



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Radiance of **CHRIST** Our **KING**

One of the most intractable problems in the advent of Artificial Intelligence, advanced computer technology and the spread of social media on the Internet, is proliferation of lies and half-truths — the smudging of truth.

It doesn't take very much for anyone these days to create lies, be they in fake advertisements using the names of famous people without permission to endorse and sell a product or to create "alternative facts" which are the opposing views presented from the spun and spiced versions of ideological biased statements. The unfortunate victim is Truth as we know it. And friends we know who are too ashamed of having fallen victim when they should have known better.

Indeed, not only is the public confused by the barrage of diverse versions of events, we too can easily fall victim to the honey-traps created by scammers as we find out too late that even many "intelligent people" are cheated and robbed of their money, confidential information and security.

No wonder in our Gospel this week, Jesus invites us to be alert, to be vigilant and to stand firm in our faith, and be able to separate fact from fiction, truth from

falsehood, good from evil between the leaders who jeered at him and those who supported him right to the end when he hung on the cross. Many will denounce him when it is convenient and switch loyalty for their own selfish gains. These are the ones who have, as it were, gone over to the "dark side", for anyone who cheats and lies belongs to the prince of darkness.

The police are constantly issuing advice to warn us not to fall victim to scammers, cheaters and liars. They remind us to be wary in giving away personal information, be it our bank account number, identity card number or OTP (One Time Password) to anyone including family members! Secondly, be vigilant if a stranger calls you to tell you fantastic news, good or bad, from strangers. If it's too good to be true, it is probably not true. And if it's so bad to be fake, it is probably fake.

In Ignatian terms of discernment, we can test them out in the following ways: First, ask yourselves, "Is it likely to be from the angel of light or angel of darkness? The former, leads to an increase of faith, hope, love and peace, while the latter creates a distress in one's soul where there is a loss of faith, hope, trust and peace. In other words, you will know if you are moving closer to God or away from God; if you are inflamed with the love of God, or a coldness toward God.

To the extent that you are moving closer to God and growing in greater hope, love and trust in God, you are moved by the good spirit. To the extent that you are not and are moving in the opposite direction away from God, be sure that you are not in good company.

Similarly, we know that the good spirit operates in the light and in openness and constancy, and respects our freedom of choice. We make our choice then from the clear waters of our conscience, in the stillness of prayers and in the radiance of Christ's light and his word of truth from the scriptures. Christ is the King who frees us from the enslavement of sin and the entrapment of lies. He is the King who speaks words of truth and wisdom to bring us peace and life. He does not deceive us nor can he be deceived. Listen to his voice.

Lastly, discernment lets us know the motives from which we operate and make our choices — are we tempted by short term gains motivated by greed, empty promises, hollow fame and pride? Once we know where we stand on these things, we will immunise ourselves from falling prey to the Prince of Darkness and his underlings and agents. You can say to them, "Thanks, but no thanks." And "go away from me with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." For I follow and serve only Christ my Lord and King. Vivo Christo Rey!

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

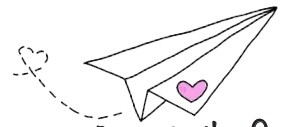


### ST IGNATIUS 60<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE SURVEY

The St Ignatius 60th Jubilee Celebration Committee invites all parishioners to complete a survey on how we should celebrate the Parish Jubilee. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/DJsurvey2019> to complete the survey. Alternatively, You may scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated.



## A Little Love Note



### LOVING OUR FAITH

“Anyone who acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have recognised for ourselves, and put our faith in, the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” 1 JOHN 4:15-16

## PARISH NEWS

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

### 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.

### THE DEVIL'S DOOR

A talk by Fr Andrew Wong, CSC  
Discern how to avoid being deceived and destroyed as Satan accuses and causes sickness.  
Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Ignatius Hall. Light meal served before the talk. For catering purpose, you need to call Ian at **9474 3699** to register.

### LOURDES EXPERIENCE

Singapore Indoor Stadium, Saturday December, 2pm  
Please collect your tickets you had reserved from the church office soon. There are still some tickets available. Collect them in person from Angela Kurnadi at the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm. Strictly first come, first served.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Catholic Hispanic community invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Thursday 12 December, 7.30pm. Presider: Fr Jose Luis Lopez Carpio. Refreshment after Mass at Sacred Heart Hall.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Zacchaeus' first encounter with Jesus was a life-changing experience for him. What is your experience? Come and share on this Bible passage on Luke 19:1-10. This Wednesday, 27 November at St Ignatius Hall. Join us at 7.30pm for fellowship and a light dinner. The sessions ends at 9.30pm. All are welcome!

