



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## All You Need

**G**od reveals to Joseph his mission: to be Mary's husband and to be the father of the child Jesus, whose coming fulfills the prophecy of the coming of the Emmanuel, God-who-is-with-us. What God reveals to Joseph is his true self: God has always meant for Joseph to be Mary's husband and to be Jesus' earthly father.

What about us? We struggle to harmonize the selves we fashion for the world to see and approve, and the authentic selves God created us to become. We wear masks to be accepted, to be approved, to be loved, even to be acceptable before God.

What can help us to become more the person God created us to be? Matthew's presentation of Joseph gives us a clue. Joseph hears and responds to God's revelation without hesitation because he trusts in God. In our final Advent days before Christmas, I believe God is challenging us to entrust ourselves into his hands, so that we can wholeheartedly receive Jesus into our lives.

The true self is the one who needs God. If we are honest with ourselves and God, we will have to confess that we need God. We all need God whether we are struggling with our sinfulness or growing in our saintliness.

We need God because everything we have and everything we are comes from God. And it is through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus that God shares abundantly with us. God gives us Jesus so that we who need God can experience, know and enjoy him and his saving love in our lives.

And when we do this, God will surprise us even more: He will help us realize the fullness of who we were created to be.

As Joseph was meant to be Mary's husband and Jesus' father, we are meant to be in friendship with Jesus. And,

through Jesus and in his Spirit, God means for us to live always in God's life and in God's love.

This is indeed good news that we can trust: God will meet every one of our needs, no matter how small or how big, in Jesus. This is what we can truly hope for with joyful anticipation as Christmas approaches.

So, let us be honest that we do need God. Then, we can sing out with expectant joy, "Come Lord Jesus, come, and come now!"

*Fr Adrian Danker, SJ*

## A Quiet Silence

✝ One of the greatest reliefs of Christmas is that it is a season when moralizing gives way to mystery — the mystery of stillness and quiet. Trust the writer of the book of Wisdom to provide us with the most beautiful of verses to greet the occasion. "While all things were a quiet silence and the night was in the middle of her course, your almighty word leapt down from heaven from your throne."

And here is the Good News, uttered in the still silence of the night and accomplishing the greatest event of history. Here in the mind surrenders before that which is beyond it, the heart is quickened by love and the will moves into action. The greatest forces in us are the quiet sources. Alas how we drown them in fearful noisiness.

Read today's Gospel in your quieter moments and let its magic and mystery reign. There will be time enough later for animated celebration. But first we must recover the object of our celebration. But we won't find him along Orchard



### Sunday 18 December 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

### Monday 19 December

Liturgy of the day

### Tuesday 20 December

Liturgy of the day

### Wednesday 21 December

St Peter Canisius SJ

### Thursday 22 December

Liturgy of the day

### Friday 23 December

Liturgy of the day

### Saturday 24 December

Nativity of The Lord

### Sunday 25 December

Christmas (Day of Obligation)

Road. He is an infant God. Few take infants seriously and perhaps even fewer take God seriously.

We need to recall what was ours in our childhood days. We need to dream again and return to that simplicity which makes the wise seem foolish. We need to find God in the everydayness of a child and know that the loveliest things in life are available for free. Graciousness is the hallmark of Christmas.

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*

Parish Priest **Fr Leslie Raj, SJ**  
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## PARISH NEWS

**MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased is on Friday, 23 December at 8pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6pm mass on that day. All are welcome.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday 8 January 2017 at 3.00pm. All parents and godparents must attend briefing on Sunday 1 January 2017, 3.00 pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child's baptism. For enquiries, contact Simon (9790 6985) & Angela Cheong (9819 6886) or Anthony (9815 9889) & Mariana Heng (9270 8213).

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** (8.15am and 10.15am) will take a break from Christmas until 12 February 2017. Sessions will resume on Sunday, 19 February 2017.

**LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD REGISTRATION 2017**  
Kindergarten 1 program is now available (1.30pm - 3pm on Saturdays) only from Term 2 as new catechists will need to receive formation training. More volunteers are very welcome. Contact coordinator Merilyn at llotg.ignatius@gmail.com.  
★ Registration now open for K1 children (born 2012) until 31 December. Classes for K1 children begin after March school holidays 2017.  
★ Classes for K2 children begin after Chinese New Year 2017.



