



Hope in the First Light

Dawn is, for many, a much-loved time of day. It could be the beauty of the sky with its myriad colours and the sun just peeking over the horizon, or it could be the fresh crispness of the morning air that invites one to greet the day with joy. One reason why it's the subject of so many poems and songs could be because dawn is also what one might refer to as a liminal space or a time of transition. At dawn, night slowly becomes day and during this time of change, we often struggle to see clearly and can easily be confounded by the lack of light and long shadows. It is during such a time that the Lord appeared to Peter, John and the disciples, bringing light to their despair and confusion at having witnessed his Passion. Their reactions in this liminal space where they were still trying to accept the truth of the resurrection can serve as a mirror for us as we too seek to respond to the Lord in our present day.

The lack of clarity with which the disciples acted in the night can be a characteristic of liminal spaces. Clouded by despair of seeing the Lord crucified, they returned to a familiar comfort – fishing. Their futile search for fish in the night is a potent metaphor for our struggling in the darkness, seeking to make sense of grief, loneliness and other difficulties of life. The dark makes things difficult to see and the little bit of light that we get at the crack of dawn can sometimes make things even more confusing. In times of transition, we need a firm foundation of faith to be able to have just that little bit of clarity that's necessary to look beyond the

present darkness. That faith can come from our prior experiences of God's love which is always alive and active in our lives. Going back to our real experience of where God has been in our lives, we become better able to make our way in these spaces of transition, seeking and finding the Lord when we need him.

That was probably how the beloved disciple saw the Lord and brought hope to everyone on the boat. When he saw and heard the voice of the Lord, the disciple immediately knew it was the Lord and said so to the rest on the boat. It's significant that he's the only one who was able to recognise the figure and voice of the Lord, a testament to his close relationship with Jesus and it's also significant that he did not keep this knowledge to himself. He immediately told the others, bringing light and hope to them. We're always in need of people like this disciple – ones who are close to the Lord and who are able to bring his presence to us when we need it. What's even better is for us to seek to be like this disciple, nurturing our relationship with the Lord so that we too can become the ones who can help others find the Lord in their lives.

Part of the beauty of dawn lies in the hope that it brings, the first light of a new day that brings with it the infinite promise of God's grace at work in our lives. Recognising also that the interplay of light and darkness can also lead us to confusion, we need to keep ourselves focused on the light of the Lord who comes to us, like he did to the disciples by the lakeshore. The invitation to breakfast that all the



The Transforming Power of Christ in His Resurrection

My dear parishioners,

With the Easter Spirit still with us, we can examine our lives and see where the Spirit is inviting us to change, to move and to be transformed each day.

The parish theme for this year is to be **"More Loving"**, and specifically for each quarter of this year - to be more loving - in our families, in our world, in the church and in our faith. Our current Easter Bumper issue is a testimony of this.

May we not be afraid to allow the Risen Christ to journey with us to open our eyes, our ears and heart to his loving presence and power to transform our lives.

With Easter Joy,

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

disciples received stands as an invitation to all of them to renew their faith in the Lord, to affirm their relationship with him whom they followed previously and for whom they would spend the rest of their lives testifying to. This invitation to communion with the Lord is extended to all of us in the Eucharist so that we too can experience the joy of this communion and relationship. This is the light that shines into the darkness of our lives that can draw us towards the Lord and the light of faith, and this in turn allows us to meet the challenges of our lives with the confidence that the Lord is indeed accompanying us, by the lakeshore, all the days of our lives.

DEACON COLIN TAN, SJ



Lent and Easter 2019

Walking by Faith in Communion

Loving the world: our faith community of St Ignatius shows what love truly means



Give and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

A RCIA elect's first Lenten event experience

Amsgiving is one of the 3 pillars of Lent and I had wanted to serve in this way when I signed up for the Parish Lenten event at St Joseph's Home. Since it was a home for the aged and destitute, I thought I would sacrifice a Saturday morning to do a good deed for the less able. At the end of it, instead of self-gratification, I went home feeling spiritually nourished and blessed with more than what I have.

