



Heaven's Calling The Saints Answered

It is interesting that the Church should intentionally celebrate All Souls Days, juxtaposed as if they were a diptyque installation.. It does point us to the reality of our human identity — that we are children of God and have a body and soul and that one day, we will end life's journey to join the saints in heaven.

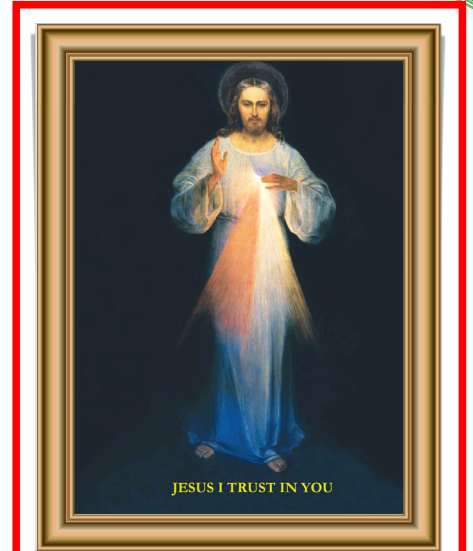
Perhaps, November is a good time to reflect on the purpose of life. What indeed is our purpose in life? To make lots of money, and acquire worldly riches and fortunes? To be famous and fabulous, and admired by others in our quest for a name and fame? Or to be powerful and domineering, and command "respect" out of pride or insecurity like pompous world politicians?

Conversely, perhaps, we can say that our purpose as Christians is that we exist to serve for the good of people and give glory to God alone. In all humility and sincerity, and in wisdom, we can recognise that all we are and have, are gifts from God. What we make of them and what we become are our gifts to God. When we have done all that is required of us, we will one day be called to go where Jesus has gone, and we hope that Jesus will say to each of us, "Good and faithful servant, come and receive your eternal reward because you are faithful in small things that have been entrusted to you and have done well. Come and have your supper."

Yet, we have seen in this earthly sojourn that some have gone astray and found themselves lost. They have lost their way and wandered in the desert of despair — distracted by false allurements of mirages and illusions that lead many to destruction. It could be that they have no moral compass to guide them — no mentor or good Christian who can point out the dangers and the right way to them. Yet for others, they don't have a reliable GPS or map to follow. Many have even given up hope, given up faith and given up believing in God. How sad that day will be, not only for themselves, but for their families and loved ones whom they have let down.

The work of our enemy and evil forces are always hiding in darkness, ready to ambush the unwary. Yet in the midst of this dark landscape and delusions, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, comes to us as a friend who "has come to seek out and save what was lost".

Lost as we may be, He comes gently and quietly to our side to rescue us. He comes to give us confidence and faith. He strengthens our spirit and increases our faith to let us know that he has not abandoned us. It is we who have often abandoned him and left him for false attractions and deadly distractions, since we have been blinded by the allurements of the enemy, who has set up discreet booby traps concealed



DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

is organising a Mission Trip to Miriam Home (run by Canossian Sisters) in Kluang, Malaysia on Saturday 16 November. The bus will leave from our church at 7.30am and return to Singapore by 4.30pm-5.00pm. Lunch is provided. Only 40 places available. Those who wish to join in need to sign up at the Place of Gathering, church office (call Angela Kurnadi at 6466 0625) or online at <https://forms.gle/vzhScrX2yfN2QvB87>

among the superficial, shiny coins and trinkets that have been sprinkled on our paths. Do not fall for them.

Let us pray to Our Lord to give us hope to follow the footpath of the saints who have trodden the narrow path that leads to life and marked out the way for us to walk without imperiling ourselves. They are the bright lights that shine at night when darkness is all around. They give us courage to testify to our faith when we feel like giving up in the face of persecution. They will call out to us with a clarion voice: "Hold on, stand firm and be brave. Jesus is here with all the saints!"

FR COLINTAN, SJ

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

In the month of November, you can submit names of deceased relatives and friends at the Place of Gathering. Prayers for them will be offered at all weekend masses in November.

