



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

remembering what God has told us, asked of us, and offered us, and now we ponder just what it all means for each of us and for our times. Today in particular we ponder what John's message has to say to each of us, and that one particular point he would center on in speaking to each of us in the way he spoke to soldiers and tax collectors and, here, to the Scribes and Pharisees. And all of this will prepare us to celebrate that one central event in all history, God joining Himself to His creation in endless, salvific love.

CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

To Know Jesus Personally

We are in Advent, a special time of the year to remember God's promises, to ponder the meaning of them and how He carefully fulfills them at the proper time, and to celebrate the fact that God does always come through, although generally not in the way or at the time that we expect or hope for.

When Jesus came among us He was preceded by the most unusual person of John the Baptizer. People took him for a prophet, which he was in his own special way, but none of the prophets had had such a simple message and none shared his incredibly simple lifestyle. After the Baptizer, the only single person who springs to my mind as similar to him is Francis of Assisi, but there were also the hermits and the monks, and certain other individuals such as Dorothy Day, who each approached John in his or her own witness of words and life. John also stood out from other prophets because he was of the same age as Christ, his very cousin, and because he knew Christ personally.

John called for a simple change of heart, a rebirth of the inner person which would show itself in one's outer attitudes and deeds; this was a transparency or an authenticity of being which showed what a person truly had within him by the way he lived and acted: what you saw was what you got. John's appearance left no doubt as to

his seriousness or how willing he was to live by his own words.

Beyond that, his simplicity and radically direct and concrete call marked a certain stirring of the Spirit in the world at that time. Most of the people who approached him in response to that stirring were individuals who took the time to seek him out and learn from him, but when John saw certain Scribes and Pharisees "stepping forth for this bath", he had a very pointed and demanding message especially for them. For them his words were not a call, but an accusation, clearly named, of a hypocrisy which was so antithetic to his own prophetic message.

Now here we are in our own time, searching for the message which the Lord might address to each of us personally. To live the season of Advent properly, we need to find our way into a desert of silence and fasting, and of many fewer "things" in our lives, not in a penitential manner, but so as to focus our attention on our listening for the word of the Lord directed most personally to each of us. We need prayer and fasting in hope, in desire and deep yearning, in a surrender and a readiness to do what the Lord calls us to. Think of how we are willing to exercise and to eat properly to achieve health of body.

We begin the second week of Advent, where we have begun

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

\$24,435.75 was collected for the Poor on the weekend of 30 November/1 December. 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.

ST IGNATIUS 60TH 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, the QR code to access the survey is displayed at the Place of Gathering. You may scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated.



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.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is now standing at the Place of Gathering. Parishioners are invited to pen their prayers, wishes and thoughts on the purple paper leaves. Hang them on the Jesse Tree – a humble act of sharing to bring joy, hope and love to our parish community during this Advent season.

SIMBANG GABI

Wednesday 18 December, 8.00pm, at main Church.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Church of St Ignatius: Thursday 19 December, 8pm
As this is a communal celebration, we invite you to remain for the closing prayer and blessing at 9.30pm.

WEST DISTRICT PARISHES' PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All penitential services start at 8pm
Friday 13 December: Blessed Sacrament Church
Monday 16 December: St Francis of Assisi Church
Tuesday 17 December: St Mary of the Angels Church
Wednesday 18 December: Holy Cross Church

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.

All are invited to spread joy at the **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASS AND PARTY FOR THE AGED, SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** by the PaCes Ministry. Friday 27 December, 2.30pm. Sign-up forms at Place of Gathering and registration closes on 22 December.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are invited to CRC's Year-End Party this Wednesday 11 December. It has been a fruitful year so we're gathering members and friends for a FUN night of music, laughter and games, and good food. At St Ignatius Hall, 7.00pm to 9.30pm.

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.

LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND?

Go to the Help Stand to check our photos of lost and found items.

STAYING VIGILANT IN CHURCH

In this Season of Peace and Love, let us be mindful of our role of care and responsibility for each other, and remain vigilant of acts against Love.

Please take note of the following security and safety tips:

1. If you notice any person behaving in a suspicious manner, report it to a Warden, Help Desk or Hospitality Minister.
2. If you notice an unattended bag or observe someone about to leave a bag unattended, alert a Warden, Help Desk or Hospitality Minister.
3. Be familiar with the Church's exits and evacuation routes before Mass begins.
4. Follow the instructions of Wardens if there is an evacuation. Do not panic and rush when you are being evacuated. Remember your safest way to safety is to evacuate in an orderly and brisk manner. Please also do not collect your vehicle from the car park in the event of an emergency evacuation.
5. Finally, if you see something threatening safety and security in your Church, inform someone in charge.

FUND RAISING FOR CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT RESTORATION PROJECT

At today's 8.15am, 10.15am and 12.15pm masses, parishioners from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament are at the Place of Gathering to raise funds for their Church building restoration project. They will be accepting cash donations, selling carnival tickets and merchandise, and promoting a golf event. Please give them your generous support as the parish needs to raise about \$6 million, and works are slated to start in June 2020.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1— ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Thursday 26, December Rm #02 SH-F

Programme: 1) Daily Word of God

2) The Eucharist (DVD) Rev. Robert E.

Barron (His website, WordOnFire.org) Creator & Host of The CATHOLICSM series.

Going Green

This Christmas, ditch the Orchard Road crowds for hidden gems at the SSVP Shop in Geylang.

The SSVP Shop is SSVP's first social enterprise project selling a range of pre-loved merchandise such as apparel, home equipment, kitchenware and interesting knick-knacks, all in good quality and at affordable prices.

New life for pre-loved gifts will not only contribute towards zero-waste efforts, but also proceeds from the shop will go towards supporting SSVP's charitable programmes and initiatives for the poor.

You may also purchase "Green, Green Christmas" Gift Vouchers (in \$5 denominations). Call M galdalene at 8905 6765 or M ichelle at 9008 4839 NOW for limited Gift Vouchers.



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 (4.00pm) 2019

Facilitator: Fr. Gregory Tan, SJ

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

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

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Charles Sim, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ,
Fr Gregory Tan, SJ, Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

Landings presents *Returned!*, a testimony event. If you are, or know someone who is exploring a reconnection with the Catholic faith, we welcome you to come and experience.

Friday, 10 January 2020, 7.30pm to 9.30pm (registration from 7pm)

CANA, 55 Waterloo Street #03-01, Singapore 187954

GOOD FOOD, GOOD CAUSE AT CROSSINGS CAFÉ

Support a Catholic social enterprise that serves hearty and affordable local and western fare. The café provides employment opportunities for the disadvantaged, and donates all profits to charity. At Crossings Café (#01-01 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, S187954)

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



In this season of Advent, in preparation for Christmas, you may want to consider a journey of deeper faith and hope by telling others about Jesus.

Lord Jesus, grant me the courage and opportunities to share the faith with (insert name of family/friend).

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