



## Which Door Do I Choose To Enter?

**A** Jesuit once said to me, “The path to hell is paved with many good intentions.” I was at first puzzled by what he said. Was he being cynical or sceptical about people trying to do good, but have hidden motives? What about those deceived by cunning conmen, who had showed them a door that led to empty promises, misery and hell. They had become innocent victims of scams and deception before they realised that it was too late. Being cheated especially in this age of many internet scams is sadly common.

In these situations, often trust is often patiently cultivated before it is undermined and broken. Inevitably, shame may prevent us from warning others about it. Or it may be that we are angry because we had been taken for a ride – that we feel violated by those who appear as loveable lambs, but really are wolves in sheep’s clothing.

We grieve and suffer because of evil that casts its shadows over us in our desire to journey towards the light. Even so, we must not despair nor be depressed, but dare to regroup, consolidate and remember to walk on towards the light of Christ that guides us to the door of the Kingdom of God.

“Try to enter by the narrow door,” Jesus exhorts us. What is this narrow door? I suggest that it is where the small, like children can enter, the humble who can inspire, and the powerless who can be recognised. In truth, God is holding our hands to console us, to be a consolation for our brothers and sisters whose silent cries are heard by God.

Who are those who cry with endless tears to God? Indeed, who do we accompany in our lives? Who are those who walk side by side with me in this Camino to reach the door of Faith, Hope and Life? Which door do you choose to enter? And who stands knocking at your door today?

For some of us, we are called to serve migrants workers, domestic helpers, servants, the homeless, or the youth in search of identity and meaning. They are present in our midst, in our family, in our work place, in our public spaces and in our world. We can ask ourselves: How can we see the covered faces of the faceless, hear the voice of the voiceless, feel with our heart for the heartless, and act for the powerless?

FR COLINTAN, SJ

The annual **SEASON OF CREATION** is celebrated by Christians of all denominations all over the world from 1 September to 4 October. In a letter from the Vatican, all Catholic churches are invited to join in the celebration with the last Sunday of September set aside for the closing of the Year of Mission. We are asked to celebrate our Creator and His Creation and live out the true spirit of Laudato si together in continual prayer, changes in the way we live and consume, hands-on action and even advocacy. Care and the protection of God’s creation is part of our faith. The theme for 2019 is “the Web of Life”, which connects our role as the stewards of God’s creation with the urgent need to protect biodiversity. Watch this space for more events in our parish during the Season of Creation. Go to [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org) for more information.



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

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the poor.

### DONATION FOR WALKWAY PROJECT

Our church is raising \$650,000 for an "additions & alterations" project to enable wheelchair access at the front of the church and covered walkways at Sacred Heart Hall behind. Thanks to your generosity, we have received \$250,000 to date. Please drop your donation envelopes into the weekly collection bags during offertory or into the Vestry's drop box.

### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO PPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are inviting nominations for candidates who would like to stand for elections to the PPC executive committee. Elections will be held at the annual Parish Assembly on Saturday 19 October 2019, 9am to 12pm at the St Ignatius Hall.

Nomination forms are available at the Place of Gathering and on our website [www.stignatius.org](http://www.stignatius.org). All nomination forms must be submitted to the parish office by 18 September 2019.

### HOW CATHOLIC ART SAVED THE FAITH

By Dr Elizabeth Lev on Wednesday 4 September, 8.00pm  
Dr Lev, world renowned art historian and 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 level catechetical students and RCIA candidates.

Venue: Church of St Ignatius

Date/Time: Wednesday 4 September, 8.00pm

### INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 8 September at 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend the briefing next Sunday 1 September, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Bob (9767 3053) & Beth Bermundo (9648 5345), Anthony (9815 9889) & Mariana Heng (9270 8213).

## A little Love Note

### LOVING OUR CHURCH

"We are Catholics because the Church speaks of the Trinitarian God whose very nature is love; of Jesus the Lord, crucified and risen from the dead; of the Holy Spirit, who inspires the followers of Christ up and down the ages; of the sacraments, which convey the Christ-life to us; and of the saints, who are our friends in the spiritual order. This is the treasure; this is why we stay."

**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**



### NEW STAFF

We warmly welcome our Catechetical Administrator, Susan Thian. We look forward to working with her and having her serve our parish family.

### ARISE! – WEEK 7; GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT

This Wednesday 28 August – a sharing on Growth in the Spirit. Light fellowship dinner at St Ignatius Hall at 7.30pm. Session ends at 9.30pm.

### JOIN THE CHOIR

Come join the Sunday 10.15am **IGNATIAN VOICES** choir. We're very 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).

The fun-loving **FAMILY CHOIR** (Sunday 8.15am Mass) welcome all in the family, from kids to grandparents. Practices are every Sunday, 10.30am – 12pm. Come say hi after mass, or contact [kristie.lai@gmail.com](mailto:kristie.lai@gmail.com) or 9751 0970 for details.

**THE LUMEN CHRISTI** (Saturday 6pm, 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday of month) and **MAGNIFICAT** (Sunday 6pm, 2nd, 5th Sunday of month) choirs are looking for singers and keyboardists. Call Jonathan (9752 0078 Lumen Christi) or Ju-Lyn (9694 1596 Magnificat).

