



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Recognising Christ

It is always exciting when we begin something new. I observed this as my niece and nephew began Primary 1 last week. When I met them, I asked how was their first day of school? They were struggling to find words to answer, so I changed my question, “Did you meet a new friend, and what is his/her name?”

Giving a name or a word helps us

recognize and become aware of our personal experience. At the beginning of this year, after the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*, we celebrated the *Most Holy Name of Jesus* on January 3, which is also the *Titular Feast of the Society of Jesus*.

**Ordinary Time** invites us to deepen our encounter and friendship with Jesus Christ, our brother, Lord and Saviour. The colour green for Ordinary Time signifies “a time of growth”, when we receive the Life of God and deepen it every time we celebrate liturgy – “the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays.” (LY 43)

Ignatius of Loyola and his first companions named themselves “Company of Jesus” and pledged themselves to follow and serve Christ as their true leader. This title is juxtaposed with the monogram IHS, the first three letters in Greek for Jesus, a name which means “God saves”.

Last Monday, we celebrated the feast of *Baptism of the Lord*, which marks the end of Christmas season.

Our parish also celebrated infant baptism, which takes place every second Sunday of the month throughout the year. We choose a baptismal name of a saint or of an expression of a Christian mystery or virtue (CCC 2156, 2165). The patron saint can become the good model of the newly baptized to strive living his/her Christian faith. Choosing a baptismal name helps us recognise a new life and reality in Christ, in which the baptized is completely transformed into God’s beloved child.

John the Baptist recognises Jesus as the “Lamb of God”. This name signifies Jesus’ mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. It also recalls the blood of the Passover lamb that liberates the Israelites from the slavery in Egypt. John tells us that Jesus will offer up his self-sacrificial love and life on the cross for us and the world.

So many of us see the year 2016 as *the year of disruption*. God also disrupts or awakens us for “a change to become a more responsible and mature person”. Perhaps, we can recognise *this change* to grow as Christ’s disciples today. As we begin Ordinary Time, let us examine our relationship with Jesus Christ. Who is Jesus to me? What name do I give that best expresses my living encounter with Christ?

## This little Light

“There goes the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” – such a startling revelation. What is sin today and who is really going to do anything about it? Is it violence, drug abuse and its consequences, irresponsible sex, abuse of the young, polluting and devastating our planet, rampant injustice which cannot live with love? Or is it found inside myself – not somewhere out there – in my confusion, bewilderment, insensitivity to the Divine? However we see it, sin is way beyond our control. Yet we insist that life and its progress are all about what glorifies man’s pathetic efforts – spectacular and ineffective. To depict the saviour of it all as a “lamb” humiliates us in our manhood and annoyingly pricks our pride.

See it how we will, today’s scenario is confused, dark and bewildering. Yet we are the “light of the nations”. In my Christian faith I know that I have personally a part to play in the redemption of mankind. Must I suffer the indignity of being termed a “lamb” before I bring about my tiny effectiveness? And what is it that is mine to contribute?

A lamb is submissive and is not particularly interested in its personal effectiveness. It knows that it is in the hands of one who can protect and manage and is therefore



### Sunday 15 January 2017

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

### Monday 16 January

Liturgy of the day

### Tuesday 17 January

St Anthony

### Wednesday 18 January

Liturgy of the day

### Thursday 19 January

European Reformation Martyrs (SJ)

### Friday 20 January

Liturgy of the day

### Saturday 21 January

St Agnes

### Sunday 22 January

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

free to provide what it has to give. It is unburdened of self-glorification and self-interest. May we learn from all of this, the power to enlighten that comes from “this little light of mine”.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ

## PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION FOR THE POOR** in the month of January amounted to \$27,790.80. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY MASSES** with blessing of oranges. Saturday, 28 January: 8.15am and 10.15am. **Note: SUNSET MASS** 6 pm, 28 January, is for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK** with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Saturday, 25 February at 2.30 pm. Confessions will be available from 2.00 pm. Please fill up registration form at the Place of Gathering.

### DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd will take place on Tuesday 14 February, there will be NO 6 pm mass at all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Mass intentions for 6 pm mass will be offered at 7 am mass.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Come sing hymns, pray the Rosary, offer intercessory prayers, spend an intimate hour with our Lord and discover the gifts of the Holy Eucharist on **Friday 20 January, 7.45pm.**

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday 12 February at 3.00 pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday 5 February 2017, 3.00 pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child's baptism. Contact Brian (9760 0978) & Lisa Ling (9818 5281) or Christie (9682 7999) & Maria Rozario (9009 6036).

