



The Miracle Of Mary's Love For Us

Exactly one hundred and two years ago on 13 October, a miracle happened like no other before. Our Lady appeared before a huge crowd of over 50,000 to 100,000 at Cova da Iria, Portugal, as she had promised. It would be her last apparition to the three children Francesco, Jacinta and Lucia. This came to be known as the “Miracle of the Sun”.

What really happened? This miraculous event was reported by many secular reporters. According to many accounts, after a period of rain, the dark clouds broke and the Sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. It was said to be significantly duller than normal. Then it started to radiate multicolored lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The Sun was then reported to have descended towards the earth before zig-zagging back to its normal position. Witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became “suddenly and completely dry”, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that poured before the miracle.

What do we make out of it? To many of us who have been to Fatima, we know that it is a place of pilgrimage, prayers and penance. We are mindful of the important role of Mary in the history of Salvation as she alone was chosen to bring Jesus into our world. This is the singular privilege given to her by God, and thus she alone is worthy of our love, devotion and gratitude to her for always directing us to love and follow her son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

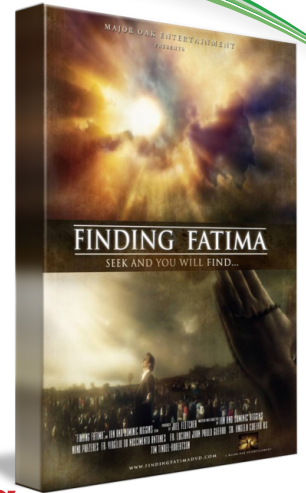
The lessons for us are many and still valid. In all her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel, and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice.

And we are to pray for the conversion of Russia. This is to prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert “that poor nation”, Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practise a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months (“the Five First Saturdays”).

We do well to heed the message of Our Lady of Fatima, so that God may be merciful to us sinners. Indeed, like the leper in our Gospel for this weekend’s reading, we often feel that we are unworthy and are ostracised from God and alienated from each other because sin has disfigured us.

Indeed, Mary has come to restore our image and dignity as God’s children. Let us not turn away from God, but be like the grateful leper who was cured and came back to thank God for the healing. To love Jesus is to love his mother, Mary. She wants us to love her Son Jesus as much as she loves him. This is the miracle of a Mother’s love for us — no more and no less. And if you do love her, pray the Rosary daily especially in this month of October, the month of the Rosary.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ



Living The Message Of FATIMA

On 6 August 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The bomb exploded half a mile from the Jesuit Church of Our Lady’s Assumption. More than 100,000 people were killed instantly and thousands more died months later from the effects of radiation. However, the church building and the four Jesuit priests Fr Hugo Lassalle, SJ, Fr Wilhelm Kleinsorge, SJ, Fr Hubert F. Schiffer, SJ and Fr Cieslik, SJ, survived.

When asked to account for this incredible situation, in which Fr Schiffer and his companions were spared, he said: “We believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily in that home.”

Finding Fatima is a compelling docu-drama that gives all of the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world. Parishioners of St Ignatius are invited to a screening of Finding Fatima on Friday 25 October, 7.30pm at St Ignatius Hall. A light dinner will be provided from 7pm. Register online: <https://forms.gle/ij5NGZxcagjzrvnaA>



PARISH NEWS

\$23,099.75 was collected for the Poor on the weekend of 5/6 October. Our parish's Society of St Vincent de Paul uses your donation for programmes to support the Poor.

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

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019 is on this coming Saturday 19 October at St Ignatius Hall. Breakfast will be served from 8.45am till 9.30am. Attendance is compulsory for all heads of ministries and NCCs, and core team members of ministries. Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, will present the new Parish organisational structure, and speak on the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Jesuits. All parishioners and ministry members are also invited to attend.