### 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 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, 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](http://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](mailto:ccdstignatius@gmail.com)

### RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Katherine Tan Yang – 60 years old  
Date of death: 16 August 2018

# NEVER ALONE Through It All

In June this year, we noticed that the white spots on our son Damien's hands had spread over all his body. On the advice of a doctor friend, we went to have the condition diagnosed and treated. What followed was a harrowing experience, yet one in which I felt the Lord's love through it all.

During our first visit at the Polyclinic, we attempted to book an appointment at the National Skin Centre (NSC). Initially, we were told that we would have to wait three months. However, when we asked if there were any earlier dates, we secured one the very next day, somewhat miraculously!

The initial test against fungal infection, turned out to be negative. A painful biopsy ensued. It wrenched my heart to hear Damien scream and struggle with the medical team. What happened a week later was to me, the lowest point on this journey, when a staff of NSC called to say that we needed to further consult a specialist in the lymphoma clinic. I was thrown into great anxiety and worry as the staff said she could not provide more details.

That evening, as fear began to fill my heart and mind, I remember asking for prayers just before mass started. Tears welled up before I could further explain the reason to the celebrant. After Mass, when two of my friends came to me to ask if everything was all right, I could not hold my tears back anymore! They hugged me and told me that they would

pray for us while I sobbed quietly. A piece of tissue was offered and accepted thankfully, through it all.

That night, I started to pray to the Lord, telling him that I was at a loss and feeling really scared! I pleaded with Him to show me the way. I am unsure why, but I went online to google for a prayer to say for biopsy result. The following prayer appeared on the screen of my phone and I felt really comforted. It was as if it was meant for me to read this post, written in 2017, for a woman also named Sue, whose son had also gone for a biopsy and was also waiting for the result:

*"Dear Sue,*

*I am praying for good results from the skin biopsy. I pray that the doctor can treat whatever the problem is. I pray for God's peace in your hearts while you wait for the results. I pray that this period of waiting can also be a positive experience for you and your son to know the love of God. May God's promise of being with you always and working out all things for your good give your confidence and hope. Bless you both at this time!"*

I remember that there was a moment when Damien felt really down. It was after he had just learnt about the diagnosis. He asked me why God allowed this to happen to him. I could only say that I did not fully understand all the reasons why, but reassured him that God will be with us through it all.

I remember Damien saying, "We do not know what is God's plan for us, right Mum?"

Through it all, I saw God! I saw Him in the appointment clerk who went back to check for an earlier appointment. I saw His love in the care the medical team showed when they were treating Damien, whether it was the young Dr Tan who came out of the Procedure Suite to walk him in for the biopsy, or the nurse who patiently distracted Damien by asking him to watch a video on his phone while she swiftly drew the four tubes of blood! Or, the Lymphoma specialist who taught Damien how to pronounce the name of the disease.

Indeed, our Lord is merciful! I felt His Love in the support shown by all our friends, religious and laity alike, who not only prayed for us but also asked if they could get others to pray for us. Not just in Singapore but all around the world. We are truly grateful and blessed to be surrounded with such love, both from up above and from the bigger community around. Spouses of friends would come up to give me hugs and tell me to hang in there. Teens in my catechism classes sent me messages too, to let me know they are praying for us.

Through it all, I believe that I gained a little insight into the great suffering that Jesus went through during his Passion. In a way, this has also allowed me to have a glimpse of the great faith and trust that Mother Mary showed, choosing to believe in the Lord's promises to her even amidst the darkness, confusion and sheer pain of watching her own child suffer. I praise the Lord for his faithfulness to us through this entire experience, and I pray that you, too, may learn to trust him, through it all.

**SUSAN NG-THIAN**

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 11 September, Sh-02-E

Programme: Catholicism – The Pivotal Players – St Assisi: The Reformer

## 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 Sunday 8 September (4.00pm)

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

Venue: Kingsmead Spirituality Centre, 8 Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492

Register: [tinyurl.com/rpwm2019](http://tinyurl.com/rpwm2019)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### NOVENA YOUTH RALLY – A JOURNEY

Calling all youths & young adults. Dive deep. Join us at the Novena Youth Rally. Bring your friends to come experience the stillness of God's presence."

Date: Mon 2 September 2019

Time: 7.00PM – 10.00PM

Venue: Novena Church

Target age group: 13-30 y/o

### ACCIRD INTERRELIGIOUS PANEL ON FASTING

Date: Thursday 5 September

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: Cathedral of the Good

Shepherd, Annex Building, Level 3 Hall

Speakers: Ven. You Wei, Singapore

Buddhist Federation, Mr Ashraf, Maarof

Mosque, and Fr Cornelius Ching, ACCIRD

Register by Sunday 1 September at:

<https://forms.gle/WYvYrNeBQN1FkZcs7>

### CELEBRATING LIFE TOGETHER

**2019**, Mamre Oaks Ltd is organising a Conference and Tea Dance, especially for parents and caregivers of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), free admission and open to public on Saturday, 14 September, 10am to 4pm, at the Agape Village, 7A Lor 8, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Email: "admin@mamreoaks.sg" or call 68017476

### RETROUVAILLE

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Have you thought about separation or divorce? RETROUVAILLE is a lifeline for troubled and hurting marriages. Registration now open for 4-6 October Weekend program at [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.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](http://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