



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

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To Be One

“Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you.”

The final part of Jesus’ prayer at the end of the Last Supper shows a great intimacy between him and God the Father, an intimacy that he not only demonstrates but also wants to share with every single one of us. There is a feeling of a deepening intimacy that Jesus shares with his disciples who went from being on mission together, preaching and healing, to truly being one with each other, united in mind and heart because of the bond of love that came first from the Father to the Son. It’s an intimacy that Jesus wants to share with us, which requires a response of obedience and faith that too is born out of the love that we feel and the love that we seek to share.

To be one with the Father and the Son points to the hope that they have for all of us to be fully united with them, with the Trinity. The Holy Trinity shows us what perfect unity is and that is the model to which we move towards. On a more concrete level, to be one also points to us being more united as a faith community, joined by our firm belief in the love that the Lord has shown us through his passion, death and resurrection. The first and most important step in this movement towards unity is one’s personal act of faith, an act of faith that St Stephen so courageously showed in the first reading in his testimony to the reality of the glory of God. While not all of us may be called to testify in such extreme circumstances, we’re all called to make

this act of faith in our own context. Being united with our community is probably the next important thing that we have to nurture in our life of faith — as the community is the surest sign of our communion with God and with each other. We’re exhorted to be one with the Father and the Son through our life of communion with one another.

The unity and communion that develops among us is not an inward-looking unity for its own sake, but forms part of the missionary nature of our faith. The prayer for us to be “completely one” is so that the world can recognise the immense love that exists within the Trinity and among us. Our unity becomes an efficacious sign of this love and the basis for our ability to testify to this love to everyone around. As the lyrics to a popular hymn goes, “And they’ll know that we are Christians by our love”, we proclaim the love that we have received from Jesus through our loving of each other. It starts simply at home and in our immediate communities, doing small things to help each other, to make the lives of our sisters and brothers more joyful and pleasant. It is these small acts of love that strengthen the bonds among us so that others, the world, can look to us as beacons of the love and unity that Jesus prayed for us to have.

The unity **to be one** that extends beyond our own smaller communities is even more important in the current global climate of divisiveness. It might seem somewhat simplistic to assume

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Psalm 46:10



Come join us for a series of
3 Friday Eucharistic Devotions.

**More information on the parish
website and notice boards**

that our little attempts to build our smaller faith communities can help in the broader global context, but one should also remember that the small communities that were united in the first centuries of the Church grew to become the Church that we know today. With our experience of love and unity within our community, we’re well placed to share this message of love to others in our schools, workplaces, areas of recreation, everywhere. Just as we will see how the disciples will be sent out from their united community at Pentecost to proclaim the Word to the world, so are we called to proclaim the message of unity and love to ours. The world is in need of unity and we have the key to bring this unity to the world, one loving action at a time.

DCN STANLEY GOH, SJ

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PARISH NEWS

JUNE – MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST

As a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist during the month of June, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses, 5.20pm – 5.50pm.

Our parish office is closed on **HARI RAYA PUASA** public holiday, Wednesday 5 June. Daily 7am and 6pm Masses are as usual.

The **JESUIT PRIESTS** are away for a break from Monday to Friday, 3rd – 7th of June. If you need a priest urgently, kindly contact the near-by parishes.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday 7 June, 8.00pm

Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF PRIESTLY LIFE

The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins on Thursday 20 and ends on Friday 28 June, at the 6.00pm Mass, concelebrated by Jesuits that includes the memorial and renewal of families to the consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

During this same period, the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary for the sanctification of priests will be recited after the daily 7.00am Mass, and before all 6.00pm Masses at 5.15pm.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) AT ST IGNATIUS

Sojourners' Companions invites all to the St Ignatius parish retreat. An easy, mini retreat amidst your daily routine. Taster afternoon: Saturday 6 July, 9.30am – 12.00pm, at St Ignatius Hall.

Daily (Monday to Friday): Half hour, at your convenience, with one-to-one prayer guide.

Closing: Saturday 13 July, 9.30am – 12.00pm

Sign up forms from the parish office.

Email: wogp@sojourners.sg/Register: www.sojourners.sg
Enquires: wogp@sojourners.sg or call Suzanne Leong at 9697 7800

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

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, 8pm

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

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

There is no prayer meeting this Wednesday 5 June. Our community will be back the following Wednesday 12 June.

ARISE (A Renewal in the Spirit Experience) is from 10 July to 18 September. You may sign up here.



CER FELLOWSHIP

ballot team is at the Place of Gathering to explain the Ballot for the upcoming August CER 66 Conversion Experience Retreat (CER) No 66, which is from Wednesday 31 July to Sunday 4 August. The Ballot is next Saturday 8 June.

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.

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.




