



The Rock of Faith and Love

“Christ’s Church is, above all, the spiritual temple where every Christian knows he has his place: he knows he has it, and he is aware of his duty to keep it with honor, dignity, and grace.” Pope John XXIII

A word of honour, said and not kept, is like sand washed up on the seashore. How often it is that a friendship is lost when trust is broken and words are not kept with promises made so flippantly and regretfully. Or a contract or a relationship is jeopardised when trust is undermined and confidence broken.

If anything is true, how do Christians today stand up to the technological tide of social media washing up falsehood on our beaches? Many have found it hard to walk on this shifting ground of misinformation and broken coral shell of lies and half-truths. Unfortunately, some tripped and fell on them. Sadly they are the unsuspecting victims of online scams, Multi Level Marketing (MLM) schemes, ponzi style investments and hogwash of

social and political propaganda.

Jesus invites us to reflect on his words of wisdom — “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word.” Indeed, to love is to keep one’s word and obey the words of Jesus who has made a home in us and we are, similarly, asked to be at home with him. This is the familiarity with which Jesus, Our Lord invites us to enter into — a friendship with him. If there is an image we can cultivate, it is that of being a friend with Jesus. He is that friend whom we can depend on — in whom we can trust and believe and even stake our lives as he has laid down his life for us.

During a conversation I had recently, an articulate young man said that “religion is the opiate of the masses/people” as found in the communist

manifesto. He had indicated that many people are uncritical in their thinking and beliefs, and accept everything that is given to them without a rational critique if it’s true or not — be it about government policies or other current political discourse. I took issue with him on this statement and said that the statement itself should be subject to critique. The idea that religion is a drug, like opium to numb the senses or a painkiller is false. Having a religion does not take away our share of pain nor make us hallucinate them away. The more subtle point being that having faith as in Christianity, gives us strength to confront the pains, problems and poverty of this world with greater courage and prudence. We do not run away from them.

What is my response in the face of evil, of injustice, of suffering and of death? Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms that we should remain serene and calm. “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” These words of assurance from Jesus, are like enormous granite rocks that remain unfazed by the waves stirred up by a passing ship and hurling themselves at them. Honour, dignity and grace are all that it takes to remain **steadfast in faith and constant in the love of Christ our Lord**. Anything less, like the sand on the shores, will be washed away by the sea.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

Car Free Weekend



In line with our Loving the World focus and World Environment Day on Wednesday 5 June, the PPC Exco is encouraging parishioners to go car free for next weekend's masses on Saturday 1, and Sunday, 2 June. Consider carpooling with your neighbours and friends or taking public transport. Those who live in the King's Road vicinity could walk to church. Let's all do our bit towards protecting our environment and reducing our carbon footprint.

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 29 May, Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
Thursday 30 May, Masses at 7.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm

COLLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Collections taken at all masses next weekend will go to support our Archdiocese Media Apostolate.

The SECOND COLLECTION will be for the poor.

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 the daily 7.00am Mass, and before 6.00pm and Saturday Sunset Masses, from 5.15pm to 5.45pm. Friday 31 May is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ROHINGYA REFUGEE UPDATE

In 2018, our church raised funds for the Rohingya refugees. Caritas Bangladesh will update the parish on the refugee situation at Cox's Bazar on Thursday 30 May, 7.30pm at St Ignatius Hall. Email Karen of JRS Singapore at contact@jrsg.org to register.

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, 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/2019GTB> or Email inquires to gtb.stign@gmail.com

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 9 June at 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday, 2 June 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms available at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Audrey Hwang (8128 8613) or Valerie (9189 3770) & Gerard Lee (9677 0078).

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Please note that this weekend will be the final session for Term 2. There will be NO CATECHETICAL SESSIONS over the June Mid-year School break. Sessions resume on Saturday 6 July/Sunday 7 July. We wish all our catechists, facilitators, parent volunteers, youths and children a blessed holiday.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD for Children during 8.15am and 10.15am masses will be on a midyear break for the month of June. This Sunday is the final session of the term. We will be back in July.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2019/2020

Begins 6 August (every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm). Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors.