The event started with a Mass for the residents and us, celebrated by Father Jerome at the chapel of the St Joseph's Home. The Gospel and Homily was - aptly for me - about exalting the humble tax collector instead of the self-praising Pharisee.

Smile

Before we started our respective assignments, Sister Geraldine Tan, Executive Director of the Home told us

our sole KPI (key performance indicator) was to bring about smiles. It was not just about helping the residents do flower arrangements or distributing little gifts or helping to spring-clean the premises. It was to help the residents smile and be happy.

Dignity

Our shopping cart group had the opportunity to go around the wards to interact with the residents. Instead of just distributing the gifts of clothing, trinkets, medicated oils, balms and patches, and food snacks, we set up pop-up shopping carts, gave residents Monopoly money for them to purchase - and bargain for - these basic necessities.

The clever idea is that with the residents being less than mobile and home-bound, the shopping carts and the 'sellers' provide an active simulation of them going to the mall or shop, and the joy of shopping - browsing, selecting,



bargaining and paying - for themselves. Something which we take for granted.

The vision and mission of St Joseph's Home include not only care but also dignity for the residents. The shopping cart items may be trivial, but the smiles of the residents buying something for themselves were priceless. Likewise, the achievements of them finishing a flower arrangement which they can bring back to their wards, will last after we leave for the day. The spring-cleaning team left the chapel spotless for the residents to worship and seek comfort with God.

Later during a tour of the very well thought-out and built facilities, we were briefed that the Home insists on the residents changing from their pajamas into their own day clothes to instill a sense of normal living. The clothes and trinkets we "sold" served good purpose too!

Partnership

I used to think our love offerings will suffice. Our donations will pay for the volunteers to run these charities. St Joseph's Home, and other like-minded social causes - need our participation

and partnerships too; to provide a holistic service to the less fortunate and sick. St Joseph's Home advocates that besides creative activities, the residents look forward to something as simple as: someone to talk to. We also witnessed firsthand the Home's staff at work; the difficult tasks of minding and caring for the aged and destitute residents. Our admiration goes to them as our time there was but for a few happy hours.

Do more good

I recalled Father Jerome was very

passionate at the RCIA about catechumens and candidates being involved in ministries such as Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) and the likes of their Milk and Diapers programme. He walked the talk by leading this Lent event personally. He said St Joseph's Home also brings fond memories of his stint there prior to his ordination. I don't think it was just the chores he did; I reckon he was echoing St Vincent de Paul: "Go to the poor; you will find God."

RAPHAEL YEO GUAN KAI

Loving the World ...



... as Jesus Did

To underscore the depths of God's love and how we, too, must attempt to love the world as Jesus did, Sundaresh Menon, in Day 1 of the Triduum talks, invited us to think on the significance of the cross, certain proof of Jesus' love, before leading us through the 7 dimensions of how He loved the world.

We contemplated the horror of the cross. The immense loss of blood from merciless flogging, Jesus' inability to break his fall while tied to a crossbar weighing 40kg to 60kg, nails pounding into his hands and feet, the struggle to breathe when hoisted, likely naked, on

the cross, devoid of any shred of dignity.

This is how Jesus loves us, submitting to a heinous death reserved for the vilest of criminals. How are we, as disciples, to respond to this? By loving the world as Jesus did, in the following 7 dimensions:

Love begins with loving God in a deep and authentic way. Jesus demonstrated this by being faithful and obedient to the Father. In the same way, we need to align our will with the divine, trusting in God's wisdom. We are able to do this through prayer, listening to God and learning to rejoice and submit.



Love does not condemn (the adulterous woman). We are all sinners and should hesitate to pass judgement.

Love transforms (the repentant thief, the Samaritan woman at the well and St Paul). An encounter with Jesus can lead to a dramatic transformation and we can be instruments, bringing God's healing grace to others.

Love seeks out the least and unlovable (chief tax collector Zacchaeus). We may be tempted to shun these people, but remember how Heaven rejoices when even one sinner returns to the fold.

Love restores the dignity of others (prodigal son). As God has little interest in our sinful past, we too should pray for those who have hurt us and restore the relationship.