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY CHOIR

The fun-loving Family Choir invites all in the family to sing 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.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Children aged between 6 - 10 years old who are interested in taking part in this year's Nativity play on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm before 6pm Mass are invited to sign up and come for just 2 practice sessions on Sunday 15 and 22 December, 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Parents' help during rehearsals and play is much needed. Bring along Nativity costumes if you have them. Email tancarmelmary@gmail.com

### ADVENT / CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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 overall theme for the Advent to Christmas Reflections is "Promise of Communion". One copy for each household. Online edition at: [bit.ly/oneadvent2019](http://bit.ly/oneadvent2019)

**INFANT BAPTISMS** Sunday 8 December at 3.00pm  
Parents and godparents are required to attend a briefing on Sunday 1 December, 3pm at La Storta room. Registration forms are available at the church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Valerie (9189 3770) & Gerard Lee (9677 0078), or Audrey Hwang (8128 8613).

### CATECHETICAL REGISTRATIONS FOR 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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy will take a break after this Sunday and will resume on Sunday 9 February, 2020.

### 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](mailto:stignatius.wecat@gmail.com)

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Hilary See Mock Leong – 97 years old  
Departed: 11 November 2019

Regina Tay – 49 years old  
Departed: 21 November 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As had been highlighted at the recent Parish Assembly, we are taking the necessary steps in order to address some issues arising from the organisational structure in the parish. The sole purpose of the structure is to help us accompany and build up the faith life of our community, and also to respond more effectively to the pastoral needs of our parishioners. Such an organisational structure contains many interrelated mechanisms and processes at various levels – the priests in the parish, parish staff, those responsible for ministries etc. From time to time, the efficacy of these internal mechanisms and processes need to be evaluated in order to preserve helpful practices and to dispel unnecessary burdens that tend to disrupt, more than help us attain our purpose as a community. The structure should help us and free us in order to respond more effectively to the needs of people, instead of seducing us into a thoughtless maintenance of bureaucracy, on the one hand, or a dysfunction that leads to miscommunication, confusion and strain in our own relationships with one another, on the other.

St Ignatius was quite clear that our structures are instruments which must aid our collaboration with God's labour and not so saddle us that we expend more time and energy in dealing with its internal dysfunctions. In line with this desire, and after much consultation, we are engaged in the process of making the organizational structure of the parish a better tool for our mission. Needless to say, every tool is dependent on the persons who wield it. Hence, this effort and hoped for outcome is really dependent on our generous collaboration with this desire.

We are trying to define the various centers for consultation and decision-making in the parish. The forming of the Four General Clusters – Spirituality, Liturgy, Formation, Mission – are an attempt at defining these necessary pivotal centers, besides also being grounded in the necessary components which constitute a Christian life in a community. In order that we are able to channel our energy and attention and respond to needs more effectively, the priests in the parish have each taken up responsibility for a cluster. Every consultation and decision-making in relation to each cluster and the ministries that belong to it will fall under the purview of the priest taking care of it. Please bring all matters pertaining to your ministry or office to the priest in charge of the cluster, and refrain from trying to circumvent this process. Bringing the matter to some other authority will not be helpful and is, in fact, counter-productive.

Therefore, for instance, all communications on matters pertaining to liturgy and the sacraments in the parish should be directed to Fr Jerome, the parish liturgical coordinator/director, and communicated through him. Likewise, all directives from the Liturgical Committee and the Liturgical Cluster and those regarding liturgy and the sacraments should only be issued by him. This is to avoid miscommunication, misunderstanding, and confusion. This basic mode of proceeding is to be applied also to the other clusters and in relation to the other respective priests in charge of them. Be assured that Fr Jerome and Fr Ravi and I meet every week in order to discuss matters pertaining to each cluster in order also to accompany one another.

Many thanks for the magnanimous response and support from you as individuals and ministries already so palpable. Let us pray for the grace to live in that freedom that is able to use the instruments and tools that the Lord has blessed us with in order to ensure that His greater Glory and the salvation of persons in our care are more clearly and steadfastly pursued.

In the Lord,  
**Fr Colin Tan**  
Parish Priest



## 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: Thursday 28 November

Time: 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>

### 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 (4.00pm) 2019

Facilitator: Fr. Gregory Tan, SJ

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

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CHOICE WEEKEND

It takes that one weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date: 29 November - 1 December (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S649368

Enquiries: Celia (9876 3214)

Register & Info: [http://www.choice.org.sg/?page\\_id=8](http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8)

### ADVENT RECOLLECTION 2019

An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Mass will be celebrated.

By Cenacle Sisters.

Date: 8 December

Time: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Venue: Cenacle, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S649368

Contribution: Love Offering

Register: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

### THE 3RD ANGELICO ART AWARD 2020

Theme: I will recount all Your wonders." Psalm, 9:2

Calling all artists to dive deep, to remember and proclaim in faith what God has done and shown. It is also an invitation for you to bear witness and be a beacon of our faith and help open more eyes to the beauty that our God lays before us, in gratitude and love.

Online submission closing date:

15 August, 2020

Information: [www.angelicoart.com](http://www.angelicoart.com)

### 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](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