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents and guardians are reminded to attend the parents meetings for these levels at Annexe Hall, 8.00pm-9.30pm. **Primary 1:** Friday 20 January; **Primary 2 and 3:** Wednesday, 1 February; **Primary 6:** Friday, 3 February; **Secondary 1:** Wednesday, 25 January; **Secondary 3:** Thursday, 19 January

**ROAD TO EMMAUS SESSIONS – RECOMMENCEMENT** Journey with us on the Road to Emmaus and let the Word of God burn within your hearts (Luke 24:32).

Parish-wide Bible programme designed to help us "Break the Word" of the weekend Liturgies and enable us to apply its truths and meanings in our daily lives. Monday 6 February, 7.45 pm, Annexe Hall; subsequent Mondays (except school and public holidays). All are welcome. Contact Raymond at road.to.emmaus.st.ignatius@gmail.com for queries.

### BAT'S BIBLE LECTURES ON GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Thursdays, 2 February to 11 May 2017, 8 to 10 pm, Annexe Hall (2nd Level) Bible lectures on the living Word of God from the Gospel of Matthew by Msgr Ambrose Vaz. No

registration required. Contact Henry Wu at henrythwu@gmail.com or Matthew Raj at rajoypebe@gmail.com

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

A bible sharing on Romans 8: 26-27: Be open to the Holy Spirit leading us in prayer. Come join us Wednesday, January 18. We start at 7.30pm with a fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm. All are welcome!

### ST IGNATIUS RCIY

RCIY will be opening its doors to inquirers and newcomers to their community to share the joy of faith. Welcome tea reception on Saturday 4 March, 4pm to 6pm. Contact Evelyn at 9762 6330, Aaron 8228 3419 or email: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com

### RIP News – Risen in the Lord

Ruth Teo Geak Ho – 80 years old  
Date of death: 10 January 2017

## DVC COMMUNITY

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Serve at the Confirmation Camp (iComm Retreat), Friday 17 to Sunday 19 March. Queries and registration at [tinyurl.com/serve2017](http://tinyurl.com/serve2017) or email [devitachristi@gmail.com](mailto:devitachristi@gmail.com). Registration closes 17 February.

Download the new **DVC App** for updates, weekly reflections or to sign up for camps. Search for "De Vita Christi" on the App Store and Google Play.



## NCC NEWS

**Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8 pm.**

### Zone A District 2

Wednesday, 18 January 2017, Loyola and La Storta Room  
Programme: Planning for 2017 and CNY celebration

### Zone B District 3

Thursday, 19 January 2017, #01-04  
Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God  
2) Healing of Memories – Inner Healing (VCD) Programme 12

### Zone C District 1

No meeting in January 2017

### Zone C District 3 Group 1-3

Monday, 16 January 2017, SH-E  
Programme: A time to commune with each other

### Zone E District 3

Meeting for January is cancelled. Our social Mission project for the distribution of household goods to the poor and infirmed is on 21 January.



# Full Reception

KEITH NEUBRONNER

I love receiving gifts. I think most people do. My expectations aren't very high these days, so I was pleasantly surprised with all the gifts I received this past Christmas. Even though this was probably the least I have received at Christmas so far.

But no, I'm not indulging in a pity party with the sneaky motive of asking for more gifts. Like I said, I enjoyed the presents I got. Every one of them. Even the lovely blue loofah!

So what's the point of me saying all this? Well, I noticed over Christmas that gifts are not always received in the way the giver has meant or hoped. I'm not saying I witnessed instances of individuals unwrapping gifts, making a face, thereby leaving the giver upset (imagine that!). Instead, I witnessed a few individuals unwrapping their gifts (thankfully not in the giver's presence), and judging the gifts and the giver. By saying, "Oh that must have been on offer", "I'm sure this is a

re-gift", or "Is he trying to tell me something?"

At first I found these observations and inferences amusing. After a while it started to bother me. While I suspected that there was some truth to those remarks, I still wondered why the gifts weren't being received with openness and love. As if each one of them were truly from the giver's heart, a worthy sacrifice. I guess that's why people say, "It's the thought that counts".