GOODWILL VISIT TO THE BA'ALWIE MOSQUE

All are invited to join Fr Colin Tan on a visit to Ba'alwie Mosque and meet Imam Habib Hassan on Saturday 9 November, 2pm-3.30 pm. At 2 Lewis Road Singapore 258590. Limited places available. Register with Mary-Rose Guat at moonsongone@gmail.com



GIFT OF TOOTHBRUSHES

ACTS Cambodia invites parishioners and their families, including the catechism children, to donate toothbrushes (new and still in package) to the needy in Cambodia. You may hand your gift to your Catechist during the Weekend Catechetical, CCD, Children's Liturgy, Leading Little Ones or CGS sessions, or leave them in donation boxes at the Place of Gathering, Catechetical office or parish office. Last day of collection: 11 November 2019.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

The Welcoming Ministry invites all to the annual St Ignatius Advent Wreath Making session. Come with friends and family to make a blessed wreath as we await the coming of Jesus. There will be food, games and blessings. Saturday 30 November, 3pm-5pm Sacred Heart Hall. \$50 per wreath. Email Vivien Chan at vivien02@gmail.com or whatsapp 9762 0868 by 19 November. On a first come first served basis. Note: places run out fast.

SING FOR THE CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

The DVC choir invites all parishioners to join them and sing for the Christmas Midnight Mass. Contact Chrestella at 9828 6879 by this Tuesday 5 November.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY CHOIR

The fun-loving Family Choir invites all in the family to sing with them at the Children's Christmas Mass on 24 December, 5.30pm, and 8.15am Christmas Day Mass. Practices start from 14 November (Thursdays 8pm-10pm). Contact kristie.lai@gmail.com or 9751 0970.

A Little Love Note

LOVING OUR FAITH

"Of all points of faith, the being of a God is, to my own apprehension, encompassed with most difficulty, and yet borne in upon our minds with most power."

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are welcome to a Eucharistic Healing Service by Fr Thomas Lim, OCD. This Wednesday 6 November, at St Ignatius Hall. Light dinner begins at 7.30pm, followed by a healing service which ends at 9.30pm.

Look out for a talk on **THE DEVIL'S DOOR**, by Fr Andrew Wong, CSC. "Satan lies, and is the Father of Lies. He blinds the minds of unbelievers ... to keep Satan from gaining the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his designs". Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Ignatius Hall. A light meal will be served before the talk.

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.

WELCOMING OUR LORD THIS ADVENT

Prepare your hearts this Advent and Christmas to make room for Jesus in our lives. At the Open Studio, we hope to create a space for our Lord and ponder the awesome gift of our salvation through meditation on Scripture and art making. Open to all, aged 21 and above. Sessions although linked by a theme are also independent. Art materials are provided and no experience is required. A love offering will be collected for each session. For enquiries, email anne.eighteen@gmail.com. Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/E2CZMK6bMromjrn2> Venue: St Ignatius Church, Classroom #01-09 Time: 9am to 12pm Dates: 4 Fridays, 25 October – 15 November

ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent to Christmas, in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "Promise of Communion". Please take a copy home for your family. Online copy at: bit.ly/oneadvent2019

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Mary Yeoh Choon Kim – 84 years old
Departed: 23 October 2019

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

We Remember

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Anyone who has lost a child will know the indescribable pain of the loss and the tremendous challenge of the grief process. For Catholic parents, this crisis seriously questions our faith. There are more questions than answers and we will not likely get all answers to the questions deep in our heart, ever.

We lost our 24-year-old son Andrew suddenly in 2015. We looked for support and found a secular community called the Child Bereavement Support (Singapore), who were very supportive and consoling, and yet, because it was not faith-based, we needed to feel and be reminded of the hope that we have in Christ and have our grief centred on God so that we could allow God's healing and peace to come.

In a crisis like this, it is easy to blame God. The path forward splits into two or away from Him. We

made a conscious decision to persevere in faith and not give up on God.

ANSWERING A CALLING

We wanted to seek companionship with parents who had lost a child as where we were was uncharted territory. In our search for answers, we knew that our faith would be a major component of the grieving and healing process. When we met two other grieving Catholic parents, we understood that we had been called to create a peer support group for parents going through this grief journey.