Love is self-emptying (washing of disciples' feet which foreshadowed the spilling of Jesus' blood). Jesus was humble, denying himself of every right and entitlement as the Son of God. Will we, like him, put others first?

Love is unconditional (For if you love those who love you, what reward will you get?). We often think of love as reciprocal, but as Christians, we are challenged to be extraordinary, different from those who do not know the Father.

Sundaresh reminded us that the greatest of the 3 theological virtues is love and love we must, as a necessary response to how madly God loves us and what He has done for us, challenging us to love the world as Jesus did.

MAY TAY

... as St Ignatius Did

Through humility and commitment to service, our church's patron saint St Ignatius of Loyola, showed his generous love for the world through his deeds. In his reflection, Fr Jerome Leon, SJ, highlighted the humility of St Ignatius as a model for us.

Like all of us, Ignatius was a sinner. Born a wealthy noble, he was reckless and vain in his younger years, deeply fascinated by the concept of chivalry and the glamour that knighthood represented. In his pursuit of being a valiant soldier and tasting the glory of victory in war, Ignatius was seriously wounded, his leg disfigured by a cannonball.

It was during this trial – a bump in the road if you like – that Ignatius was able to reflect upon the superficiality of his worldly aspirations and was truly humbled. Reflecting on the life of Jesus and the saints during his long recovery,

Ignatius, at the peak of his lavish life, "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). His path to embracing true humility required him to seriously reprioritise the goals that he had held onto in his early life and reject the temptation to pursue the earthly glories that were readily available to him. Fr Jerome called us to reflect on what was holding us back from embracing true humility as Ignatius did, and on how we can "empty" ourselves to serve God.

The lives of St Ignatius and the Jesuits that have come after him teach us the importance, not just of having love for others in our hearts, but also of going out into the world to serve others. Fr Jerome joked that he hoped that his Lenten reflection would be the talk that would end all talks. He explained that while it was important to sit and reflect on what it means to love and serve God, it is more important to

show our love for God through acting in service of others. Stemming from St Ignatius' own conversion story, the Jesuits have made it their mission to serve the faith and promote justice in the world, living as "contemplatives in action". Likely inspired by St Ignatius and the early Jesuits' zeal towards helping others even in the most far-flung places (including St Francis Xavier's missionary work here in Southeast Asia), the Jesuits are often quoted as going forth on missions to "set the world on fire".

Loving God is equally about making meaning in our lives by using the gifts given to us to serve others in the world. As we go into our daily Examen prayers in the Easter days ahead, let us devote more time to reflecting on what more we can do to put our love for God and for the world into practice through our actions. Ad majorem Dei gloriam – for the greater glory of God.

NICOLE YEO

*"This is what we are about.
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
Knowing that they hold future promise ...
We cannot do everything, and there is a
sense of liberation in realizing that ...
We may never see the results, but
that is the difference between the
master builder and the worker"*

Extract from prayer of Saint Oscar Romero

Parish priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, began his talk by reflecting on this prayer from St. Romero. God is the master builder, the one who takes the initiative and continues to work and labour in our world.

1. Plan of God: Creator of the world
In his wisdom and love, God created the world(CCC295)

He creates 'out of nothing' (CCC296)

God transcends Creation but is present to it (CCC300)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is the source of these church teachings. The keywords are



God is present in creation. People often ask the question, does God exist? He pointed out that God leaves enough clues, footprints and fingerprints for us to discover his presence. Our role is to be like a detective and find God's presence around us.

Two short videos "Seeing God's Universe as a whole" and "Origin of life in 6 minutes" gave us a sense of the immensity of time, space and creation, which is quite beyond our capacity to grasp and understand. This glimpse shows us how small we are in the whole scheme of creation, yet because the God who created the universe also created us, we are nevertheless significant.

2. Knowing the Heart and Mind of God

Our response to God's wonderful creation is one of the challenges in life. "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement ... Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible ... To be spiritual is to be amazed." This inspiring statement is from Rabbi Abraham Herschel, a Jewish philosopher, mystic and poet. All of us are invited to have a sense of wonder, a sense of amazement at the way God has

... as God Did

Loving the World... as God Did

created the world for us to live in and made the conditions of life possible. God sustains everything that exists in this world.

