



THE RESURRECTION: *Dead Becomes Alive*

Easter season has not yet arrived, but the readings of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about the resurrection. Despite the liturgical season differences, we are talking about the same thing - Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead. This faith comes from the belief in Jesus Christ who rose from the dead, lives forever, and causes us to share in this gift of eternal life (Youth Catechism 152). The Catechism further explains, "When someone dies, his body is buried or cremated. Nevertheless, we believe that there is a life after death for that person. In His Resurrection, Jesus showed that he is Lord over death; his word is trustworthy: 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me though he die, yet shall he live' (Jn 11:25b)."

For some, Halloween and horror movies might be both appalling and appealing. But perhaps, the deeper underlying attraction is the question on how the dead becomes alive. Basically, it is really a question of life. This question also points to our celebrations of All Saints and in the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Likewise, the Jesuits celebrate the feast of All Saints of the Society of Jesus (5 November) and the Commemoration of All the Departed of the Society of Jesus (6 November). For, in the month of November, we remember those whom we have loved and lost on earth, and we can find

consolation in our faith and the Lord's promise of the resurrection.

In Jesus' time, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. They posed a seemingly impossible question: a woman who was married to seven brothers, each of whom died childless in the context of Levirate Marriage (Dt 25:5-10). At the resurrection of the dead, whose wife will she be? Jesus in reply pointed out Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. This encounter shows the Lord God as the God of the living, not the dead (Ex 3). More importantly, Jesus broadens our imagination and that of the Sadducees about the resurrected life which is beyond the limits of earthly existence, like marriage. Jesus tells us about the limits of our imaginations about eternal life. When the time comes, we are "children of the resurrection" and we will have eternal relationship with "God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all of them are alive." Likewise, the first reading reminds us about the faith of the Maccabees family who believed in the God who had a place for them beyond death. The second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians assures us that the Lord God is faithful. God will give us strength and guard us from the evil one, as long as we turn our hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Pope Francis recently told the participants of the World Meeting of

Young People in Mexico City that "the question of death is really a question about life." Each moment, we live our earthly life closer to death. In doing so, "we should pay attention to each small purpose of everyday life" that will make it eternal. He said that there are three types of death that really fill us with life: "The death of every instant. The death of the ego. The death of one world gives way to a new one." He continued to say that "if death is not to have the last word, it is because in life we learned to die for one another." This is exactly what Jesus had done and shown us when he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

The resurrection accounts of the Empty Tomb, of Mary Magdalene, and of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, tell us that to become alive with the Risen Christ requires attentiveness and patience. By staying with our deep desire, we are more likely to recognize the Living God who fills us with Easter joy, love and surprises. When Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for a gardener, Mary had to let go of knowing and loving Jesus in one way, in order to know and love Him anew in His Resurrection.

What does the resurrected life mean to you today? How can you know the Lord God who makes us truly alive?

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PARISH NEWS

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

NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

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.

RENOVATION NOTICES

Pedestrians, please note: the stairs to the Church entrance from King's Road is now closed during the construction of the new ramp. Works are expected to last 6 weeks. Signs have been put up for alternative access.

Drivers, please note: The drainage expansion works at the Annex car park will also take about 6 weeks to complete. Parking and pedestrian access will be affected. For your safety, please cooperate with the Traffic Assistants.

Thank you for bearing with the inconveniences.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Children and all in the family are invited to the thanksgiving celebration in our final session for the year to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Sing hymns, offer the Rosary and intercessory prayers to thank Our Lord for 2019. Friday 15 November, 7.45pm – 9pm.

CATECHETICAL SESSIONS FOR 2019 end this weekend. 2020 sessions will begin on Saturday 8/Sunday 9 February. Look out for notices at the beginning of the new year for start-of-year parents meetings. We wish all our children, youths and families a blessed holiday and thank all for your support and prayers.

CATECHETICAL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2020 LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Our final session for 2019 (during 8.15am and 10.15am mass) is Sunday 24 November on the Solemnity of Christ the King. We will be back on Sunday 9 February 2020.

LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD

K2 classes for 2020 are on Saturday, 1.30pm to 3.00pm; K1 classes on Saturday, 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Links for registration forms (case sensitive):
K2: <https://tinyurl.com/LLOTG-K2-Registration>
K1: <https://tinyurl.com/LLOTG-K1-Registration>
Registration closes 20 December.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Primary 1 registration for 2020 is NOW OPEN. Limited places are also available for NEW registrations for other levels – subject to the existing enrolment and other conditions. Closing date is 30 November. Existing youths and children in our programme need not re-enroll. Register ONLY on our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend/registration> Email stignatius.wecat@gmail.com if you have any queries.

A Little Love Note

LOVING OUR FAITH

"The difficulty of explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true."

G K CHESTERTON



DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY is organising a Mission Trip to Miriam Home (run by Canossian Sisters) in Kluang, Malaysia this Saturday 16 November. The group will leave from church at 7.30am and return to Singapore by 4.30-5pm. Lunch is provided. Only 40 seats available. Those who wish to join in need to register at the church office (Angela Kurnadi at 6466 0625) or scan QR code or online at <https://forms.gle/vzhScrX2yfn2QvB87>



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 vivienc02@gmail.com or whatsapp 9762 0868 by 19 November. On a first come first served basis. Note: places run out fast.

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.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

A sharing on Covenantal Love – God's love for us is unending, giving us strength, encouragement and love to sustain us in our lives. Our challenges mould us into better disciples so that we can experience his salvific love. All are welcome this Wednesday 13 November at St Ignatius Hall. Light dinner starts 7.30pm and the prayer session ends at 9.30pm.

He masquerades in costumes of light and righteousness. Satan tempts people to sin. "To keep Satan from gaining the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his designs" 2 Cor2:11. A talk on **THE DEVIL'S DOOR** by Fr Andrew Wong, CSC. Thursday 28 November, 7.30-9.30pm 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.



Brothers from Other Lands



Organised by ACMI (Archdiocesan Commission for Migrant Workers), our parish's youths from the Secondary 1 Weekend Catechetical Programme spent a Saturday afternoon with migrant workers, who leave their homes and families to work in Singapore.

As part of our Ignatian focus on social mission, this outreach programme was for many of our teens, a new eye-opening encounter. For five hours at a Migrant Workers Dormitory, they met, chatted and handed out snack and food packs. They were friendly, playful and easygoing with the workers. While it was sometimes challenging to keep the boys from running around the gym and tossing rice packets for play, it was a great opportunity to teach about the preciousness of food.

Our youths got down to chatting with the workers, shaking hands and exchanging high fives, and saying, "Thank you for building Singapore".

Our thanks to all donors and Daniel Yeo and Victoria from ACMI for creating a respectful, fun atmosphere.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

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

LONGING: AN ADVENT RETREAT 2019

A weekend silent retreat in preparation for Christmas 2019.

Come away for a few days to reflect on the longing in our hearts for God's deeper presence in our lives and what the coming of Christ means for us today.

Dates & Times: Friday, 13 Dec (7.30pm) to Sunday, 15 Dec (4pm) 2019

Facilitator: Fr. Gregory Tan, SJ

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

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/longing2019>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SJI INFORMATION DAY

St Joseph's Institution will be holding an Information Day on 25 November for current P6 boys who are seeking Secondary 1 admission in 2020. Registration for the event via www.sji.edu.sg.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION Creed on the Street (COTS 11)

An invitation to young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues.

Thursday 21 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, level 3, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, S187954.

Topic: From Stigma to Solidarity – What more can we do to address the stigma of mental health issues?

Information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org or email:

youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

CHINESE MUSICAL PLAY

Theme: Homecoming Pilgrims @ Novena (He is waiting for you)

From helplessness to hopefulness. Witness the homecoming journey of four young people... What are you waiting for? Come and see! He is waiting for YOU!

All are welcome!

Date and Time: Friday 13 December, 7.30pm

Venue: Novena Church

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