



A Friend who Gives and Takes?

✠ With this bumper issue for the Feast Day Celebration of St Ignatius, we reflect on how to grow in greater freedom individually and as a Christian Community. What is our response to what God is inviting us to do and be involved in his work of mercy and compassion for many who suffer in the world? Our focus is not on ourselves, but on Our Lord in his doing with his hands and feeling in his heart? Where is he pointing and directing us today? How am I to listen to him as a friend walking side-by-side in confidence and confiding what is deepest in our heart.

Each of us has this innate gift to converse with Our Lord who is not shy to reveal everything for our good and wellbeing. All we need to do is to listen intently with compassion, with pathos and generosity. He dares to give to us more than what we need and what we dare to ask for. Perhaps it may be good to ask myself, "What can I do to love Jesus more by loving the Church?" The invitation is always, "Give what I can and take what I need." What has Our Lord given you recently and what have you given to our Lord lately? Similarly, what has the Lord taken from you and what have you taken from him lately? Are you a friend who gives and takes?

FR COLIN TAN SJ

coming of the Lord can include actually doing things, but we do things, not out of fear, but of the hope that comes with the encounter with the Lord. Thus, our preparation is a continual process of growth in faith that allows us to meet the Lord in our lives. When we say to each other "Are you ready?", we remind ourselves of our constant preparation to encounter the Lord and to prepare space in our hearts for this encounter, both now and for the time that is to come.

DCN STANLEY GOH, SJ

Getting Ready for The Lord

As a child, "Are you ready?" was something my mother said to me as she rushed me to get ready for school. Being ready meant getting dressed, grabbing my bag and sitting down a few moments for breakfast before heading out the door. Being ready meant having everything prepared and perhaps even getting mentally prepared for what was to come in school. "Are you ready?" is a very common phrase in our fast-paced society where we're constantly reminded that in order to do well in something, we have to be well prepared for it.

The message in the Gospel of today seems to hint at the same thing, emphasising the need to be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom like servants waiting for their master, but I feel that the sense of being ready for the Lord and the Kingdom is quite different from preparing oneself for earthly things. When we try to get ready for things in the world, we tend to be like how I was as a child getting ready for school – preparing items and readying oneself for events that are to come. As we grow older, we learn to prepare and plan for all eventualities, leaving no room for error, doing our utmost so that nothing goes wrong. This sense of preparation is driven more by fear of failure, always anxious that we're not adequately prepared. There is, however, a different sense of readiness that is rooted in the Gospel values. This readiness is being prepared internally for what is to come, preparing our hearts and opening ourselves to the greater possibilities and generosity that come with following the

instructions of the Lord.

When considering the Gospel, one might not immediately notice the second, deeper form of readiness. Some weeks ago, we heard Jesus telling Mary and Martha about how being active is good, but being contemplative can be even better. The same goes for our approach to being ready that we hear from the Gospel. What we do in preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord are not meant to be taken as mere actions of a servant preparing for the master. There's something much deeper at play here – the act of faith that grounds all our actions and allows us to truly look forward to the coming of the Lord.

The second reading gives us a beautiful description of what this readiness in faith looks like. The author of the letter to the Hebrews wrote of people "longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland", living lives in preparation for that, sometimes not being 100 percent sure of what is to come, but with great hope that what they do believe in will come true. This is the interior disposition that allows one to move from just acting in preparation to actually preparing one's heart for the coming of the Lord. This preparation of heart isn't something that one can actually do, but comes from a shift from disbelief to belief, despair to hope as we recognise that there's something more to the present and orientate ourselves towards the magis or the "more" that comes with life with the Lord.

The internal disposition of readiness that allows us to be prepared for the



Finding God In All Things

Our Parish of St Ignatius celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola with a series of events that helped all in our community find God in amazing, and sometimes surprising places



Finding God in the Pilgrim's Way

Look, I am standing at the door knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door I will come in to share a meal at the person's side. Rev 3:20

SUZANNE LEONG

To prepare for the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) many parishioners were keen to learn more about Ignatian spirituality and how to discern God's will. They came to the Week of Guided Prayer with searching hearts and a deep desire to develop a closer relationship with God.