In the creation story in Genesis 1, when God creates the world, the refrain is always, God saw that it was good! The intention of God is to create everything for our wellbeing. A question that is often asked is, if God is good why is there so much evil in the world? Evil exists. But it is clear is that evil stirs the heart of God to act. Throughout salvation history, we see God intervening and the saving hand of God at work.

3. The Challenge of Free Will

Pope Francis says, "Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards

leader are we willing to follow and lay down our life for?

4. Human Happiness and Destiny

The choice we make will decide whether our journey is to happiness and the destiny that we are invited to be with God; the journey to perfection and overcoming evil in the world (CCC310).

We must consciously make a choice in our life. This is the pivotal point in the relationship between God and all of us. "This day I call the heavens and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life" (Deut 30:11-20).

Where evil, wars and destruction exist it is because people have turned

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what they think is good ... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight the evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place."

Do good and avoid evil so as to align ourselves on the side of God and discover the will of God for us.

The challenge is for us to use our free will and to choose well. The struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, life and death continues to be our daily struggle. Our Lord came to combat evil. We grapple and are painfully aware of the struggle between those who are on the side of God and those who are on the side of the enemy.

All of us are invited to make choices in life. Whom do we serve? Which

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away from God. Satan may rule the world, but does not own the world. We sometimes say, ah the world is so bad. The world is bad if we make it bad; the world is good if we decide to build the kingdom of God. As long as you work for good, the world will be a better place. If we say we love God, we must love the world concretely and we must be able to testify to God's goodness with our life.

In conclusion Fr Colin quoted from St Augustine, "The love of God comes first in the order of commandment and the love of neighbour comes first in the order of action". God's mercy is inviting us to translate our love into daily actions, to show mercy, compassion and kindness to others.

Eucharistic Adoration for Children

Walking with Jesus

✠ Jesus asked the children to come to Him and they did. In droves. Bringing with them their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Together, three-generation families of St Ignatius accompanied Jesus in His Way of The Cross. Because THIS way was led by the children, the final Station was one glorious burst of life as they sang the joyous hymn, "He's alive, the stone's been rolled away!"

The children proclaimed the main Stations of the Cross, prostrating at the start of each Station. At the close of each Station, with the help of the adults present, they intoned the Stabat Mater.

One by one they knelt in front of the Blessed Sacrament. What they shared with Our Lord only He knows. Just as only He knows what they whispered to Him as they kissed the Crucifix so reverently.

That night there were moments of solemnity but the pervading feeling among our children was one of joy. After all, HE IS ALIVE!

THE EAC TEAM



Reflections on Good Friday

Way of the Cross

✠ It was 9am on Good Friday. 14 families gathered to pray together and lead the Way of the Cross. Brought together by the Magis Family Ministry, the traditional Stations of the Cross was given a fresh flavour as voices from juniors and seniors of the families filled the air.

Justin Khoo opened the prayers by reminding us of the prophet Zechariah's call to mourn for the "pierced one" as for an only child and "weep for him as

Maundy Thursday

To Serve with Humility

✠ It was such a moving experience to have taken part in the washing of the feet ritual during the Mass of the Supper of the Lord. The ritual makes present to us today what Jesus himself

did for his disciples. Christ showed us that leadership is not about power or position, but about service.

Seeing Fr Colin kneeling down before me, carefully placing my feet over the bowl of water, gently wiping them with a towel, and kissing them filled my heart with so much gratitude. I was very moved by his sincerity and kindness, and I found that I could not hold back a few tears. For me, it felt like a message from heaven, a reminder as I take on a new role in the CCD ministry, that we are all called to serve with humility and a sincere heart. Thank you Fr Colin and the parish for allowing me to share in this beautiful experience.

LOURDES SAMSON

(incoming CCD General Coordinator)



carrying the cross with Jesus, not just passers by, looking on."

For Jeremiah Yeu, "It has been an amazing Good Friday, one that I have not had ever in my life. The best part is the community and the fellowship of the family."