Our **WALKWAY PROJECT** construction works begin this week and will last 4 months. There will be temporary walkways and barricades at different locations to facilitate the works. Please bear with us for the inconvenience.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We invite all parishioners during the month of the Rosary to pray the Rosary at 7.30am and at 5.15pm before the 6.00pm weekday masses.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

A sharing on 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." There will be a healing service and individual praying over. All are invited to this Wednesday's session 16 October at St Ignatius Hall. Light dinner starts at 7.30pm and session ends at 9.30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

In the month of the Rosary, let's sing Marian hymns, pray the Rosary and spend an intimate hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Date: Friday 18 October, 7:45 pm - 9:00pm

All are invited to the talk "**MATTEO RICCI IN CHINA: A MISSION OF PERSUASION**", organized in conjunction with the Archdiocese Extraordinary Month of Mission. Fr Jerome Leon, SJ will present some of Ricci's missionary endeavors and approaches in China, analyzing them from the perspective of classical rhetoric. Friday 18 October, 8.00pm to 10.00pm at the Annex Hall.

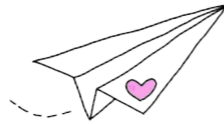
FARMERS MARKET

The 5th and last Farmers Market for 2019. Come feast on delicious home-made desserts and savouries. On sale are fresh fruits and vegetables, and plants and herbs. Saturday 2 November, 10.00am to 12.00pm, at Sacred Heart Hall.

A Little Love Note

LOVING OUR FAITH

"Love takes up where knowledge leaves off."
ST THOMAS AQUINAS



POP-UP CAFÉ

Parents are invited for discussions and sharings on parenting in the context of our faith. Come for coffee at the pop-up cafe while your children are at their catechetical sessions. Hosted by the Magis Family Ministry at Sacred Heart Hall, Saturday 19 October, 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Topic: Communication with our kids. Love offerings are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The Church celebrates World Mission Sunday on 20 October. NCCs, SCCs, ministries, groups and individuals are encouraged to use the Mission Is Community booklet available for download at one.org.sg/resources. **COLLECTIONS** from all masses next Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October will be for the spread of the Gospel.

WELCOMING OUR LORD THIS ADVENT

During Advent we hope to create a space for our Lord and ponder the awesome gift of our salvation through meditation on Scripture and art making. All aged 21 years and above are welcome to join any or all of our 4 sessions. Art materials are provided and no experience is required. A love offering will be collected for each session. Enquiries: email anne.eighteen@gmail.com. Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/E2CZMK6bMrormjrm2> or via the QR code. Venue: St Ignatius Church, Classroom #01-09
Time: 9 am to 12 noon
Dates: 4 Fridays, 25 October – 15 November 2019

If you missed our NATIVITY STABLES SALE

EXTRAVAGANZA, you can login to <http://www.joyhope.com.sg/shop.html> or scan the QR code to get your Christmas gifts of handcrafted Nativity sets, figurines and ornaments. 20 percent of the proceeds will go to the Hai Sing Catholic School building fund.



JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday 23 November, 9.30am to 3.00pm and Sunday 24 November, 9.30am to 1.00pm, at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund. Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition. NO bulky furniture or electronic items like TVs, printers, video, cassette tapes, and textbooks. Place your donations by 10 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Stella Tan – 62 years old
Departed: 7 October 2019

Are You A "Carpark Catholic"?

After having served seven years in the St Ignatius Traffic Assistants (TA) Ministry, I recently stepped down. I had spent all those years holding my tongue and trying my best to be civil and cheerful to every one of my brothers and sisters in the church carpark. But I finally lashed out at a fellow parishioner on Sunday evening 15 September. The specifics of the incident should not be the focus and with hindsight, I realised I was even more wrong than the parishioner by lashing out at him. I want to direct attention to how we as Catholics treat each other once we step out of church, and head to our cars in the church carpark. I know I have run spiritually dry and can no longer serve so I am writing this letter to help heal my own hurts, and also to help our parishioners reflect on what it means to use the church carpark and to be a follower of Christ.