We don't really know why this has happened and we offer no reasons. Rather we recognize that this difficult journey calls us to trust and have great faith in God who actually loves us. All we know is that we who are still alive need to grieve and allow ourselves to reach out to God in our darkest moments and just hold on to Him, to cry our hearts out and feel His arms embrace us, and know that He loves us and our child too.

In our search, the Holy Spirit led us to find Valerie and Audrey, who provided the community support and shared their faith experiences.

When the three couples started Pieta, a ministry for and by bereaved parents, it became a realization that there were so many other parents who had lost a child. We found attending a support group allowed us to not feel alone. Saying our son's name and talking about him and his

passing allowed us to continue to feel his presence in our lives, and through our sessions centred on Christ and his mother Mary, we sense that our son is very much alive in God's embrace.

It has been almost 5 years since Andrew left us to be with Christ in his heavenly home. We still carry the pain of the sorrow with us. However, in knowing where and who our son is with, we strive to feel that sense of peace that allows us to continue to live our lives in spite of missing him so very much every day.

ANYONE IS WELCOME

Pieta welcomes any parent grieving the loss of a child, regardless of faith. We are a drop-in group. There is no obligation to speak or attend the monthly session regularly. Any bereaved parent is welcome, no matter how long ago the loss happened, no matter how old the child was, and no matter what the circumstances were. The sessions are open to people of all faiths, but key is that we are centred on the light of Christ, and we also draw much consolation from Mother Mary who accepted the death of her Son and saw Him at the resurrection. "Just come" is Pieta's personal invitation.

Pieta was set up in September 2016 to help the Catholic community support anyone who has lost a child. Named after the famous sculpture of Mother Mary cradling the lifeless body of her son Jesus in her arms, Pieta aspires to help parents find healing through our faith.

ELIZABETH AND GREG

All are invited to our third memorial mass this Friday 8 November, 7.30pm at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, with Msgr Philip Heng as the main celebrant. At this mass, as we celebrate the Eucharist on earth, we remember in a special way our children who have gone before us, and as a community of bereaved parents, renew our faith and hope that they are all with Christ at his heavenly table.
Email : pieta.singapore@gmail.com
Facebook : www.facebook.com/PietaSingapore
Website : <https://pietasingapore.wixsite.com/pietasingapore>

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1- ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Wednesday 13 November, Rm Sh-02-E

Programme: St Thomas Aquinas – The Theologian

ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday 12 November, 3.30pm

Programme: Visiting The Red Cross

Home of the Disabled at 8 Lengkok Bahru, 04-01 Family-Link @ Lengkok Bahru

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 21 November, Rm #02 SH-F

Programme: 1) Daily Word of God
2) 7 Secrets of The Eucharist (DVD)
Rev Robert E. Barron, creator & host of The CATHOLICISM series.

JESUIT NEWS

COUPLE GOALS: A WORKSHOP ON RELATIONSHIP WELLNESS

Single and dating, in a new relationship or a long-term one and considering a deeper commitment like marriage? This evening talk will help you discover what is important to you in a relationship, who you are and the partner for your future.

Date/Time: Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitator: Lissy Ann Puno, Counselling Psychologist

Contribution: \$30

Venue: Kingsmead Spirituality Centre, 8 Victoria Park Road, S266492

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/cpgoals19>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

COUPLE DATE NITE — KISSMISSBLISS IN YOUR MARRIAGE

14 November, 7.00pm to 9.30pm.

For couples married 1 - 5 years. Spend an enjoyable evening together to enhance your couple relationship. Register at bit.ly/kmb_bt or call 6488 0278. Only \$20 per pax.

WALKING TOGETHER 2019

By Caritas Singapore Community Council — The Caritas Singapore Agape Fund Walking Together is a leisurely 3km walk, followed by an indoor picnic with music. All participating walkers will be contacted via email to collect their exclusive walker packs which include a Dri-fit shirt and other specially-curated items. Saturday 23 November, 8am to 12pm. Only one child (below 12) walks for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

Register: <http://bit.ly/WalkingTogether2019>

For more information, Email: pamela@caritas-singapore.org or call 6337 6197, 9271 3335

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