Some began the week with doubts and a little apprehension. Some came for answers to questions they had about their relationship with God. A few came because they were curious. As they returned each day, many discovered that our God is a God of surprises. For their commitment to meet God in the sacred space in their hearts, they were blessed with a greater awareness of his constant presence and love and better equipped to discern the movements of

the Holy Spirit as they continue on their journey of faith. It is edifying to read the testimonies of the pilgrims here.

Testimonies from Pilgrims

I signed up for the Week of Prayer with the Sojourners to have a retreat with the Lord, and to participate with the parish to celebrate St Ignatius Feast Day. It's my first with a Spiritual Companion, and I really had a very rich experience! I have learnt from Ignatian Contemplation (Prayer through Imagination): to desire for a grace from God, to enter a scene and start a conversation with Him, to listen to what He has to say and to be attentive

I understand myself and relationship to God better. I thought I have been closer to God but realised deep down there was still awkwardness when I meet at contemplation. Overall, it was a great experience.

to how I feel. It was not easy initially, as I was not sure which Spirit was speaking to me. That's where my Prayer Guide helped to point me to the movement of the Holy Spirit and how the Lord is affirming me in my prayer. This form of prayer also helped me get in touch with my feelings and to sense my inner self more honestly. By the

end of the week, I could feel the Lord's presence ... His gentleness, His love for me and His encouragement to take small steps at a time towards Him. I just want to thank the Lord for this wonderful and joyful time with Him and I know, no matter what, He's always by my side.

It motivated me and encouraged me to find time to talk to the Lord. The Scriptures helped me find peace, and I also find myself being able to find God in all things.

Encountering His Love

Heavenly Father, thank you for a week of guided prayer retreat. What a privilege it is. To know you more. To love you more. Through prayer. Thank you for teaching me. To connect scriptures to my life journey. In my daily walk with you. In what's happening in my life now. In the past. And in the future. Seeing you in the people you put in my paths. Teaching me to persevere. Seeing you in the sun that rises every morning. The red warm heat. That reminds me of the blood of Jesus. That reminds me of your saving grace. Seeing you in the birds that fly by. Reminding me that I am surrounded by your love. Thank you my Abba Father. Thank you for your Graces. That is abundant. And overflowing. Thank you for giving me your Word. That is life giving. That guides. Helping me. Sustaining me. Strengthening me. In love. In hope. In truth.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Psalm 119:105**

I encountered God during the week of Guided Prayer more than I ever had. It is a Blessing to know Him more and love Him more through prayer.



Finding God in the Word

TEXT: MAGDALENE TAN PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER TAN

A gigantic wall banner on our parish theme of Loving Our Church went up on Bible Sunday on the weekend of 11 and 12 July. Just as Christ loves His Church, we too, love our Church, the people of God. To help the parish think and feel with the Church, parishioners were invited to take what they need, be it joy, peace, patience, confidence, hope, faith and love from the Take What You Need door, choosing from the myriad of quotes from the bible and the saints. At the same time, we

are called to be generous and select one of the suggestions of the many little acts of service, thoughtfulness, kindness and spiritual bouquets at the Give What You Can door.

For the first time, our parish collaborated with The Bible Society of Singapore, whose mission is to make the Word of God known to all people. They were invited to our parish to showcase and sell Catholic bibles and Scripture-related gifts.

BAT@Stlg highlighted the many



bible groups in our parish, their programmes and timings to encourage more parishioners to join a bible group that will help them to know, understand and love Scripture.

In the afternoon, the Road-to-Emmaus (RTE) team conducted a RTE bible study session for more than 70 Filipina migrant workers. Many of them found the session very enriching, helping them to understand the Sunday's Mass readings better.



Finding God in Joy and Laughter

As a farewell gift to his Parish family at St Ignatius Church, Keith Neubronner headlined a comedy night on 15 July to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius. Here, he reflects on the many gifts he has received.



