



The Three Doors of Faith

How often do we see faith at work in our lives? What does it mean to have faith? **To have faith is to hope, to believe and to trust.** My godson's wife was going to give birth to their first son, and the parents were all very worked up, anxious and worried about the decision to induce labour for the delivery. They texted me and expressed their concerns. I texted them and said, "Trust in the Lord's protection and providence."

Thankfully, a healthy boy was born on 16 July, and my godson and his wife became proud parents, and I became the "grand godfather"!

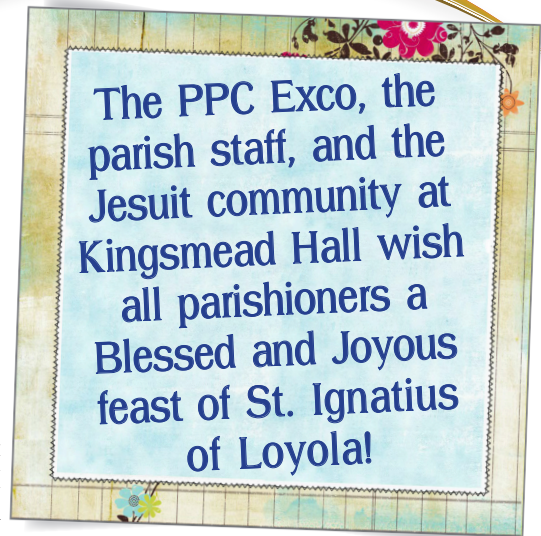
In every situation in life, without exception, Jesus invites us to enter three doors to get what we need to establish a real relationship with him. What are the three doors? The door to ask, the door to seek, and the door to knock. **ASK.**

The door to ask is to hope. Strange as it may be, it takes a lot to ask for what we need. It puts us in a position of dependency and vulnerability. We have to rely on someone else who has something that we don't have. It requires humility, trust and hope to ask. I remember how difficult it is to ask another person for a favour especially if that person is in a position of authority, has power over you, and who has a stern and fierce face that puts people off. More so, if you had crossed that person before and the embers of fear are still fresh on your mind. Faith, in such a scenario, is

to overcome all these obstacles and just ask! The most you get is a "No." Once, I was in Micronesia working in the school run by the Jesuits and I was trying to use the computer in the Director's Office. It was the only computer available then and I was trying to access it, but was not successful as it was protected by a password. Suddenly, the Director appeared and he said, "What are you doing?" I sheepishly said, "Using the computer, but it's not working." He raised his voice and said, "Why didn't you ask?" I learned my lesson that day – **never be afraid to ask!** No matter who you have to deal with. You hope for the best.

The door to seek is to believe. Each day we go out looking for something to do and something to accomplish. We seek to be richer, to be happier and to be satisfied. We go out empty and we hope to bring something back in our basket for the family, for the work and for our self. What we seek, often we will find. It is like a mother who is desperate to look for a cure for her child who is ill. She will not stop seeking out any doctor who can help her. It is not always only the best doctor who can cure her child, but the one who can cure her child, that is the best doctor. She will say to the doctor, "I believe you can help me and can cure my daughter." Indeed, we believe that God will provide for all that we need.

The door to knock is to trust. If we only have one choice, on which door do we knock? Fortunately, God allows



us more than one choice to knock and when we knock, the door will be opened to us. If the door is shut as sometimes it happens, then that is not meant for us. When it is open we know that we are welcomed and wanted. God trusts that you will make the right choice in faith and for our wellbeing, as God will see to what works best for us. Even if God shuts the door, he will always open the window for us!

In all these aspects of entering into the door of faith, we encounter a God who loves us so that we have a deeper understanding of God's presence in our lives. Let us have faith in God to work in us, in spite of all our foibles and weaknesses.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius, let us remember that God is the one working for, through and in spite of us to make us look always good, even when we are shot through with holes in our pockets and smelly singlets beneath our beautiful jackets. The lesson learned is that we are sinners loved by God even when we have no credit to our name. He is the door-keeper who opens the door when we **ASK.** Happy Feast of St Ignatius to all of you!

FR COLINTAN, SJ

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

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PARISH NEWS

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next weekend.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2018 is posted on the notice board for your viewing.

DONATION FOR WALKWAY PROJECT

It's been 15 years since our church was rebuilt. Through the years, the needs of our parish community have evolved. We are now raising funds to ensure accessibility and shelter for all from the main church to Sacred Heart Hall behind. Total cost for all A&A (Additions & Alterations) works will be in excess of \$650,000. Donation envelopes will be distributed at all masses starting from August. Your contribution can be dropped into the collection during offertory at any Mass. All donations will be much appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday 2 August, 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.

The **STATUE OF MOTHER MARY** will be removed for restoration from next week.

THEMATIC MASSES

Next weekend Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August.

Saturday, 6.00pm – Family Mass

Sunday, 8.15am – Children's Mass

Sunday, 12.15pm – Youth Mass

We want to encourage greater participation of children, youths and families so that they can take ownership of the Mass, and together make all feel at home in St Ignatius Church. Please make a special effort to join us.

