



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

The Kingdom at Hand

Advent exists to redirect our gaze again onto the singular Christian truth that God's redemption comes to us in no other form than in Jesus who incarnates God's love with his birth.

Advent is a time of waiting expectantly. We wait for the coming of Jesus, like the Jews did once before. And, we also wait as Christians to welcome Jesus into our daily life. We already have an assuring image of expectant waiting. John calls us to prepare the way of the Lord and to welcome him into our lives.

Advent is also a time of preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming. Advent invites us to repentance, to turn away from our bad habits and sinful ways, and turn towards God's love so that

we better welcome Jesus into our lives this Christmas. The image of John the Baptist preaching a baptism of repentance resonates because we hear, believe and follow John's voice as he leads us to the singular truth that is most important, most enduring, most lasting in the face of empires falling, achievements passing, and religious righteousness prevailing.

And it is this: that with Jesus' coming all things impossible become possible because of God alone. We can call God, Father; we have Jesus as Messiah and friend; we are sisters and brothers, equal in Christ.

Indeed, Advent discernment is God's gift to us and our task to give back to God. Gift, because it invites us to prepare well for Jesus' coming. Task,

Appreciating Anticipation

+The Christian year begins anew and so does the Christian story, waiting to be told and lived out in our liturgy. So onto the stage comes that eccentric and punky prophet, John the Baptist. A forthright, blunt, no nonsense character, howling into the desert air his diatribe against the unaware people of the day with their blatant infidelity, hypocrisy and pretence. How I wish he were among us today. Would he, in his discourteous language, tell a spoilt and wimpy people that what they needed was a good kick up the backside to bring them to their senses? "Cut out the nonsense!" he might roar in utter contempt of our political correctness and our pretended progress. "Why purchase the world's most expensive

and up-to-date plane" he might ask, "If we know not where we are going?" Some might call him a killjoy but he is not the murderer of joy but of heedless pleasure.

His message is plain – be realistic about your nonsense, which you can't do much about on your own and live in hope through the promises of a God who never has and never will fail us. We can't look forward in anticipation to Christmas unless we value and appreciate what is coming. It is a Saviour. But if I have no sense of my sinfulness, I have nothing to celebrate. Christmas is the feast of the poor. What is my need and inadequacy?

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ



Sunday 4 December 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Monday 5 December
Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 6 December
Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 7 December
St Ambrose

Thursday 8 December
The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9 December
Liturgy of the day

Saturday 10 December
Liturgy of the day

Sunday 11 December
Third Sunday of Advent

because we can make out of Advent that holy way by which Jesus can enter unhindered and give us knowledge of God's love for us.

Yes, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths into our lives.

Could there be any other better advice than this for us, as we prepare for Christmas?

Fr Adrian Danker, SJ

Parish Priest	Fr Leslie Raj, SJ
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PARISH NEWS

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARCHDIOCESE

In keeping with the stipulated tiered system of between 4% and 28%, St Ignatius Church will contribute a 24% share of all collections and donations received to the Archdiocese.

Victoria Road Car Park

Waterproofing work on the roof of Kingsmead Hall. Please do not park beside Kingsmead Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' PAGEANT & CAROLLING

Calling children (5 to 10 years old) to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's pageant at the 5.30pm Mass. Rehearsals: 2.00pm, Sunday 11 and 18 December at #01-01 (Catechetical office), next to St Ignatius Hall. Parents are encouraged to help and support their children.



THE PILGRIM COMMUNITY Advent and Christmas 2016

First Friday Mass

Friday 2 December, 8.00pm

SSVP Year End Party

Sunday 4 December, 4.00pm – 9.00pm
St Ignatius Hall

Penitential Service

Wednesday 14 December, 8.00pm

Simbang Gabi

Sunday 18 December, 8.00pm

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

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

All events at main church except SSVP Year End party.

Bring along Nativity costumes if you have them. To signup, email Chantal Wong/Dorothy Kay at stiggy.nativity2016@gmail.com.

SSVP MILK & DIAPERS (MAD) PROJECT is a community program to provide milk and diapers for children (infants to 4 years) of low-income families. To find out more about their work, look out for SSVP MAD booth at the Place of Gathering.