Lynette Lee described how all her tasks melted away and she was inspired to just "carry on when things are not as you expect, and to put my faith in God." What she did not expect was to be interviewed on national television as God multiplied our offering and featured our version of the Way of the Cross on the evening news on Channel News Asia.

JENNIFER KIING

for a first born child", and then from the sorrow will flow "a spirit of kindness and prayer".

Adrian Huang, the pianist and singer, felt that the different voices singing and reading created the perfect atmosphere of one big family in prayer.

Jennifer Chew, whose family led the Second Station, was grateful as this was her family's first time serving on Good Friday. She said, "It felt like we were

Palm Sunday

To Welcome Jesus

✠ On Palm Sunday, children at the 8.15am mass dressed up to re-create the scene that welcomed Jesus as he triumphantly entered Jerusalem at the start of the Holy Week, borne on the back of a donkey.

At the Place of Gathering, Father Chris blessed the palms, a symbol of victory and joy. The children clutched their branches, waving them in the air excitedly, shouting "Hosanna!" - just as the crowds in Jerusalem would have done to welcome Jesus.

"Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" (Mark 11:2-3) And so it was that Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, not as a warring king on a horse, but as a gentle and peaceable king on a donkey's colt. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!



Holy Week

In the Presence of Jesus

✠ In preparation for Holy Week, the children of the CCD Catechism at St Ignatius, engaged in a Children's Paraliturgical - waving palms to remind them of Jesus entry into Jerusalem, processing from Sacred Heart Canteen to the Main Church. They sang songs, watched a short clip on Jesus' Last Supper, prayed the Way of the Cross and were introduced to Eucharistic Adoration. The children prostrated themselves before the Blessed Sacrament and adored the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It ended with Fr Colin blessing the children in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM



THE CCD TEAM OF ST IGNATIUS



RCIA/RCIY2019

Baptism and The Journey Ahead

Our 2020 RCIA/RCIY journey begins in July/August 2019. Registration starts on 13 May. Please contact the parish office for more information.



This Easter Vigil mass witnessed the culmination of the RCIA/Y journey that started in August 2018. RCIA/Y Spiritual Director Fr Jerome baptised and confirmed 60 elects (47 individuals and 13 family members), 8 candidates were also received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and together with one confirmand who was later confirmed with Holy Chrism. Holy Week started with a 2-day retreat at Palm Resort in JB, led by Spiritual Directors Lance Ng and Celina Lin.

Here are some of their testimonials:

*The RCIA has been an amazing journey for me - more than what I had expected or asked for. Praise God for this great experience! I want to thank my sponsor/godmother, my sharing group's facilitators, my RCIA brothers and sisters, Fr Jerome, Fr Colin, Ignatius Church and all RICA team members' time and effort for making this happen for me. All of you make me feel so loved in this extended family. May God continue to

bless every one of you and may you be a blessing to others. Wishing everyone a very blessed Easter!

Doris Zhang

*I was alive but drowning and had no means to save myself. In despair I asked God for help and signed up for RCIA. I experienced his tender mercies and was saved and am now baptised. Through his stewards in the form of

my sister, my friend and sponsor, the friends in our group, our wider cohort, the wider church community who are supporting RCIA, our priests especially Fr Jerome, I experienced what it means to strive to serve God, daily with our human frailty and the assurance of his unfailing strength. Thank you!

Susan Loo

*The RCIY team has been extremely supportive throughout the past 9 months and made incredible efforts to allow us to experience the faith. From the end of year retreat to bringing kids out to the Jurong Bird Park for a day of fun, it has been a truly enriching and spiritual experience. This journey has helped me to be more open to others and to God, and I am thankful to everyone who was a part of my journey!

Giselle Tan

Easter Sunday

A New Birth



✠ At the 8.15am Children's Mass on Easter Sunday, there was a palpable buzz of egg-citement in the air. Children, packed onto the Liturgical Avenue in church, could barely sit still through Father Greg's homily.

The reason for this, of course, was the highly anticipated egg hunt that was to follow.

