



## My sheep, Hear My Voice



### 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 after daily 7.00am masses, and 5.15pm before 6.00pm masses, and on Saturdays, 18 and 25 May. From 5.15pm to 5.45pm.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Children, come as a family, to adore Jesus and spend an intimate hour with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist! Each child is encouraged to bring ONE stalk of flower to honor and offer love to Mother Mary in the month of May. This Friday 17 May, 7.45pm - 9.15pm. *There will be no session in June.*

Jesus calls Himself a shepherd here, and we might look at part (and it really is only a part) of what that means. As shepherd, Jesus makes Himself responsible for our welfare and commits to a constant concern for us; at the same time, He cannot force us to follow Him, and He will not force feed us.

From the other side, what is it that we want from Him in our role as sheep? We hunger, but for what? The first thing that comes to mind is an end to our loneliness. The Irish are supposed to have come up with the insightful words: "Love me if you can, hate me if you must, but for God's sake, don't ignore me", which we might deepen a little to be the heart's cry, "See me, know me, love me".

That finding and accepting that we are both known and loved is the deepest need we have; consider how little children need to be held and to feel the embrace of human warmth. We also feel a need for a sense of direction in our lives, though, and that crippling lack of such a goal or such motivation is extremely clear in the lives of so many young people today. We need as well to make the "right" (life-giving) choices, and we yearn for security, but going most deeply into our hearts, we find that need to be loved, which somewhat subsumes all the other needs, and in that hunger we must discover a need to love in return.

Christ's response to our needs is not primarily a programme of ideas. It is His humble Self, a God willing to become human (Philippians 2:6-11) so that He can be close to us and show us personally and in our human way what His love is like, and how we

can and must become like Him in our own love if we wish to have our needs quieted, our hungers satisfied. As a human being Jesus has, after all, the same needs that we do and has them filled in His Father's presence to Him, in the Spirit always directing and energizing Him. As a full human being, though, Christ goes beyond that self-completion to make us His needs: He yearns inexpressibly to end our loneliness, to be our Way and our Truth and our Life. Look at Jesus' words at the Last Supper in John to see what He has to say about this (chapters 13-17).

Christ comes to us as a person, humble, familiar with our woes and our joys, and it is on that same level that we relate to Him in the most basic way. We must look upon Him, meditate on Him and His values and actions, and seek to share what we find in that relationship in the ultimate praise we offer by putting all our energy and imagination into imitating in our own lives all that we see in Him. Here we would think especially of becoming shepherds in our own right, taking care of those around us to the best of our ability and doing so out of love, without caring whether those people "deserve" our love and service or not. Jesus never seems to have asked in any serious way whether someone deserved His love (think of His exchange with the Syro-Phoenician woman, Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30).

If you can find a quiet time and place, reread John 13-17 or even John's chapter 10, the basis for today's Gospel reading.

**CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ**

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

## PARISH NEWS

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation.

### MASS FOR SRI LANKA

The Sri Lankan Catholics in Singapore invite you to a mass and memorial service to pray for the souls of all who lost their lives in the church and hotel bombings in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. Come and pray for their families at this Friday's 6pm Evening Mass. A short vigil at the Place of Gathering will follow after Mass. Presided by Fr Colin Tan.

### OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR BEAUTIFUL CREATURES

Until 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. Contribute to the Community Garden Fund with a love offering for any of the prints on display. Details are on the information poster or contact Mamie at 9298 8088.

Venue: Place of Gathering, Church of St Ignatius.

### GUIDED TOUR OF THE BIBLE 2019

By popular demand the Guided Tour of the Bible is back! The 2019 GTB begins from 4 July. Thursday evenings, with a few sessions on Monday nights, 8pm to 10pm, until 24 October. Conducted by Sundaresh Menon in the Main Church, the tour starts with Genesis and ends with the Book of the Revelations. No prior knowledge of the Bible is expected or required. The journey takes you through the story of salvation in a simple and systematic way, while giving you an introduction to several important theological themes and highlighting the amazing unity between the Old and the New Testament. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2019GT>. Email inquires to [gtb.stign@gmail.com](mailto:gtb.stign@gmail.com)

### 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. Every 2nd Sunday of the month, 2.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. Register with Lily at 9680 8306.

### 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).

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

The Wednesday Bible Study's talk on Restorative Practices (RP) allows you an opportunity to experience the use of RP in building effective relationships and managing conflicts. Bullying or conflicts often have punitive or permissive results. This introductory RP session by certified trainers shows the way to build relationships and repair harm where needed. Activities include talking, learning, listening, support, peace, celebration, re-entry. Register with Viv (9785 2268) or Jo (8183 2273). Wednesday 29 May, 9:45am - 11:45am, at Annexe Hall.

