



Sharing God's Favour on Us

“... he was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him.”
(Lk 2:40)

During the joyful festivity of the Lunar New Year, we wish our family members, relatives and friends – *Gong Xi Fa Cai*, which literally means *I wish you more goodness and greater wealth or blessings*. As people of faith, we do so joyfully in heart-felt gratitude to God, who is the source of all goodness and blessings in our lives. We are also called to share God's favour on us joyfully with others and our world today.

This weekend, the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* in the temple. This feast is also known as the *Feast of the Encounter*, and is celebrated 40 days after Christmas as part of the Jewish cultural and religious celebration of presentation and purification. The Holy Family of Nazareth brought the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented their firstborn son to God as prescribed by the Law of Moses. In thanksgiving, they offered what they could, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Meanwhile, prompted by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna recognized God's presence in the person of Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of God's promise to Israel and the light enlightens all nations. The letter to the Hebrews affirms this blessed occasion that Jesus Christ is “a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion”. In his love and solidarity with us, Jesus shared our humanity, flesh and blood, suffering and death. Through his

self-sacrificial love on the cross for us, Christ Jesus has atoned human sins and becomes the source of grace and wealth in the life of the believers. This event of the presentation of the Lord is also the fulfilment of the prophet Malachi's prophecy that the Lord God has entered his Temple to bring newness of life. We are blessed in our baptism to become the dwelling temple of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate and remember God's encounter, ritually as Candlemas, where candles are blessed for use in the Church and at home throughout the year. These blessed candles remind us of the living presence of Jesus Christ, the Light to enlighten all nations and the glory of his people. Led by God's grace, both Anna and Simeon recognized the coming of salvation through their encounter with the child Jesus. Their faithfulness is blessed with this joyful encounter in their life. In return, they give thanks and praise God on this joyful lifetime experience of new life and peace.

This weekend is also the *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*, which was instituted by St Pope John Paul II in 1997. We are called to be grateful to the vocation of consecrated life, where women and men consecrate and dedicate their lives to love, praise and serve the Lord God in all things. They have generously offered their lives to God and serve the People of God. Through this way of consecrated life, they choose to live in the prophetic

Guidelines for Catholic Churches in tackling the Coronavirus Outbreak

All parishioners are encouraged to read the recommendations for infection control issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/sacraments/mass-schedule-offering/mass-schedule>

In addition, parishioners are requested to observe the following:

- to be socially responsible and stay at home if they are feeling unwell;
- to receive Holy Communion by hand only;
- to bow and not shake hands at Masses and services, during the ‘Sign of Peace’; and
- maintain good personal hygiene at all times like sanitising your hands with alcohol-based rubs and removing all your used tissues from the pews.

way of life for the sake of God's Kingdom (see CCC 915-916 and 920-927). Today, we remember and pray for them and for more vocations to religious life and priesthood. May the Good Lord bless us with more good vocations for God's greater glory and praise.

I recently learned that the Chinese character of blessing, 福, depicts a human person relating and dwelling with God our creator. Indeed, “this is our true blessing to have a personal relationship with God.” Last Sunday, we celebrated *Sunday of the Word of God* that reminds us about the gift of God's Living Word, and to make the Scriptures a part of our everyday lives. My hope on this joyful festivity is that we can recognize the presence of Christ's light and God's favour, blessings and glory in our lives. *Can you name and recall God's favour on us today?*

AGUSTINUS TANUDJAJA, SJ

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE

There will be the Blessing of Throats during the 7.00am and 6.00pm Masses on Monday 3 February.

The **ADORATION ROOM** at Sacred Heart Hall will be closed for renovation from 10 February to 16 March 2020.

You can drop off last year's **PALMS** in the basket near the vestry. Last day of collection is Sunday 23 February.

REFLECTING ON LENT THROUGH ART

The Open Studio invites adults above 21 years old to the Lenten series "Come back to me". Participants will meditate

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ADVISORY

Parishioners are advised that if anyone has fever or respiratory symptoms, they will not be required to attend Mass. With immediate effect, communion will be received on the hand only. For the sign of peace, greet with a polite bow and not a handshake. It is likely that many church events and activities planned for February will be suspended until further notice. Finally, maintain good personal hygiene at all times e.g. like sanitising your hands with alcohol-based handrubs.

- Leading Little Ones To God, Liturgy of the Word for Children and all Weekend Catechetical programmes have been postponed and will only begin on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March.
- The CCD classes are cancelled until 1 March. CCD retreat on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February has been postponed.
- Eucharistic Adoration for Children on 21 February is also cancelled.
- Mass with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is cancelled due to health precautionary measures against the Novel Coronavirus.