Laudato Si': Care for Creation
Shop eco-friendly. Look out for environmentally friendly products that are good for you and the planet. 

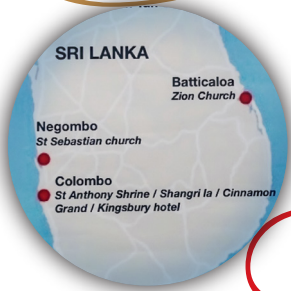
MEMORIAL SERVICE

An Act of



Love

Mercy



The Sri Lankan Catholic community of Singapore came together with our parishioners to remember and pray on 17 May for the victims and families of the Easter Sunday Bombing in Sri Lanka.

The day was Easter Sunday, the most holy day in the calendar of Christians when our Lord rose from the dead to give hope for the future and fortify the power of good over evil. On 21 April, in Sri Lanka, Catholic families were getting ready in their Easter best to attend morning mass to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. At around 8.45am, extremists targeted 3 packed churches and 3 luxury hotels in the commercial capital Colombo with suicide bombs taking the lives of 259 Sri Lankans and foreigners. Since the end of the ethnic conflicts in 2009, Sri Lanka has enjoyed peace, and tourism has flourished with Sri Lanka touted as the best tourist destination for 2019.

Three weeks after this devastating event in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan Catholic community in Singapore paid tribute to the innocent victims of the Easter Sunday bombing by organizing a solemn memorial service at St Ignitions church. The celebration was led by parish priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, and con-celebrated with Fr Julian Roy, who shepherds the migrant Sri Lankan community in Singapore. With over 200 attending the service, we were reminded during the holy word of

God that we should not let our hearts be troubled and to trust in God. Sri Lanka has shown mercy towards the perpetrators and has been supporting each other during this agonizing period. In his homily Fr Colin said that we are all part of one body and that we are always under attack from those who try to create havoc or evil deeds. He emphasised that the power of good will always triumph over evil, and power of love will always overcome hate. When we are devastated by destruction we cannot give into hopelessness. As people of faith, we should always offer what Fr Colin calls "Spiritual First Aid".

After Mass, Angelo Perera shared how the Singapore community grieved with family and friends living in Sri Lanka. To know the fate of loved ones and to be assured of their safety was paramount in the minds of all. Angelo emphasized the importance to instill Respect, Love and Leadership in the community to overcome such devastation in future. Fr Colin invited the congregation to light 259 candles with each candle representing each victim. In the background, a beautiful composition of songs by the old boys choir of St Joseph's College, a Catholic school in Colombo Sri Lanka

made it difficult to keep a dry eye. Lovely hymns were selected for the reflections service, led by Hans Avinder and Anne Kingsley. The Sri Lankan community is thankful to Marianne Page for organizing this beautiful service to remember the victims and families in Sri Lanka.

Among those who perished were children, men and women, and it would have been easy for people to lash out with rage and revenge. However, amid the heart-wrenching scenes in Sri Lanka, we were proud to witness acts of mercy and respect shown to fellow brothers and sisters. Leaders from other religions flocked into churches to dispel the tension and to comfort the community. Places of worship of other religions were graciously offered to Catholics for services. Patience, love and respect prevailed, bringing about reconciliation. The void created by the loss of a loved one will never be filled. However, Sri Lanka is determined to heal these deep wounds and to rise again as a humanitarian nation. Your thoughts, prayers and support are needed to build Sri Lanka back to its glory and to bring smiles to the people of this lovely nation. May the risen Lord bless Sri Lanka and bring peace and harmony to the communities.

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

thean@gmail.com
Programme: Gospel of Matthew by
Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 20 June, #02 SH-F
Programme: 1) Daily Word of God
2) Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively
Virtues (DVD). Rev. Robert E. Barron

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 6 June. Contact: lennard.

JESUIT NEWS

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for more information. You may also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

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

BROADWAY COMES TO TOWN!

Canas invites you to the presentation of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles by Broadway actor, Bruce Kuhn. Bruce was in Singapore a few years ago and played to packed audiences – he's back with the same fervour, same passion for spreading the good news of Luke and Acts. Church of the Transfiguration 13 June, 8pm. St Mary of the Angels 15 June, 2pm. Tickets at \$15 – www.canacatholiccentre.com or email canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 6338 4080/9176 8909.

KICKSTART An overnight Combined University Freshmen Gathering, is the place to meet fellow Catholic students. The Office for Young People invites students entering NUS, NTU, SMU, SIM, JCU, SUTD, SIT, Yale-NUS, or other local and overseas universities for a time of worship, fellowship and encounter.

Date: Saturday 22 June, 10am, to Sunday 23 June, 6pm

Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449

Cost: \$10; Signing up: <http://oyp.org.sg/kickstart2019>

Write to ryan.oyp@catholic.org.sg for clarification.

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