The instructions - find 3 differently coloured plastic eggs and exchange them for 1 bag of chocolates. But of course some little ones (and some not so little ones!) managed to find a loophole and repeat the process (over and over again) so as to avail themselves of multiple bags of the treasure.

Luckily, unlike the money in the old wives' tale, the eggs could easily be found nestled in trees. But still, we had to be careful not to trample on the plants.

It was a formidable task, holding off the hungry hordes ... so we sent our biggest and bravest.

In the end, all managed to survive the onslaught and the happy smiles around were evidence of another successful egg-cercise.

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy Easter!

*Growing up a Protestant, I had many doubts and misconceptions about the Catholic faith. What drew me to the faith was the rich history behind the church, and witnessing firsthand what it was like to live life as a Christian. Through my time in CJC and RCIY, I met many Catholic friends who were willing to explain more about the faith to me, and who always encouraged me in my pursuit of getting to know God better. The Easter vigil was a truly beautiful experience and I remember feeling a huge sense of joy after Fr Jerome baptised me! My journey has just started, and I'm excited for what lies ahead, knowing that God and the church are always with me.

Jordan Chan (RCIY)



*My Easter Vigil experience was beyond amazing, a journey so rich and invaluable. I am extremely grateful for all who facilitated and made the RCIA nights such meaningful and reflective ones. Thankful for the many new friends made throughout this journey who have been inspirational in their own ways which made me appreciate the little things in life, how our good Lord has given us this gift of life. It is indeed an important milestone of my life that is now deeply rooted in my heart.

Winnie Chua

*Having attended mass as an observer for six years, I toyed with the idea of participating in RCIA on many occasions. When I was finally ready to commit, everything seemed to just fall neatly into place, a grace which I believe God provided.

While I was initially unsure if this faith was truly for me, over the course of my RCIA journey, the teachings, conversations, breaking of word, days of recollection and quiet time allowed me to be more aware of God's quiet presence

Susie Anne Tan



and love for us. Gradually, I found myself drawn closer to the faith and constantly thinking of God in my day to day thoughts and actions. While I continue to marvel at God's love for an unworthy person like me, I am grateful for the opportunity to share in the Lord's table. As baptism is only the start of the journey, I look forward to growing my faith.

A big thank you to Fr Jerome, Teddy, Noel and all the sponsors for welcoming us into the Catholic family with open arms and for being great role models on what it's like to be a Catholic. Would also like to thank all members of the RCIA team for dedicating themselves week after week to put together an enriching and transformative programme for us.

Dawn Margaret Cheng

*I had spent years dithering about becoming a Christian before joining the RCIA program. Here I found the help that I very much needed in my journey towards seeking a closer relationship with God.

The many weeks of listening to Fr Jerome and the guidance I received in contemplations from the many facilitators have helped me understand my need for greater growth in spirituality and prayers. I think that I am still a work-in-progress, but I know that my life has been enriched, and so much the better now. My sincere thanks to the many who have so unselfishly given their time in holding my hand these past six months. Special thanks to Dorothy and Pao Yi who never gave up on me.

*After submitting my application for RCIA, my husband surprised me that he too would like to be in the RCIA journey as a couple. With happiness, joy and anxiety we started on the weekly Tuesday night sessions. The sharing and fellowship in our group increased and deepened as the Journey continued. There were times we felt God's Presence, and at times He seemed to be absent, especially after the Rite of Acceptance. Disturbances, impatience, disappointments and setbacks were frequent occurrences. With Faith and Trust in the Lord, we stayed on path to be in continuous communion with God, opening our hearts to receive. With joyful and grateful hearts we received the baptismal grace at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you Fr Jerome, Raymundo, Nancy, Gene and Joanne for being with us for the past 9 months. We will continue to add building blocks to our spiritual growth. May God make us strong, firm and steadfast.

Siok Loon Lam



PARISH NEWS

Next week's **COLLECTION** will be for Good Shepherd Sunday. Your contributions will support the ongoing formation of clergy and expenses of the St Francis Xavier major seminary.