TEXT: LYNETTE LEE PHOTOS: JAMES CHOO

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. Job 8:21

Finding God in Comedy with Trevor Lum and Keith Neubronner was a rib-tickling affair, and stomachs were filled with delicious food and drink. Love offerings given were

Keith Neubronner and Trevor Lum, two good friends who love comedy, who my daughter thinks are great at making the whole DVC community laugh. We look forward to Keith coming back to serve our parishioners. And we thank God for his graces and blessings to the St Ignatius parish.
— Dominic Chia

These days, I find myself gathering in gratitude for so many graces from God. For there has been an abundance.

When reflecting on my vocation journey, I am so grateful for the patience God has shown me, in so many ways.

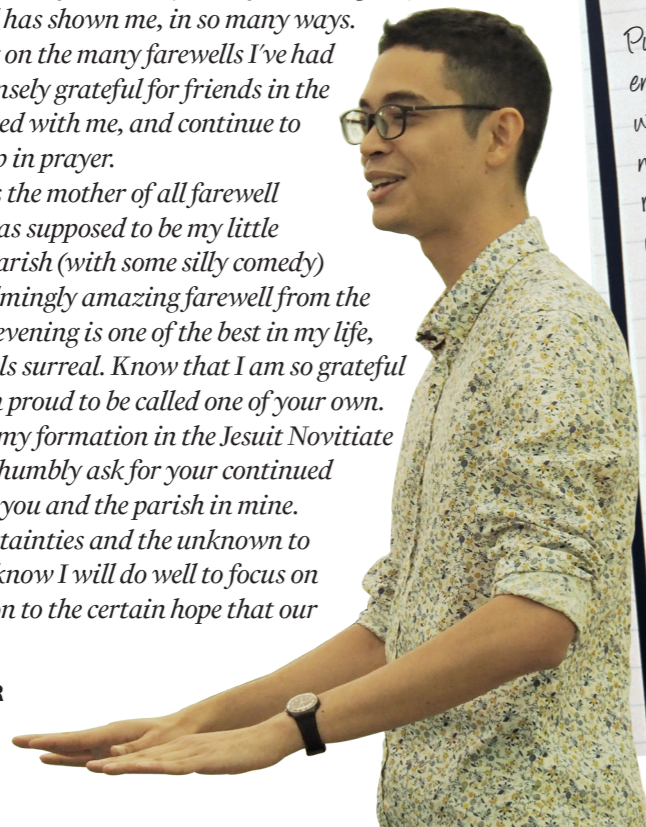
When reflecting on the many farewells I've had recently, I am immensely grateful for friends in the Lord who have walked with me, and continue to steadfastly lift me up in prayer.

And then there's the mother of all farewell gatherings. What was supposed to be my little farewell gift to the parish (with some silly comedy) became an overwhelmingly amazing farewell from the parish, to me. That evening is one of the best in my life, and one that still feels surreal. Know that I am so grateful to all of you, and am proud to be called one of your own.

As I embark on my formation in the Jesuit Novitiate in the Philippines, I humbly ask for your continued prayers, as I will for you and the parish in mine.

There are uncertainties and the unknown to contend with, but I know I will do well to focus on each day, and hold on to the certain hope that our Lord awaits.

KEITH NEUBRONNER



donated to Hai Sing Catholic School Building Fund.

With good humour and cheer, our stand-up comics highlighted the funny, strange, paradoxical and unusual things about us and the world we live in.

The Hall was packed with the young of heart and mind, cheering on their hilarious and sometimes wicked jokes. And all of us were part of the script, even our dear parish priest Fr Colin, and his Jesuit brothers ... how strangers were impressed with our friendly neighbourhood gardener, the funny signs spotted on travels, and more.