Updates for all programmes will be provided as soon as possible.

on Scripture and respond through art making. Held over 6 Fridays from 28 February to 3 April, 9am to 12pm, at classroom #01-08. Art materials are provided and no prior art experience is required. You can sign up for all or some of the sessions on the church website. Enquiries: anne.eighteen@gmail.com



PARISH CER

We are looking for ex-CER Retreatants to join our parish CER Praise and Worship team. We need drummers, guitarists, bassists, keyboardists and singers. Please contact Angela Low at 9819 6886.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

The Apostles experienced the Holy Spirit's gift of speaking in tongues (glossolalia) at Pentecost. We too can share in this gift. All are invited to a talk on "Glossolalia - the gift of tongues", this Wednesday 5 February at St Ignatius Hall. Light dinner fellowship begins at 7.30pm, and the session ends at 9.30pm.

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH 60TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Jubilee Committee is seeking photographs from parishioners for:

1. 2021 Jubilee Calendar

(Theme: What does St Ignatius Church mean to me?)

Please email your photos to stiggys60thjubilee@gmail.com

2. St Ignatius Heritage Gallery

(Memories: My fondest/most significant moments in church)

Please place your photos in an envelope in the church office with your contact details. We will scan the photos and return them thereafter.

Deadline: 31/3/2020. Multiple entries are welcome!

We look forward to receiving your best shots – let's share a part of ourselves and celebrate our memories together!

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Anthony Tan Song Chuan – 89 years old

Departed: 23 January 2020

Aloysius Teo Chee Yeow – 80 years old

Departed: 26 January 2020

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1 (ST PAUL THE APOSTLE)

Wednesday 12 February. Room Sh-02-E

Programme: The Pivotal Players: St Catherine of Siena
— The Mystic

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



Let Jesus Be Your Pilot



More than 115 children from K2 to P6 levels gathered for take-off on a fascinating flight to learn more about Prayer and Praying at A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer, the West District Kids Bible Camp 2019, held at the Church of Holy Cross from 26 November to 1 December. Adult and youth volunteers, who numbered more than 80 from across our West District Churches, worked together to get the airplane gears ready for the daily flights for the children.

Needless to say, the captain of the flight was Jesus Christ. Kids received a passport and the anticipation of getting their passports stamped at every country and station they visited was so palpable. Through a series of creative skits, zest-filled games, dazzling dances, curious crafts and restful faith activities, all fuelled by delicious snacks, the kids learnt much about praying and prayers.

Day 1 began with a trip to Mexico and learning about “What is Prayer”

with St Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Day 2, the kids took off for Poland to visit St Faustina, learning about Trust and “How to Pray”. France was the destination for Day 3 with St Bernadette to focus on “The Importance of Praying During Our Ups and Downs”. St John Bosco of Italy was the saint for Day 4 and was about “Putting Prayer into Action” and how zeal is an important value to nurture.

Finally on Day 5, the kids caught a glimpse of our final destination — Heaven, where the inspiring story of St Raphael reminded them of the need for “Re-fuelling Their Faith”. Friday’s highlight was also a beautiful Family Mass celebrated by Fr Gerard Victor on the Feast of St Andrew. Having deftly integrated the various virtues of the camp into the life of St Andrew, Fr Gerard’s homily was an invitation for all to participate more and be involved in building the Lord’s Kingdom here and now. The camp closed over a delicious lunch buffet. There was much joy and excitement as kids received their very own “cabin” canvas bags filled with their precious creations.

We all landed safely. Thank You Jesus!

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JESUIT NEWS

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for more information. You may also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

Presided by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh
Friday, 14 February, 2020 at 7.30 pm.
To register: <https://forms.gle/q7kdUTiJnhjzjLb6>

"REVIEW OF LIFE" WORKSHOP

By Caritas Singapore Formation Committee
How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the Review of Life (ROL) method to better integrate faith and life.
Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 February, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Catholic Centre (55, Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954).
For more information and registration, go to www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

BRAVE – CATHOLIC YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2020

Date: Saturday 22 February
Time: 9am – 6.30pm (Registration opens at 8am)
Venue : Caritas Singapore – Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264
Tickets: \$20 (\$10 for students)
For youths aged 16-35, this conference aims to bring up some of the mental health issues or challenges that youths in Singapore face and encourage dialogue among them on their views and/or experiences about these challenges and explore how our Catholic faith plays a role in mental health recovery.
To register: tinyurl.com/clarityBRAVE
Registration is required for all participants. Walk-ins will not be accepted.
For more information: tinyurl.com/BRAVEconf
W: <https://www.clarity-singapore.org>

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