CALL FOR COLLECTORS

The Hospitality Ministry needs volunteer collectors for 8.15am and 10.15am weekend Masses and weekday evening Masses on Days of Obligation. You may sign up with team leaders after Mass this weekend, at the Place of Gathering or sign up at the church office during weekday office hours.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION WITH FR VICTOR CANCINO, SJ

Discover how Herod can help you enter the Kingdom of God at a day of scriptural reflection with Fr Victor Cancino, SJ. Saturday 3 August, 9am to 3pm at the Annexe Hall. Free. Register at <https://form.jotform.me/BibleApostolate/batstig-3-aug-registration>

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Date/Time: Saturday, 3 August, 9.00am to 12.30pm

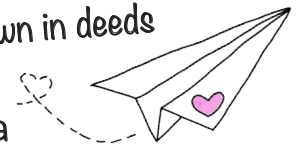
Location: Annexe building, Attic

What is worship? Do I have an authentic posture of worship? How do I worship? Presented by Genevieve Toh, singer, songwriter and long-time music minister in our

Love Note

“Love ought to be shown in deeds more than in words.”

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



Parish, this seminar will present surprising, practical and revelatory insights on God's command for us to worship. In the face of a multitude of challenges in our daily lives, worship in music can serve as a powerful and effective way to place it all before Jesus.

ARISE! (A Renewal In the Spirit Experience) – Week 3

This Wednesday 31 July, ARISE! – week 3 will focus on New Life & Transformation. Begins 7.30pm at St Ignatius Hall until 9.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 11 August at 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend the briefing next Sunday 4 August, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Stephanie (9116 6898) & John Ng (9677 3632) or Ava (9618 0012) & Gerald Teo (9674 6820).

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. Introductory sessions: Saturdays 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

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. Enrolment forms for Inquirers and Sponsors at the Place of Gathering and church website. Contact Teddy (9745 8313)/Angela (6466 0625).

CCD 2019 – 2020 REGISTRATION

CCD is a faith formation program/catechism classes for international schools' students aged 6 to 13 years old. Weekly Grade 1 through grade 7 classes are on Tuesday or Thursday, 4 – 5pm. Confirmation classes are on Sunday, 3.30-5pm. Begins September until the end of May 2020. Registration must be done ONLINE at www.stignatius.org.sg. Online registration opens on 1 August until 31 August. All students (new and returning) have to register online. After submitting the online registration form, please mail the required documents and fees to the Church office. For the sacraments of First Holy Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 8), a hard copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required. Want to share your faith and get more involved? Volunteer to teach or assist in the CCD ministry. To find out more, contact Lourdes Samson at ccdstignatius@gmail.com

As we celebrate our Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola this weekend, two brothers, one of whom is far from home in boarding school, reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish family.



I have been blessed to grow up in this parish. I have always felt like I am entering my second home when I come to St Ignatius. When I received my first Holy Communion at 8 years of age and became an altar boy, that was my proudest moment. I was so excited to serve!

I remember waking up very early one morning to serve at the 5am Mass, which took place after the overnight 1st Friday vigil.

I also feel the great support and love of the community at St Ignatius. One memory I will always treasure is the support given to me and my family by the priests and the community during my grandpa's wake.

Now that I am away in boarding school, I always look forward to coming home to see my family and to serve as an altar boy during my school break.

The welcoming smiles, the warmth and love shown by the priests and parishioners are some things I always take back with me when I return to school in Brisbane.

As I am writing this reflection at my school, I wish everyone a blessed and happy Feast Day.



LEON SIMONETTI

At St Ignatius Church, I always feel welcomed. Every time a parishioner simply says, "Hi!" to me, it feels very warm and inviting. The friendly interaction among the people makes being at church feel like home.

In our church, there are many ministries and initiatives which bond relationships among parishioners and the many families. An event that is very meaningful to me is participating in the Thematic Family Mass, where as a family we contribute to proclaim the Word of God and to bring up the offertory. I was grateful to the Lectors who took time out of their own schedule to coach my brother and I on how to understand the readings and deliver them with impact. In this way, the lectors helped to make the readings become personal to me.

Our parish is always ready to welcome new people into the various groups, which further strengthens the community spirit. I remember when I first joined the Family Choir how at ease they made me feel. Choir rehearsals, Christmas and Easter gatherings, and choir camps are always filled with joy, making these occasions really family-like. I was touched during my PSLE exam last year when they were all praying for me.

I feel blessed to be part of such an inclusive parish.



SHAWN SIMONETTI

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 1 August. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com
Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 15 August, #02 SH-F
Programme: 1) Daily Word of God
2) Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues (DVD) by Rev Robert E. Barron

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: <http://tinyurl.com/tab19>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS (JESUITS)

The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) was founded in 1540 by a group of companions under the leadership of St Ignatius of Loyola. Within 100 years, the impact of the Jesuits was felt in the furthest corners of then Euro-centrist world, as far as Japan and China.

This series of talks by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ, presents a survey of the major events and characters that have shaped the historical landscape of that era.

Dates/Time: Thursday, 22 and 29 August, 5 and 19 September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Registration: canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 6338 4048

Organised by Cana the Catholic Centre. Love offerings will be collected.

WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

Returned! An evening of testimonies by Catholics who have returned and strengthened their faith with the help of Landings is on Friday, 23 August at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. You will hear stories of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Dz549P>

Look out for the next Landings:

Cathedral of the Good Shepard, (Fridays) 13 September – 29 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, (Mondays) 16 September – 2 December, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes 25 August. Email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

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)

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 pastoral help is needed for a parishioner who is homebound or hospitalised (regardless of which hospital). In emergencies, you may also contact the priests' residence at 6466 3225.

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 the Columbarium.

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