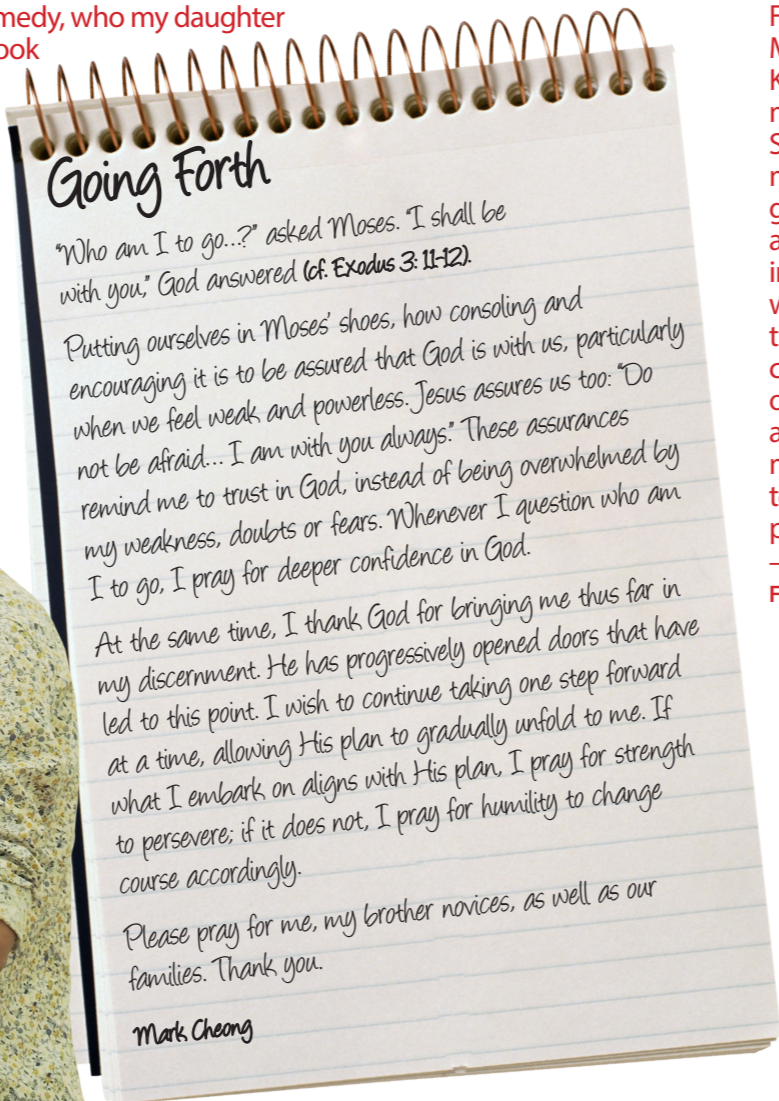
As a farewell and final shout out, our priests gathered with Keith and Mark Chong, and a cake was brought out to wish them our love and blessings as they begin as Novitiates with the Jesuit Order.



It was a wonderful night of laughter and fellowship. Seeing Keith in an IJ Girls' pinafore was not something I expected, but I thoroughly enjoyed his witty jokes, impressions and stories. It was heartwarming to see the community come together over delicious food and drink. The night was truly a celebration of the Catholic faith and an apt way to bid farewell to Keith who has brought so much joy to this community.
— Marielle Lee, DVC Youth Choir



From the Rendang Mac-n-cheese to Keith's quirky dance moves, this Comedy Show was a truly memorable night of good fellowship. I am humbled to be in a community where we work tirelessly to commemorate each other's milestones, and use our own milestones as a testimony to God's providence.
— Ryan Minjoot, DVC Facilitator Ministry



Finding God in Song

PHOTOS: DAVID SAW

The Family of St Ignatius immersed in songs of praise at the Music Fest, a night of Feast Day celebration and fellowship on Saturday 27 July. The moving concert featured Kenneth Ngo, Ollie Lim, Genevieve Toh, Joseph Tan and Stuart Lee, together with combined talents of the SDG and Family choirs.



