eligible for 250% tax deduction.

Please note that Charities Week will close on 26 May 2019.

If you have any concern or require more information, please feel free to contact Pamela Lim at 6337 6197 (9271 3335) or email: pamela@caritas-singapore.org.

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