



Mission, Possible

The word “mission” conjures up many vivid images for many – of missionaries making arduous journeys to spread the Gospel; of crowds thronging remote churches to celebrate the Eucharist together; of the rapt attention of people listening to the Word being proclaimed and broken. Mission means much to us, but I wonder if anyone else also sometimes hears the theme from TV series and film *Mission Impossible* when one hears the word “mission”. The thing I remember most about the series was how the main character would receive instructions for his mission on a tape or other device that would later state, “This message will self-destruct in 5 seconds”. The message would burn or explode, leaving no trace of it ever being given. This is probably good for secret agents to keep their missions secret and was a great plot device for the show as well. However, it’s quite far from the kind of mission that we’re called to and provides an interesting counterpoint to examine how the Lord actually calls us to be on mission.

The messages that *Mission Impossible* agents receive are from an anonymous superior and the messages themselves are destroyed very quickly after reception. The anonymity of the sender points to a certain distance that exists between the one who sends and the one who goes on mission. It’s very different when Jesus called and sent his disciples. Not only did he call each by name, he also sent them only after having built up a strong relationship of faith and trust in them, giving them the confidence to go out on this mission to spread the good news of the Kingdom to people who might not be so receptive. Unlike self-destructing messages, his message remains and there’s also a tacit hint of his

continuing presence with them even as they go out on this initial mission.

The disciples were asked to be agents of peace, bringing peace to the houses that they visit. While it’s somewhat disingenuous to try to compare the peace-bringing disciples to the secret agents in action movies or TV shows that usually portray a certain amount of violence, I believe the mission that the disciples received is crucial for our time. There was a great need for peace and reconciliation during the time of Jesus and this need is all the greater in our current age. The difficulty in trying to bring peace in our fractured world where aggression is still prized is that the peace-makers will indeed end up being like “lamb among wolves”, the odd ones out who reject even the little acts of violence around them only to become persecuted themselves. Again, the presence of the Lord and his confidence in their ability to fulfil this mission must have been a great boost to them that allowed them to go out to become agents of peace.

The final difference is the feeling that one gets when the mission is accomplished. In the TV shows and movies, the successful completion of the mission is often greeted with relief and sometimes a pat on the back of a job well done. It was quite different for the disciples who returned from the mission – they came back rejoicing, echoing the response from today’s psalm, “Cry out with joy to God, all the earth”. The disciples rejoiced because they were sent on mission to bring the good news to everyone around, and difficult as it might have been, the sense of purpose that came from their faith in the good news and the relationship with the Lord would have made even the most difficult experiences on mission joyful. And this is what we’re



This third quarter, we focus on the theme:

LOVING OUR CHURCH

In St Ignatius of Loyola's formulation, *Sentire Cum Ecclesia* —
Thinking and Feeling with the Church
This church with which we should be thinking and feeling is the home of all, not a small chapel that can only hold a small group of select people.

Pope Francis

all called to be, joyful disciples of the Lord on mission, showing the world that it’s not success or praise that gives fulfilment. but joy in doing the will of the Lord in our daily lives.

Nurturing our relationship with the Lord lies at the heart of our ability to be good disciples and good bearers of the Word. The faith that allows one to overcome the difficulties on mission does not come from our own power, but stems from our relationship with the Lord and our openness to receive the grace of being one of the disciples. Through prayer, the sacraments and increasing familiarity with the Word of God, we too can develop this relationship on a daily basis. Challenging as the call to spread the good news can be, if we’re grounded in our relationship with the Lord and can find joy in bringing peace to our world that is so in need of it, then what we have is actually Mission Possible.

DCN STANLEY GOH, SJ

PARISH NEWS

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

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

Begins 6 August (every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm). Introduce friends and 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).

OPENING MY GIFTS

The Open Studio welcomes all adults, 21 years and above, to express your love for Scripture through art. The theme: Opening My Gifts.

Location: Open Studio @ St Ignatius, room #01-09
Date/Time: 6 weekly Fridays (19 July - 30 August), 9.00 am to 12 noon

Sessions, though linked by a theme, are also independent, so you may attend all or any of the sessions. Art materials are provided and no art experience is required. A love offering will be collected for each session. Participants may also register on the day of the session. Contact Anne at anne.eighteen@gmail.com for enquiries.
Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/E2CZMK6bMromjrn2>

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The church has appointed a new security company to handle our traffic along King's Road on Sundays. The new traffic wardens will wear body cameras during their duties to protect all parties from possible abuse and avoid misunderstandings. For the safety of all concerned, please cooperate with their directions.