At the Feast Day Music Fest, I enjoyed the privilege of singing the songs of love and redemption that the Lord had planted in my heart. During my worship experience, I came to understand that in this season, God is moving in a powerful way to reveal His Heart and engage us in transformative encounter. I discerned a great thirst in the singers, musicians, technicians and congregants for the Father's show of His mighty works in their lives. I was deeply moved to see this thirst manifested in a corporate faith that was expressed in the songs of worship they carried in their own voices of praise. It was a night of worship in His Presence that enabled us to commune with each other in our shared faith as one body of Christ, and to commune with the Lord who loves us more than we know, to expect only His Goodness in all our days to come.

Warm regards,
Genevieve Toh
Singer/Songwriter/Voice Coach

This was a wonderful opportunity for our church to come together and celebrate our Feast Day while enjoying a time of music and worship. The night showcased the wide variety of music that we've been blessed to have at our masses, and I felt much joy to have been a part of this special night.
Genevieve Liu



Finding God in Love

In preparation for our Feast Day celebrations, the Feast Day Triduum, facilitated by Fr Pham Hung, SJ, guided parishioners into deeper spaces to encounter God.



flowers, but missing out on the Giver.

When Zacchaeus meets our Lord, the pertinent message is that as long as we have a genuine desire to meet the Lord, He will notice us and come to us. Despite the crowd, Jesus noticed Zacchaeus up in the sycamore tree because of his desire to repent for past sins.

We too are encouraged to find space in our busy-ness where we can meet God in our hearts so that, like Zacchaeus, we in turn can lead others to Him.

MICHAEL CHUA

Creating Space for Encounter with The Divine

Tuesday 23 July

PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER TAN

Fr Pham Hung reminded us of the profound symbolism of making the sign of the cross and attending mass beyond formality, and the invoking of the Holy Trinity is a preparation to receive Grace. It should remind us that we are beloved daughters and sons of God.

He challenged us not to be trapped by the “butterfly syndrome”. Unlike butterflies that do not go beyond fluttering among flowers, bees pollinate and cause more flowers to bloom. Likewise, we are to emulate the bees to share the Good News by paying attention to the innate beauty of the Word of God during mass. Otherwise, we would behave like butterflies, focusing too much on the physical beauty of the

when he encounters Jesus. This reinforces that we first need to encounter Christ to help others encounter Him.

God being a “shy lover”, sends us flowers in our life’s journey. These are known as consolations, according to St Ignatius. Gratitude is a sure sign of consolation.

However, we are cautioned not to fall into the trap of not noticing the flowers, giving false flowers or loving the flowers, but forgetting the creator.

CORINA DAY

How we are very privileged to have the Eucharist to remind us of our identity as sons and daughters of Christ, which we are conferred on in baptism.

During the liturgy, the celebrant says “peace be with you”. This is God inviting us to come to him as we are, not to worry about our sins, which is also the message we receive when we encounter God in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Just as any encounter involves language, God speaks to us all the time; although, in subtle ways that we may miss if we are not silent and still, attentive to what is said or unsaid; always mindful that God has a sense of humour.

The tree in the story provides Zacchaeus with height, quiet and a broader perspective. Hence, we ponder on 3 questions:

- 1) Who or what in my life raises me up?
- 2) Where do I go to find silence and stillness, to pay attention (to God)?
- 3) Where do I go to move away from the narrow reality?

True friends give us a wider perspective.

Although Zacchaeus is short and only able to climb to a low branch, Jesus reaches out to meet him where he is. It doesn’t matter if he is also small in terms of personality.

Zacchaeus becomes the tree of life

What am I doing for Christ? A most insightful question for me to reflect on – what is my response to what Jesus has done for me, to act in the way of Christ, and not by my own will. – **Stephanie**

Seek God
The grace I received is to be aware of the space where we can find God ... in silence, solitude and contemplation.

Intimacy
To encounter God’s awesome love and mercy in the space, we can seek reconciliation and healing to go back to God like the prodigal son.