GIFT TO JESUS

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

LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD REGISTRATION 2017

Kindergarten 1 program is now available (1.30pm - 3pm on Saturday) 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 will now open for Kindergarten 1 children (born 2012) until 31 December. Classes for K1 children will begin after March school holidays 2017.

★ Classes for K2 children will start after CNY 2017.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) COMES TO CHURCH OF ST IGNATIUS

Sunday, 15 January to Saturday, 21 January 2017

The Sojourners' Companions invites everyone to a WOGP to learn how to pray with Scripture and develop a closer relationship with the Lord. \$30/participant. Register: www.sojourners.sg. Enquires: wogp@sojourners.sg

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

"Praying according to the will of God". Asking our Lord to grant our desires is easy, but praying according to His will is tough. Come, share and explore this form of praying. Wednesday, 7 at St Ignatius Hall. At 7:30pm (with food fellowship) until 9:30pm. All are welcome!

RIP NEWS – RISEN in the LORD

Anne Goh Choo Ngoh – 77 years old

Date of death: 27 November 2016

Funeral Mass: 29 November, 2.30pm

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Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8 pm.

Zone B District 1

Tuesday, 14 December @ Children's Aid Society, 503 Clementi Road, Singapore 599488

Programme: Hosting Christmas party for children

Zone B District 3

Thursday, 15 December, #01-04

Programme : 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) Healing of Memories – Inner Healing (VCD) Programme 11 By Rev. John H. Hampsch

The air was scented with fresh pine as families and friends gathered last Saturday, on the eve of the first Sunday of Advent, to make Advent Wreaths.

The Advent Wreath making event, organised by the Welcoming Ministry St. Ignatius (WMSI) at Sacred Heart Hall, marks the beginning of the official Church celebrations in the weeks leading up to Christmas. We had more families than ever in attendance, young and old coming together in prayer and fellowship to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus. The WMSI team had decorated the hall,

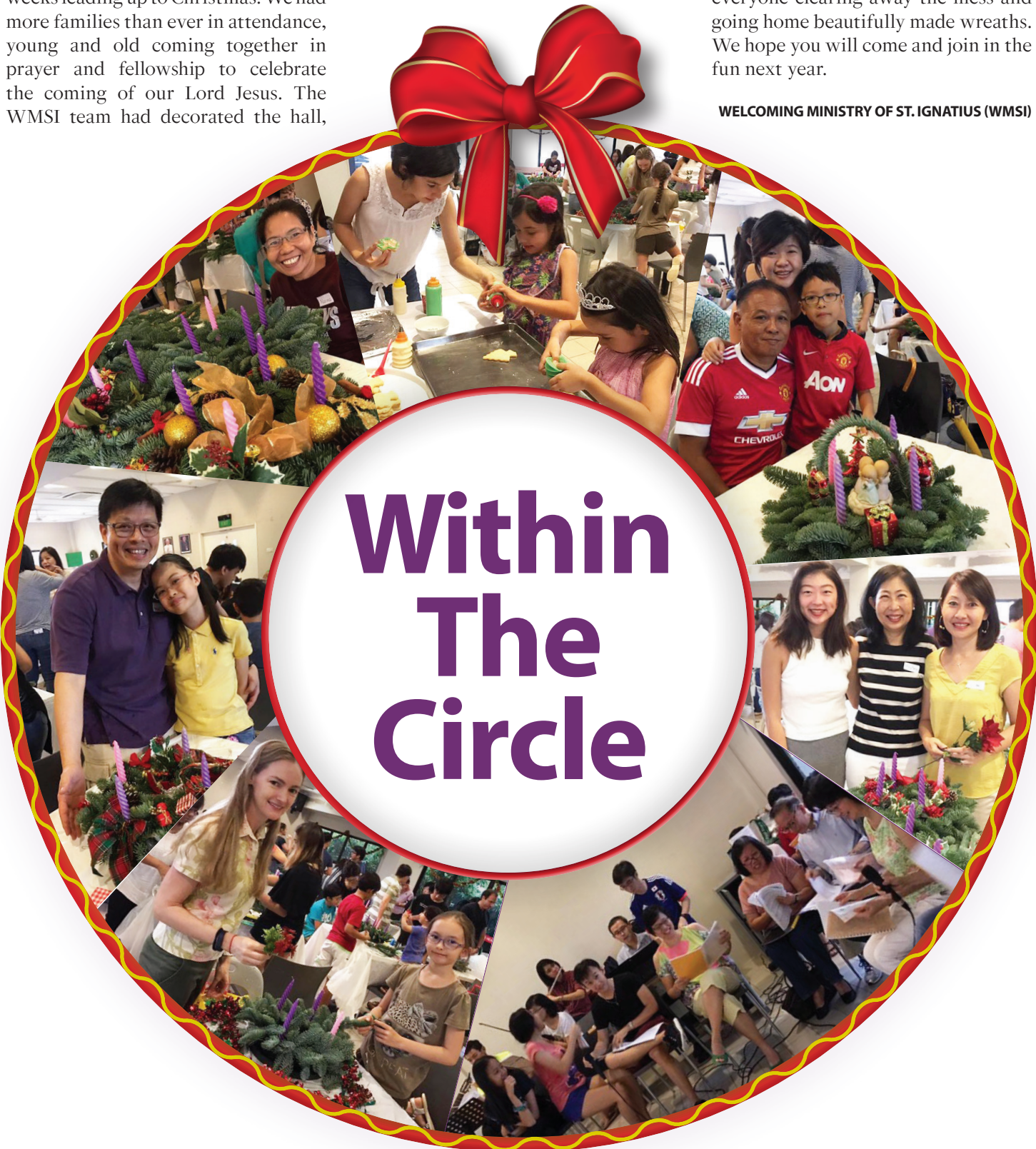
giving it a festive feel; each table laden with fresh pine tree branches, soaked wreath sponges, Advent candles, and small decorations.