As I reflected a bit more (this turned out to be my post-Christmas meditation fodder), I realised that I'm guilty of the above too. I know that I take many gifts in my life for granted. I simply take, oftentimes with little or no thought given as to the sacrifice or the heart of its source. And if all things come from God, the divine source, then perhaps I have not received from God in a way that He wants me to as well.

So here's a thought: at Christmas, with all the giving

and receiving, did we receive the greatest gift of them all in a way the Father meant us to? That was rhetorical, of course. Besides, Jesus is given every day to us, and this will take our lifetime to fully receive. The good thing is though, we have our liturgy to help. It's structured in such a way that we are invited to constantly appreciate the gift that is Jesus, not just at Advent, but through Lent and ordinary time too.

So let's try and make that our focus every day this year, (I know I will) to receive fully from God all the love and blessings, and Jesus especially. And to just delight in these gifts. And delight in Him, too.

His love is always on offer, and His love when received makes us want to share or re-gift it. After all, He is always trying to reveal to us His character through His love.

Ah, looks like I know what will keep my mind busy as I scrub my skinny self in the shower this year with my lovely blue loofah.

*As the first big gift he feels like he's received this year, Keith wanted to share the love. Inspiration came while showering. True story. The Spirit works in mysterious ways.*

Fr Leslie Raj, SJ Parish Priest • Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ Assistant Parish Priest • Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator • Joyce Setiawan Parish Accountant • Jeremy Aloysius Catechetical Director • Yvonne Chen Youth Coordinator • Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator  
Robert Ong Sacristan • David Saw Operations Manager • Steven Leong Facilities Manager • Therese Gian Communications Manager

## JESUIT NEWS

### MARITAL FIRST RESPONDERS WORKSHOP

2-day workshop to learn how to provide emotional support for people with marital problems. Learn 7 essential skills and common mistakes to avoid.

Date/time: Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February, 9am to 5pm

Contribution: \$250 (includes lunch and tea)

Facilitator: Fr (Dr) Charles Sim, SJ

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mfr2017>

Enquiries: Call 6467 6072 or email [kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com)

### BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to [www.mas-jesuits.org](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore](http://www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore) for more information.

You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto:mas-vocations@jesuits.net).

**Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356**

Fr Christopher Soh SJ, Fr James Tan SJ

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**Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### COMMISSIONING OF PRINCIPALS 2017

This year, 11 Principals have been newly appointed to Catholic schools and kindergartens. ACCS invites all educators to this Commissioning Ceremony to pray for all our Catholic schools. At the sunset mass, 3.30pm, Saturday 21 January, at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. His Grace Archbishop William Goh is the main celebrant.

As parking is limited, please park at public carparks nearby.

### GOD IS LOVE (1 JOHN 4:8)

Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain? A person's faith can be shaken by such apparent contradiction. This talk is an invitation to understanding suffering and God's love.

Presenter: Simon Longman

Date: Wednesday, 19 January, 7.30pm to 9pm (begins with Vespers)

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Conference room

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017

Theme: Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us (2 Cor 5:14-20)

An invitation to all Christians to unite in prayer, reflections, songs and fellowship at the following 8pm–10pm prayer services:

Wednesday 18 January – Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Friday 20 January – Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Singapore, 29 Jalan Keli, S 577933

Tuesday 25 January – Covenant Community Methodist Church, 11 Blackmore Drive, S 599986

### Church Office

3rd floor (from King's Road) or behind Kingsmead Hall (Victoria Park Road)

### 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 available at front of Church office

### Weddings

Couples must make themselves known to the priest at least 6

months before the wedding.

Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

### Columbarium Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 6.30am – 10.00pm

Sunday: 6:30am – 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

### Inigo Bookstore

Open during Weekend Masses.

### Sick and elderly

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners regardless of which hospital they are at. You may also contact priests' residence at 6466 3225

### Bereavement

Please contact the parish office Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614) for help and advice before contacting the funeral director.

### Entrance via, 8 Victoria Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling)

### WEEKLY

#### Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

#### Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

#### Gentle Light

Tuesday, 10am – 12noon in St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead)

Thursday, 10am – 12noon in Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

#### Divine Mercy Devotion

2nd, 3rd, 5th Friday after 6.00pm Mass; 4th Friday at 7.20pm before Memorial Mass in Main Church.

Catholic content online, login:

[www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org); parish code: 4904ed

### MONTHLY – in Main Church

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every 1st Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Followed by

#### Generation CHRIST!

#### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

#### Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)