Live Christ
To allow the love of Christ to manifest and show to others. – **Richard Teo**

I feel my own shortcomings, vulnerability. Feel touched by God’s love to reflect on my shortcomings to be better. Changes my perspective of looking at things. Better feel of how God is feeling too. – **Ignatius Ho**



Creating Space for Reconciliation with God, with Others, and with Oneself

Wednesday 24 July

The topic of reconciliation has always been very close to my heart. I often feel that I am “never good enough”, always sinning. I am very far from being perfect, always falling short of “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect”! Thus, it is very consoling that Fr Hung said “Think about Love first, not just sin”. He would ask his penitents to talk about their virtues and not just their sin. In a recent confession, I felt like a bigger sinner post confession as the priest made me feel really guilty! I hope that all priests will be like Fr Hung and show more compassion to their penitents.

In the Prodigal Son, I am clearly the elder son, the dutiful daughter looking after my elderly mum, as my dad has passed away and my elder brother has his own family. Sometimes I long to be the younger son and just leave and live

my own life and leave the responsibility of mum to my brother. As much as I love mum and love God and they love me, I want my freedom and to be defiant, sometimes!

I may not have ran away physically but I ran away through sin! Eating and enjoying the “sweet” forbidden fruit, at the same time living with guilt and trying to hide from God was a struggle. God has been very patient and like the father in the story, waited for me to come home with outstretched arms. With the help of kind Spiritual Directors, I have returned Home. “Who Am I” in God’s eyes despite all my sins and failings? I am still God’s beloved child and as his child, I am expected to “Be Merciful just as your Father is merciful”.

ELSIE YIM



Creating Space for Discipleship with Jesus Christ

Thursday 25 July

We were asked to meditate deeper into our brokenness, with love in focus and not condemnation. As we

Fr Hung’s personalized perspective was real; Fr Colin’s welcome reflected God meeting me in all circumstances; and I’m grateful to all organisers and contributors. – **Alex Ho**

I often see the divine as all light and all clean and all pure. Fr Hung reminded me that Jesus was human too, not only divine. Intimacy is the willingness to embrace the darkness, the dirt and the messiness and to speak life into it. Holiness just helps to make it a little easier. – **Justin Khoo**

Day One made me more aware of where to find God. So many places!
Day Two opened my eyes to see how to see how holy anger and fears can be; how they can be gateways to reconciliation with God.

Day Three made me realize how little I really know Christ because I hardly spend time contemplating about Jesus and His life. – **Geraldine Wang**

Being new to the Catholic faith, the past 2 nights gave me more graces from God. I know that I need to be a friend with Jesus, love Him, fall in love with Him, then follow Him. Intimacy with Him. – **Siah Lou**

- 1) I did not know how far away I was from God. I was so far away.
- 2) I did not know how much I have hurt Him.
- 3) His faithfulness, His immense love for me, His Grace brought me back
- 4) Tears kept flowing as I began to realize that I have to return to my Father, the One who truly loves me as I am. – **Kristin Suaw**

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Creating Space for Discipleship with Jesus Christ

are not complete, the objective of this reflection was to “loose” ourselves in our own story and feel the pain. Identify the cracks, accept the failings and be blessed that new visions will emerge and set us on a correct path.

As Christ lived among us, we should look upon Him as the beacon and be like Him. In the Noah story, we reacted to the pressure of rising water levels. Fr Pham wanted us to visualize reaching out to God as the tide rose.

He asked us to dwell deeper into the Trinity and the Holy Eucharist. When we partake in the Holy Eucharist, we grow in intimacy and we become friends with God. The three-year cycle provides us the richness of the Gospel where we grow in our intimacy with God.

Discipleship is a two-way relationship where our response is love for Our God. We start out initially and grow from being a friend to deep intimacy with God. So by contemplation, we fall in love with Jesus.

Discovering the inner movements of the heart are signs of how the Holy Spirit is pointing me towards the choices that serves God best. Yes, God is everywhere,



trying to catch our attention. May we always do His Will.

I have come to realize how close You are to me, dear Jesus.