**THE PILGRIM COMMUNITY**  
Advent and Christmas 2016

Christmas Eve Children's pageant followed by Mass  
Saturday 24 December, 5.30pm

Reflection followed by Christmas Mass  
11.00pm

Christmas Day Masses  
Sunday 25 December, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

Special Christmas Mass and Party for the aged, sick and housebound (by PaCES Ministry)  
Wednesday, 28 December, 2.30pm

Carol service (by 8.15am Family Choir)  
Friday 30 December, 8.00pm

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

Year End Concelebrated Mass  
Saturday 31 December, 6.00pm

Sunday 1 January  
6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' PAGEANT & CAROLLING

Calling children (5–10 years old) to participate in the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Children's pageant. Parents are encouraged to help and support their children. Rehearsal this Sunday at 2.00pm, main Church.

### A TIMELESS AND ENDLESS LOVE

Volunteers from Church of Transfiguration are at Place of Gathering to sell tickets to COTT Gala Dinner 2017, in aid of the building fund. Featuring a musical showcase exploring various facets of eternal love through the ages.  
Sunday 19 Feb 2017, 7pm at Grand Ballroom Orchard Hotel

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Registration for 2017 is NOW CLOSED. Email stignatius.wecat@gmail.com if you have missed registration but still wish to enquire about 2017 enrolment.

### RIP NEWS – RISEN in the LORD

Bruce James Brown – 71 years old  
Date of death: 4 December 2016  
Funeral Mass: 6 December, 1.00pm

Theresa Chua Swee Lan – 97 years old  
Date of death: 15 December 2016  
Funeral Mass: 19 December, 12.00 noon

## DVC COMMUNITY

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### GIFT TO JESUS

DVC Youth Choir invites youths and young adults, aged 13 to 35, to sing at the Christmas Midnight Mass. Email dvcyouthchoir@gmail.com.

### DVC EVE PARTY!

Calling youths and young adults! Join us for fun, games and PARTY! 30 Dec (Friday), Games from 3pm, Praise & Worship, and Mass at 7pm, followed by fellowship, more games and PARTY!

Dress code: Christmas Knitwear and Onesies!  
Sign up at [tinyurl.com/dvceveeve](http://tinyurl.com/dvceveeve)

## ONCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated,  
all meetings start at 8 pm.



### Zone A District 1

Wednesday, 11 January 2017, SH-E

Programme: Symbolon episode 7 – The Holy Spirit and the life of grace

### Zone A District 2

Wednesday, 21 December, 7.00pm, Sacred Heart Hall  
Programme: Advent celebration

### Zone A District 3

Wednesday 18 January 2017, #02-06

Programme: Symbolon session 9 – Mary and the Saints





# Pray the Ignatian Way

**A**dvent is a season where we prepare ourselves to once again rejoice and celebrate the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We are all encouraged to deepen our prayer life through Ignatian Spirituality, in seeing God in all things, more so during Christmas.

The Sojourners Companions invite you to learn to pray the Ignatian way in a WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER. From 15 to 21 January, Prayer Guides will journey with you in the Ignatian tradition of contemplative prayer.

Ignatian Spirituality involves detachment from earthly concerns in order to have a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God. It's also about discernment in order to make right choices in accordance with God's will for us. Most of all, it is about God's unconditional love for us and our individual responses in gratitude for that

love. We achieve this through prayer, the most powerful way we communicate with God.

The Sojourners Companions have been conducting the Week Of Guided Prayer (WOGP) for the past 20 years, praying with God's Holy Word found in Scripture, and guiding us to seeing and finding God in all things.

I had a most enlightening and inspiring week, during which I acquired a precious tool to help me grow closer to God in my prayers. Whereas I once rattled through familiar prayers and read scripture passages as though reading a novel, I now find special meaning, and soul-searching and deep experiences in the readings. My heart-felt thanks to all of you and I thank God that you are so committed to this calling as to sacrifice time and effort to gather more into your fold. May you continue with this ministry for the benefit of others.

**LULIN REUTENS**

*The programme is well structured and simple to follow. I would recommend it to everyone who wants to be closer to our Lord.*

*It has brought joy and serenity to me as I am able to dialogue with the Lord in the private recess of my heart. It is so intimate and close. I was so touched on a number of occasions that I*

*cried uncontrollably with joy. My prayer is never the same now. Faith without action is quite dead. Go and improve the quality of your prayers. God bless.*

**JOE CHUA**

"As a cradle Catholic, the primary way I was taught to pray was to recite the prayers that Catholics are all familiar with - Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, The Magnificat. The Week of Guided Prayer at St Ignatius gave me a new perspective to praying, a fresh impetus to my prayer life, and new insights into my faith journey. My Prayer Guide, Savina, was very patient and encouraging during our daily one-to-one sessions. It was a most edifying week! Thank you, Sojourners Companions! God Bless!