"I am a Cradle Catholic". When someone says that, it implies he or she grew up never really understanding their faith, never meeting the Holy Spirit, and never taking Jesus' commandment seriously, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". Experiencing a renewal of faith in my adult life prepared me to serve humbly as a traffic warden. After seven years of experiencing the wrath of many of our own parishioners in the church carpark, I want to pose a new question. **Are you a Carpark Catholic?** To me, a Carpark Catholic is someone who 'tries' to attend Mass on time but ends up frequently zooming in late. They behave with a sense of entitlement and don't like to be told what to do and how to do it. They certainly don't like being told where to park their cars. As seasoned traffic wardens, we know these parishioners like to get the best lots to avoid being double-parked, but how are we to judge? I have had parishioners admonish me for not realising their elderly parents cannot walk an extra 10 meters, only to see them ably walk up the slope to Kingsmead. I have had sarcastic remarks about my intelligence when directing a heavy flow of traffic. These cases are but the milder examples of the difficulties every traffic warden faces each weekend. At its worst, we have had incidences of serious physical and verbal abuse from parishioners who decided they have a right to park anywhere they wish without consequence and thought for others.

The TA Ministry exists because there is a system and parking sequence that has been in place for many years and which works. Each traffic assistant understands and abides by this system, their authority given to them by the Parish. There is no personal power trip going on when he or she directs the flow of traffic at church. We are simply following the system to orderly and efficiently assist parishioners to park their cars so that they can get to church. If we also have the time and manage to greet each parishioner with a smile and say hello, that is a bonus.

It would seem from my many years of observation, the Carpark Catholic is someone who immediately behaves and treat others differently once they reach the church carpark. If a warden from the Hospitality Ministry were to direct a parishioner to a pew which is not his or her preferred seat, would they curse at that warden? Would they reply with sarcasm as they regularly do towards the traffic assistants? Why is it that as soon as a parishioner gets to the carpark, they cease to remember Jesus' commandment? The conflict in the carpark and the attitude of Carpark Catholics reflect poorly on our faith. It says to others that we don't believe in Jesus' commandment outside the four walls of the church. It says to others we attend church out of obligation and then when we come, we don't come with an honest love and joy for others.

I pray that in time, I will be spiritually strengthened to rejoin the TA Ministry. I pray and hope for greater unity in our church and perhaps that begins when you first drive into the church compound. The next time you are anxious to get your carpark lot and you see a traffic warden, I hope you will consider this letter. Your words and actions towards them are a reflection of your faith in Jesus' love for you and through you. I pray that that faith begins in the church carpark.

God Bless.

*A Prayer
for Our Traffic Ministry
"that their patient service be
met with cooperation,
understanding and
gratitude from
all drivers."*

JEREMIAH YEU

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Suzie Wee Parish Accountant ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Cheryl Lek Youth Coordinator ★ Susan Thian Catechetical Administrator

Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 3 – ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday 16 October, Rm #02-06

Programme: Symbolon Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching – Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person

JESUIT NEWS

TALK 2: IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: DISCERNING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

This talk presents some ways in which our contemporary culture is read and suggests each is an attempt to deal with the tensions between security and rootedness, ideology and mystery, power and emptiness, complacency and creativity.

Date/ Time: Wednesday 16 October, 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Facilitator: Fr Monty Williams, SJ.

Contribution: \$50

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/monty19>; Tel: 6467 6072

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

MAGIS
Series

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available at the Place of Gathering. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "CHARIS HAF" with your name and contact to: CHARIS, #07-02, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Contact: Irene/Michelle at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org

PIETA MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE OUR DEPARTED CHILDREN

Friday 8 November, 7:30pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd @ Queen Street

We come together as bereaved families to remember our departed children, no matter if our loss was recent or long ago, and includes unborn and adult children. The mass will be celebrated by Msgr Philip Heng SJ. Parents who wish to include the name of your child for this mass, please REGISTER before 18 October at <http://tinyurl.com/PietaMM2019>. Email: pietamass@gmail.com

THE CHANCERY ARCHIVES + CANA INVITE YOU TO — OF MARTYRS, MIGRANTS AND MYSTERIES —

Cyprian Lim unravels the roots of his Catholic ancestry who left their homeland and came here to settle in the Teochew Catholic Village of Bethlehem.

Saturday 26 October, 10am, at 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road. Registration: canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 91768909 or <https://tinyurl.com/y3ehuukj>

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. 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