Thank you for opening my eyes and my heart!

May I grow to the next level with You by my side.

LOURDES FAVACHO

✚ On the third day, it dawned upon me that I was so far away from God for so long that I no longer seek HIS guidance. Felt so alone and lost.

For the past 2 years, I was angry over a personal problem and I was struggling to resolve the issue on my own. Until today, it remains unresolved. Although the situation is bad, I can see God’s hand at work many times. He sends Annie and a couple of others into my life to comfort me in my darkest hour of need, and I am grateful.

So when Annie invited me to Fr Pham’s talk, I said yes because I was filled with so much pain in need of divine intervention. And the first talk was what I needed.

By the third night, I was so overwhelmed with the realization that I have drifted so far away from HIM that my tears couldn’t stop flowing. That night, I returned to Jesus; to his protection and his great love for me.

I can only pray that with God’s Grace, He will help me forgive so that I can move on with my life.

KRISTIN SUAW



There was a joyful atmosphere and community spirit. We loved the food and just being around the greens and greenery!
– Hannah Lee

It was a meaningful event. The food was great, especially the Thai bee hoon and apam berkuah. My neighbours and I brought home lots of nice plants, vegetables. – Joelle Yap



My basket filled up quickly as there was a good range of fresh produce. I bought vegetables, a pineapple, organic free-range eggs, a beautiful bunch of pisang rastali, sweet potatoes, and my friends bought several potted plants. I was also drawn to the tables laden with all kinds of home-made cakes, pies, even apam berkuah (banana coconut pancakes) and other nonya kueh kueh. I went home with a selection of treats n they were all delicious. It’ll be great if this Farmers Market can be held more frequently.”
– Dorothy Tan

"I love the Farmers Market and all it represents, on so many levels."

🌱 Father Colin having a great idea, and bringing together individuals of such immense dedication and talent.

🌱 Each Farmers Market requires a tremendous amount of preparation by all the people involved. From lovingly planting seeds/seedlings and caring for them in months ahead of each event, the members in the club also prepare food and

pastries to be sold on the day as well. Such a talented group! (My daughter loved the apple pies and I thought the kueh ko sui hit all the right spots.)

🌱 Most importantly, the Farmers Market serves to educate us as well, about the many ways we can eat from our very own garden, even from plants grown in pots.

🌱 It is an honor and a blessing to me that St Iggy has this initiative. I have learnt so much from my contacts in the Gardening Group who continue to encourage, teach and inspire me to keep planting with love.

Keep up the good work, Father Colin and all of you who make Farmers Market happen! Thank you for the education. – Angeline Loh



Finding God in the Fruits of the Earth

TEXT: ANGELA SNG PHOTOS: JOHANNES DWIARTANTO

Our Parish came together at the Farmers Market and Afternoon Tea, organised by the Green Movement Ministry’s Gardening Group at the Sacred Heart Hall Canteen as part of our Feast Day celebrations on Saturday 27 July. Friends, families and gardening enthusiasts shared good company over tea and home-made sweet and savoury treats. Shoppers picked up herbs, mushroom-growing kits, vegetables and ornamental plants, a composting booth, and Homemakers selling donated items. The afternoon saw all, even supporters from outside our parish, gathered together in the spirit of Laudato Si in action - how we can better appreciate the fruits of the earth and to always remember how blessed we are.



“Appreciate the challenges of other people from the perspective of the Trinitarian God, and with a loving heart. To feel with the heart, not head, of other people’s pain. To live my life to help others.”
– John Paul

Praise and thanks be to God for using Fr Pham so powerfully to go deep into the heart and soul to draw out the brokenness, hurts and love of our Fount of Divine mercies. – Helena

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Oh, Joyous Day!