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday 29 June, 9.30am to 3.00pm, and Sunday 30 June, 9.30am to 1.00pm, at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund. Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition. NO bulky furniture, outmoded machines, TV and printers, video and cassette tapes, and text books. Place your donations by Wednesday 19 June at the drop-off outside Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY AND CER FELLOWSHIP

"I am the God who healeth thee, I am the Lord your Healer; I sent my Word and healed your disease, I am the Lord your Healer." CRC and CER Fellowship invite all parishioners including former CER Retreatants to a Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration. This Wednesday 15 May at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner begins at 7.30pm and the session ends at 9.30pm.

## 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](mailto: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



Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

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Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager



# Like a Mustard Seed

Zech 4:10 says, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin."

**F**rom small beginnings ... this was exactly how My Rosary Ministry started in October 2017.

A small and simple wish of a young lady to give thanks to God for all the goodness and grace she had received, she decided to give away 30 handcrafted one-decade rosaries through her facebook account.

The response was overwhelming and she received more than 300 requests.

My Rosary Ministry was conceived to support the requests and continue to witness the desires of many who seek to know and return to God through the Rosary prayers.

Our small and simple wish is to bless those who have been away from prayers back to the faith through the Rosary. We are grateful for God's grace, like a mustard seed, we grew steadily with more coming Home, and more starting to pray the rosary. To date, we have gifted more than 2,200 one-decade rosaries and supported close to 400 full rosaries in missions. Each rosary is handcrafted by volunteers and given away at NO cost. We thank God for his provision and the support of the community to fund this ministry.

In reaching out to more, My Rosary Ministry conducts rosary making workshops in parishes and communities at NO cost. We hope to spread this craft of love to inspire and build prayerful communities and devotion to Mother Mary.

We are at the Church of St Ignatius for



*"The Rosary is the Bible on Beads ... connecting our hearts through Mary to Jesus ..."*  
My Rosary Ministry

Learn to make simple yet beautiful one decade rosary. No tools needed and can be completed in 10 minutes. Great for children, adults and seniors. Pop by our booth to purchase the Rosary Making kit for \$5. If you are unable to come our booth, drop us a message @ facebook My Rosary Ministry or [www.myrosaryministry.com](http://www.myrosaryministry.com) to purchase your kit and we will mail it to you!!

a rosary making workshop with rosaries, rosary bracelets and parts to make a rosary (beads and crucifixes) on Saturday 11 May, 3pm to 4.30pm at the La Storta Room. There is also a fundraising booth at the Place of Gathering on Saturday 5pm to 7.30pm and Sunday 12 May, 9am to 1.30pm. \*May Special - handcraft your own rosary or one for your Mother!

If you wish to join this ministry as a volunteer, come and have a chat with us to find out more.

JENANN TAN-NG

PHOTOS OF THE ROSARY CLASS: ANGELA KURNADI

## JESUIT NEWS

### HOW TO CHANGE WHEN YOU CAN'T CHANGE

How to deal with change? Why does science say it takes 2 months to change a destructive habit? How can it take less? This weekend retreat will look at what the Gospel and science say about what helps those who change successfully.

Date: Friday 31 May (7:30pm) to Sunday 2 June (5pm)

Facilitator: Fr Matthew Linn, SJ

Contribution: \$270 (non-AC), \$330 (AC)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/linn19>

**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

### ACTS MISSION TRIPS 2019

Considering a mission trip as a part of your Christmas preparations?

ACTS Missions to Cambodia, Myanmar and the Philippines are now open for registration.

Information & Registration: ACTS Singapore

**CANA** invites you to an afternoon of comedy – good laughs, good food, good company. **FINDING GOD IN LAUGHTER** features our own **KEITH NEUBRONNER** - if you haven't met him, meet him now 'cos he will come and go real fast! Then meet **VICKI QUADE** coming to us from Chicago. Vicki has played at Broadway and is known for her religious comedies! They say she is "Holy Impressive!" Those who like to laugh, join us, those needing a good laugh, lagi join us!

Dates: 1 or 2 June 2019, SFX

Training Centre (Seminary/CTIS premises), 1.15 - 4.45pm, \$50 (\$45 if you book before 15 May) - includes tea of course. [www.canacatholiccentre.com](http://www.canacatholiccentre.com) or [canaevents2019@gmail.com](mailto:canaevents2019@gmail.com) or 91768909/63384080

### JESUS MARY RALLY 2019

Date: 25 May

Time: 2pm - 8pm

Venue: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 24 Highland Rd

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation, The Legion of Mary, Gloria Patri Ministries, and IHM  
Come and encounter Jesus Christ through Mary our Mother.

Program includes Talks, the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Celebration, and Consecration to Our Lady.

Speaker: Rev Fr Simon Pereira, CSsR  
Register at [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

### 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](http://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