MAY – MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The month of May is a special time for us to honour Our Blessed Mother Mary. The rosary will be recited daily as usual after the morning mass and before the weekday evening mass. On Fridays and beginning this Friday 10 May, slides will be used and all can join in..

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A **NEW** study, The Mass, starting 3 July. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and move from the fallen world into the heavenly realm, listening and responding to God's call, nourished by a meal with Him. 9.30am-12pm. SMS Viv (9785 2268) or Jo (8183 2273).

FILIPINO LEGION OF MARY BIBLE GROUP

Ever wondered why we say what we say and do what we do during Mass? Join the Filipino Legion of Mary Bible group as they embark on a new 5-part study, A Biblical Walk through the Mass and discover the beauty of the words and gestures used at Mass. Held every 2nd Sunday of the month starting on 12 May 2019 at 2 pm at St Ignatius Hall. To register, please contact Lily at 9680 8306.

NS FELLOWSHIP

Calling all Pre-enlistees and NSFs, join us for a chill-out night of food, drinks and sharing on how to find God in all things especially during your 2 year service. On 11 May (6pm) at the Rooftop Garden (3rd level of Annexe Block).



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/E2CZMK6bMrormjrn2> or scan the QR code.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

God's grace is always there for us, a source of strength and consolation. Yet sometimes we ask ourselves how we are going to do His will. We can only do His will when we are open to receive His Grace and trust Him completely, as He says to Peter, "My Grace is sufficient for you." All are welcome this Wednesday 8 May, at St Ignatius Hall. Light dinner at 7.30pm. The session ends at 9.30pm.

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OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR BEAUTIFUL CREATURES

4 May – 10 June

A photo exhibition that celebrates God's creation, our common home and loving our world. We hope that this exhibition will open our eyes to truly see and embrace all that God has created.

Venue: Place of Gathering, Church of St Ignatius
Organised by the Green Movement Ministry. For enquiries, email StlgLaudatosi@gmail.com

ASSISI FUN DAY 2019

Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients and support for their families. The Assisi Fun Day at SJI International School on Sunday 16 June, is one of their major fundraisers. The team is at the Place of Gathering to sell Fun Day coupons at \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. For information, contact Ms Lisa Law @ 6832 2856 or email lisa.law@assisihospice.org.sg

PARISH BULLETIN EDITORIAL

Please note that all announcements and visual materials for publication in the Sunday bulletin should be submitted to Angela (csi.admin@catholic.org.sg) or Therese (stig.communication@gmail.com) at the parish office by Tuesday of every weekend.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 3 – ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday 15 May, #02-06

Programme: Symbolon, Session 5: Matrimony and Holy Orders

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 16 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

JESUIT NEWS

EASTER DAY OF REFLECTION

Quiet prayer, personal reflection and spiritual conversations in small groups. Spend time to listen to God through your imagination, Scripture, colloquy, and ponder the mystery of Resurrection through art.

Date: Saturday 25 May

Time: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Facilitator: Margaret Tang

Contribution: \$60

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/edoq19>

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

GRIEVING: A WAY TO HEALING

The retreat offers ways to discover the grace coming from past hurts, and how healing comes through grieving and saying goodbye to these past experiences.

By Sr Mel Benedictos & team.

Date/Time: 17 May 8.00pm to

19 May 1.00pm

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42

Contribution: \$250

Register at www.cenaclemission.com

PRAYING OUR LIFE'S QUESTIONS: A VOCATION RECOLLECTION

What will I do with my life? Does God have a plan for me? These are a few of the most common questions that young people ask. A weekend to teach young single women aged 19-33, how to pray and discern the questions that unfold their life purpose, and offer them a glimpse of religious life in the Cenacle Sisters.

Date/Time:: 11 May 9am to 12 May 1pm

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42

Contribution: Love Offering

Register at www.cenaclemission.com

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.

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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 6
months before the wedding.
Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

Columbarium Opening Hours

Daily: 6.30am – 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

Inigo Bookstore

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
4.00pm to 6.20pm and during
weekend Masses

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 office
Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614)
for help and advice before contacting
the funeral director.

**Church of St Ignatius has no official
social media accounts.**

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