The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola culminated in the



12.15pm Mass on Sunday 28 July. Supported by the entire Jesuit community,



PARISH NEWS

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

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed this Monday 12 August in lieu of HARI RAYA HAJI on Sunday. Weekday 7.00am and 6.00pm Masses are as usual.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: Wednesday 14 August, 6pm, Thursday 15 August, 7am, 6pm and 8pm. The Rosary will be recited after the daily 7.00am masses, and 5.15pm before 6.00pm masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Jesus said, "For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them." Let's come together as a community, especially children preparing for their First Holy Communion to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This Friday 16 August, 7.45pm – 9.15pm.

DONATION FOR WALKWAY PROJECT

It's been 15 years since our church was rebuilt. Through the years, the needs of our parish community has 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 in August. Your contribution can be dropped into the collection during offertory at any Mass. All donations will be much appreciated.

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS, SING TO THE SEA!

Come join the Sunday 10.15am Ignatian Voices choir! We're very chill and friendly and you decide how much time you can commit. If you have any interest in conducting or playing the piano, we would be even happier to have you. Practice is at 2pm - 3.30pm on Saturdays. For details, contact Agnes (9663 6819) or Adrian (9796 8136).

FAMILY CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Love to sing? The fun-loving Family Choir (Sunday, 8.15am Mass) wants you! We welcome all in the family, from kids to grandparents. Practices are every Sunday, 10.30am – 12pm. Say Hi after mass, or contact kristie.lai@gmail.com/97510970 for details.

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

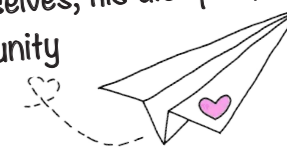
Every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Introduce friends and family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Enrolment forms for

A little Love Note

LOVING OUR CHURCH

"An essential aspect of witness to the risen Lord is unity among ourselves, his disciples, in the image of his own unity with the Father."

Pope Francis



Inquirers at the Place of Gathering and church website. Contact: (RCIA) Teddy (9745 8313)/(RCIY) Aaron (8228 3419). Sign up before 15 September.

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, 4pm – 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

ARISE! – WEEK 5: HE STRENGTHENS US, EQUIPS US AND LEADS US

He can do all these things for us, if we but open our hearts and minds to Him, and surrender, allowing Him to take the lead. This Wednesday 14 August, at St Ignatius Hall, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Gloria Chong Yock Chin – 71 years old
Departed: 4 August 2019

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 3 - ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday 21 August, Rm #02-06
Programme: Symbolon Session 8: A Love That Lasts – God's plan for sexuality

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 15 August. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com
Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER TAN



the Feast Day Mass was celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh.



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JESUIT NEWS

RETREAT: PRAYING WITH MIRACLES

Jesus performed many miracles as part of his teaching ministry. Through his miracles, Jesus used this power to show us the nature of God's generous love and compassion. Come and spend the weekend reflecting and praying on the meaning of Jesus' miracles in our lives today. Sit with Jesus' miracles to let them speak to your own lives and let them transform you.

Facilitator: Fr Gregory Tan, SJ

Date/Time: Friday, 6 September (7.30pm) to 8 September (4.00pm)

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

Register: tinyurl.com/rpwm2019

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HOW CATHOLIC ART SAVED THE FAITH

By Dr Elizabeth Lev on Wednesday 4 September, 8.00pm

Dr Lev, world renowned art historian and an expert on Vatican art and APAVM, shares her expertise on art, art history and how it pertains to the Catholic Church. The main theme is on Art for the greater glory of God – art as a medium of communication and evangelisation, and how the Catholic Church used art to explain and promote their beliefs when they were being challenged during the Reformation. Recommended for youth and secondary catechetical students and RCIA candidates.

Venue: Church of St Ignatius

Date/Time: Wednesday 4 September, 8.00pm

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: Thursday, 22 and 29 August, 5 and 19 September

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Registration: canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 6338 4048

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

PROJECTS ASSISTANT (CONTRACT)

The Chancery is looking for a Projects Assistant (Contract). The candidate will assist the Project Manager with administrative and project requirements of the Chancery Office. Go to <https://www.catholic.sg/seek-opportunities/> for details. Application deadline: 23 August.

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