**ANDREW SNG**



## Week Of Guided Prayer (WOGP)

15-21 January 2017

The Sojourners' Companions invites you to pray with Scripture in the Ignatian tradition and to develop a closer relationship with the Lord.

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Sunday, 15 January 2017  
2 pm - 5 pm (Sacred Heart Hall)

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Monday to Friday, 16-20 January  
half hour @ home + half hour to meet your personal Prayer Guide (pre-arranged time between 9 am - 10 pm at Parish Hall rooms)

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Saturday, 21 January 2017  
2 pm - 5 pm (Sacred Heart Hall)

**Fee**  
\$30/participant

**Registration**  
website: [www.sojourners.sg](http://www.sojourners.sg)  
email: [wogp@sojourners.sg](mailto:wogp@sojourners.sg)  
Place of Gathering: 7-8 January  
2017 during weekend Masses  
Parish Office: From 12 December 2016



# ⊙ JESUIT NEWS

## BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to [www.mas-jesuits.org](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore](http://www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore) for more information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto:mas-vocations@jesuits.net).

## INTRODUCTION TO BASIC COUNSELLING

A 14-week introduction to basic counselling and personal development. Learn about counselling and its benefits, and develop an awareness of mental well-being. Participants will also get to apply problem-solving strategies and techniques in a safe, supportive environment.

Dates: 14 consecutive Thursdays from 9 Feb to 18 May (except 13 Apr)

Time: 7.30pm - 10pm; Contribution: \$600; Register: <http://tinyurl.com/itcc14>

Enquiries: Call 6467 6072 or email [kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com)

**Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356**

Fr Christopher Soh SJ, Fr James Tan SJ

**Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225**

Fr Gerard Keane SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng SJ, Fr Charles Sim SJ, Fr Colin Tan SJ, Msgr Philip Heng SJ,  
Fr Adrian Danker SJ, Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

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

# ⊙ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

## THANKSGIVING MASS IN BAHASA INDONESIA

Celebrant: F.X.R. Sambodo, SSCC and Kamelus Kamus, CICM

Year-end Thanksgiving Mass in Bahasa Indonesia for the Indonesian Community in Singapore, followed by fellowship.

Date: 31 December, 8pm at the Risen Christ Church, 91 Toa Payoh Central

Contact: Riri Iskandar (96986385), Stephanus Widjaja (93554952), Martina (96158260) or email: [angelika.sundari@hotmail.com](mailto:angelika.sundari@hotmail.com)

## NO ONE SHOULD EAT ALONE AT CHRISTMAS

Invite someone who should not be eating alone this Christmas to a meal at Crossings Café. Pay only for your own meal, your guest eats for free. This invitation is for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Crossings Café, 55 Waterloo Street. Reservations: 63382669

## OPEN CALL!

ONE (Office of the New Evangelisation) is looking for collaborators. Come to the ONE Day and find out more.

Date: 7 Jan 2017; Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: 2 Highland Road, CAEC Building (Singapore 549102)

Forms available at <https://goo.gl/forms/K04M9yQRLDYHEYtj2>

## Church Office

3rd floor (from King's Road) or behind Kingsmead Hall (Victoria Park Road)

## 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

Every Friday & Saturday: 5.40pm

Every 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 available at front of Church office

## Weddings

Couples must make themselves known to the priest at least 6 months before the wedding.

Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

## Columbarium Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 6.30am - 10.00pm

Sunday: 6:30am - 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

## Inigo Bookstore

Open during Weekend Masses.

## Sick and elderly

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners regardless of which hospital they are at. You may also contact priests' residence at 6466 3225

## Bereavement

Please contact the parish office Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614) for help and advice before contacting the funeral director.

## Entrance via, 8 Victoria Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling)

### WEEKLY

#### Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

#### Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

#### Gentle Light

Tuesday, 10am - 12noon in St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead)

Thursday, 10am - 12noon in Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

#### Divine Mercy Devotion

2nd, 3rd, 5th Friday after 6.00pm Mass; 4th Friday at 7.20pm before Memorial Mass in Main Church.

Catholic content online, login:

[www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org); parish code: **4904ed**

### MONTHLY - in Main Church

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every 1st Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Followed by

#### Generation CHRIST!

#### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

#### Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)