RCIA sponsors' and facilitators' briefing and training: every Tuesday from 9 July, 8.00pm. Enrolment forms for Inquirers and Sponsors at the Place of Gathering and website. Contact Teddy (9745 8313) or Angela (6466 0625).

SPONSORS



INQUIRERS



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTHS (RCIY) 2019/2020

Invite non-Catholic friends and family aged 17-24 years to RCIY and share the joy of the faith today.

- * Welcome tea and info session on Saturday 6 July, 4-6pm
- * Introductory Sessions on Saturdays 13, 20, 27 July
- * Subsequent sessions every Tuesday from 6 August, 8.00pm

Contact: Aaron (8228 3419) or Debbie (9817 2118) Email: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com Website: tinyurl.com/stiggysrciy

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." All are welcome to an extended Praise & Worship session in giving praise and glorifying our God. This Wednesday 29 May, at St Ignatius Hall. Light fellowship begins at 7.30pm and the session ends at 9.30pm.

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.

Laudato Si': Care for Creation
Bring your own shopping bags to reduce the use of plastic. We now know how dangerous plastic is to the environment.



OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR BEAUTIFUL CREATURES

Come view our beautiful Kingsmead Tree, the Chalice Vine, the Coastal Glider, Hummingbirds and more. This photo exhibition celebrates all that God has created. Support the community garden fund with a love offering for any of the prints on display. Scan QR code to order. Organised by the Green Movement Ministry. Venue: Place of Gathering. Until 10 June.



An Encounter with Jesus

We all want to be loved by God and need His support to face the world, as did the apostles in the upper room before Pentecost. *Michael Liew* shares his journey to find God and how the Holy Spirit guided him to experience God's love.

I was baptized at birth and raised on Christian values. However, by adulthood, the attractions of the secular world had exerted their grip on me. My spiritual life was limited to Sunday mass and the occasional prayer when I needed help. Two years ago, I found myself worn out from being "thirsty" and wanted a bit of the water that Jesus had promised the Samaritan woman at the well. But I felt so unworthy and did not know where to start to find the Lord.

I committed myself to reading the Word of God daily and soon realized to my amazement that the Holy Spirit was actively leading me through my Bible readings. What I needed to do was open my heart and mind and surrender to the Spirit's promptings. I signed up for the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS) in 2018, conducted by the Charismatic Renewal Community. I began to experience a renewal into a new life. I started to walk in the current of God's grace with the support of the community.

This led me to attend a Healing and Deliverance retreat by Fr Elias Vella, OFM. During adoration, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, I called out to Jesus, pleading for His grace, as I was



All are welcome to **2019 ARISE**
(A Renewal in the Spirit
Experience), a LISS conducted
by CRC. Every Wednesday
from 10 July to 18 September,
7.30pm to 9.30pm, and
Saturday 17 August, 9.30am to
5.00pm, at St Ignatius Hall.
Sign up via QR code.



still feeling burdened. What happened to me next was the most incredible thing I have ever experienced in all my life. I encountered Jesus in a vision, asking me to come to Him. I was calling out to him, "Lord, I am burdened, heavy-hearted and not worthy." In my mind's eye, the Lord opened his arms and embraced me, saying, "It is okay, I love you." Till today, I can vividly recall His irresistible smile as He said to me, "Everything passes away, but my love and the Kingdom of God will never pass away."

"Put on the armour of God; keep going and doing what you are doing. In the weeks after, as I pondered on the veracity of my encounter, I came to the realization that I had been blessed with an assurance from Jesus that He loved me, in spite of my shortcomings, and His guidance from Scripture on how to go about my spiritual journey. My testimony is that Jesus really, truly loves us, as imperfect, flawed and sinful as we may be. I share my encounter with you to bear witness to the Lord's message that the Kingdom of God is open to every one of us. It is my prayer that you too, will find your renewal in the Holy Spirit and personally experience God's forgiveness and love.



NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1 – ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Tuesday 4 June, Rm Sh-02-F

Programme: *Symbolon: Episode 7 A Love That Lasts*
Discovering Authentic Love

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 6 June. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

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

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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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