As fir branches were being transformed into beautiful and original wreaths, the Family choir sang Christmas carols. Children enjoyed inventive games and activities like decorating pre-baked cookies,

devised by WMSI members. In true St. Ignatius style, there was an amazing spread of food, as each family bought a dish to share.

During the afternoon, Fr. Leslie Raj conducted a short prayer service and blessed all the completed wreaths with holy water. He then accepted a wreath for the Priest's residence, before the afternoon finished with everyone clearing away the mess and going home beautifully made wreaths. We hope you will come and join in the fun next year.

WELCOMING MINISTRY OF ST. IGNATIUS (WMSI)



Within The Circle

⊙ 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 can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net.

ADMINISTRATOR

Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling is seeking

a meticulous, responsible and organized team player who is able to multi-task, work independently and effectively communicate with good interpersonal skills. Need to be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and possess minimum 'A' Levels or Diploma qualifications.

Send your application and resume – including present and expected salaries – to Kingsmead.recruitment@gmail.com. Only shortlisted applicants will be notified. More details at www.kingsmeadcentre.sg/vacancy.html

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⊙ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

LAUNCH OF GIFT BY CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Every Catholic in Singapore is called to pledge a monthly contribution to the archdiocese during this Giving in Faith and Thankfulness (GIFT) campaign by the Catholic Foundation. The archdiocese needs resources and funds to support programmes involving families, youths, evangelization, building projects and other initiatives. There is a projected shortfall of \$238m for the next 7 years. Appeal booklets, flyers and envelopes are available. Visit gift.catholicfoundation.sg to make an online pledge.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) WEEKEND

Present a ME Gift Voucher to your spouse or friends this Christmas. **For December only**, get the vouchers from Cana (55 Waterloo Street, Level 2) at half-price of \$25. Book a ME Weekend and pick up new communication skills for a stronger marriage. Slots are still open for the January 6-8 Weekends. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.mesg.org.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

With special blessing for expectant mothers.

Monday, 12 December; **7.30pm**: Pro-life Rosary; **8pm**: Mass
Celebrant: Rev Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ
Church of St Ignatius, 120 King's Road, Singapore 268172

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.

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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)