THANK YOU FROM ITE STUDENTS

ITE students from MORNING STARS COMMUNITY SERVICES would like to thank our parishioners for the generous support shown during last weekend's fundraising at our church. The total amount of \$7210.60 raised will support their CareNights programme for children of families in need.

RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Moira Khaw Phaik Geok - 57 years old
Departed: 28 June 2019

Come join our Parish Community in Celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

BIBLE SUNDAY

Celebrate the Word of God on Bible Sunday weekend 13-14 July at the Place of Gathering. Join one of our parish's many bible study groups to grow in your faith. Shop for bibles and other Scripture-related gifts for family and friends. Reflect on the gift of God's Word and how we can show our appreciation for our Church at the Loving Our Church mural.

FINDING GOD IN COMEDY

Monday 15 July, 8pm to 9.15pm, St Ignatius Hall

A fun-raising, stress-reducing and sorrow-eliminating evening featuring two stand-up acts from our parish: debutant Trevor Lum will open for headliner Keith Neubronner. This is Keith's farewell gift to the parish before joining the Jesuit novitiate. Love offerings will go to the Hai Sing Catholic School Building Fund. Drinks and light snacks will be available for purchase.

IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Saturday 20 July, 7.45pm to 10pm

Movie screening of Ignacio de Loyola with Introduction of the Ignatian themes in the movie by Fr Greg Tan, and a brief explanation of the Examen by Fr Colin Tan.

FEAST DAY TRIDUUM

Tuesday 23 July to Thursday 25 July, 7.45pm-9.45pm, main church

Facilitator: Pham Hung, SJ

DAY 1: Creating space for encounter with the Divine

DAY 2: Creating space for reconciliation with God, with others, and with oneself

DAY 3: Creating space for discipleship with Jesus Christ

FEAST DAY FARMERS MARKET & AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 27 July 3.00pm to 5.00pm, Sacred Heart Hall Canteen

Celebrate our Feast Day over afternoon tea, with home made sweets and savouries. Bring home herbs, organic fruits and vegetables, and plants to 'green' your homes.

Organised by the Gardening Group, Green Movement Ministry.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Saturday 27 July, 8pm to 10.30pm, main church

Feast Day Christian Music Festival, in aid of Hai Sing Catholic School Building Fund.

All are invited to an evening of song showcasing St Ignatius' young talent and choirs, featuring Ollie Lim, Joseph Tan and Stuart Lee, Genevieve Toh, Kenneth Ngo, the Family Choir and SDG. Wine and light bites will be served after the concert.

For logistics and planning purposes, you need to register online: <https://tinyurl.com/Mfes2019>

FEAST DAY MASS

Sunday 28 July 12.15pm, main church

Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh

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

ARISE: An Appointment with God



ARISE is on every Wednesday beginning 10 July until 18 September, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St. Ignatius Hall. A light meal is provided. To register, scan the QR code or contact Adrian at 9677 8980 or Theresa at 8118 4737

A Renewal In The Spirit Experience (ARISE) is a programme that encourages you to experience the love of our Trinitarian God with help from the Holy Spirit. As Jesus instructed:

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." John 14:25-26

Who Should Attend: Open to everyone who is seeking a closer relationship with God, anyone feeling spiritually or emotionally drained, and anyone who would like to pray together in a community. This includes people who had attended LISS, CER or other programmes before and would like a booster shot of the Holy Spirit. Renewal is an ongoing experience and is not limited to a one-time experience. Like cough syrup, turn to Him whenever you feel that there is irritation in your life.

What Can I Expect: Any experience with the Holy Spirit is very personal. God loves us as special individuals and every relationship with Him is special. Some experience immediate transformation while others grow over time. Our Lord loves us and knows what we need even before we ask and so, He knows what is best for us.

Below are some testimonies that may give you a sense of the joy in Encountering God:

Joseph Raj: I am a cradle Catholic and come from a family where my parents were active members of the Church, ... even after I got married to Ingrid, we were much the same, Sunday Church goes. While I thoroughly enjoyed being a Traffic Minister and an ECM and still do, I found that something

was not complete. There was an emptiness within me that I could not understand nor fill no matter how active I became in the Church. One day during Mass, I heard Father talk about the importance of the Holy Spirit and as I listened to him, I realised that while I know who the Holy Spirit was, did I really know the Holy Spirit and his role in my life?

Fr Christopher Soh, who was Parish Priest at that time, led the first session of the LISS. Within 5 to 10 minutes of listening to him speak about "God's Love" and explain the role of the Holy Spirit in our life, I was hooked and every word he spoke made me realise that God was opening His arms to me wider and wider.

Shan Shan: It was during the darkest period of my life 10 years ago, that the Holy Spirit led me to attend LISS to receive His Healing Graces, Love and Transformation. I was overwhelmed by God's Love for me through the facilitators and participants. However, my healing did not occur 100 percent instantly. It had a dramatic start, after which, it came in small steps ... 5, 10 percent. Sometimes it took 3 steps forward and 2 steps back, but God wants us to persevere in faith and to surrender ourselves completely to Jesus, and healing will follow.

Aside from the Sacraments and our Priests, who helped me stay close to our Lord, the Eucharist and Our Blessed Mother are very much the centre of my life, with the Help of the Holy Spirit becoming alive in me and constantly inspiring me. After receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, I realised that I could no longer follow my whims and fancies. I had to follow the Path of Growth with a Strict Instruction: To stay close to Him! And this I did and

God granted me a miracle! After 9 years of praying for my father, he was baptised a Catholic 14 months before he passed on to be with our Lord last year.

Steph & John: As parents, we continue to live out our faith as best as we can, getting involved in various ministries and attending occasional retreats. It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child. Through our relationship with the Lord, we have a "village of saints in heaven", who are helping us guide our children in their daily lives. As typical parents, we try to provide a loving environment for their physical, emotional and spiritual growth, but it is really the Holy Spirit that is actively moulding them into better persons. This is where the mystery of God's love comes in.

Steven: I was brought up surrounded by traditional Chinese religion and ancestral worship beliefs. However, I didn't really feel like a better person after practicing them for 40 years. At 51 years old, I was baptised as a Catholic and began to read the Bible to know more about Jesus Christ. I joined the LISS and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After a few days, during a healing session, I received the Gift of Tongues powerfully.

My perspective of my fellow man had totally changed; from anger, envy, hate and revenge into forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit gave me the strength to forgive others. He also let God's love for His people grow in my heart.

What Will Be Your Story? There is no right or wrong, no story more glorifying than others. God just wants to have a relationship with you. A personal relationship between you and Him. Will you allow God to come into your life?

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A D3- ST JOSE MARIE RUBIO

Wednesday, 17 July, Rm #02-06

Programme: Symbolon Session 7: A Love That Lasts – Discovering Authentic Love

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 18 July. #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 18 July. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

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

Friday & Saturday: 5.40pm

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 Opening Hours

Saturday: 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am to 2.00pm, 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Monday to Friday.

Enquiry: Peter Hong 9749 3702

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.

JESUIT NEWS

THERE AND BACK AGAIN: A RETREAT ON THE HOBBIT, CONVERSION AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien, a masterful account of a journey of growth and maturity, gives insight into our own spiritual life and journey of conversion. By accompanying Bilbo's journey of growth and conversion, and illuminated by Scripture and the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, learn to deepen your own faith journey.

Facilitator: Deacon Stanley Goh, SJ

Dates/Times: Friday 2 August (7.30pm) to Sunday 4 August (4.00pm)

Contribution: \$260 (non-AC), \$300 (AC)

Register by 26 July: tinyurl.com/tab19

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NEW EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE 2019

Date/Time: 27 July, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Venue: PSB Academy @ Marina Square, 6 Raffles Blvd

Organised by Office for the New Evangelisation

Come and find out what evangelisation is, and is not! This conference will equip Catholics with new and innovative ways to tell others about Jesus.

Speakers include Rev Fr Terence Pereira & Rev Fr Gino Henriques, CSsR.

To register visit www.one.org.sg/events

CROSSINGS CAFÉ SPECIAL

To celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius, all parishioners of St Ignatius will enjoy a 15% discount off the food bill (excluding drinks) during the month of July. Please inform the wait staff the name of church when you patronise the Café. Located at the Catholic Centre on Waterloo Street, this is a social enterprise started by a group of Catholics, which provides employment to the disadvantaged and is committed to donating all profits to charity.

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