



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Under God's Watchful Gaze

**T**oday's gospel follows the beginning of a longer passage in Matthew (chapter 10) of Christ's instructions to His apostles, His mission for them. The passage we read today is a compilation of 6 separate teachings, authentic words remembered for *us* by the disciples, but not necessarily all spoken by Christ at a single moment. I'd like to treat them in a slightly different order than the one in which they appear in the Gospel.

**1** "Jesus said to his apostles, 'Do not let men intimidate you'"

the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna"

↑ Those words are fairly obvious and refer to the verses preceding today's reading. I must ask where my deepest value lies, where my heart really is, and whether *I* myself am the one I must fear.

**2** "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed and nothing hidden that will not become known"

← On the one hand, we must let the love that we feel or seek inside, reveal itself in who we are and what we do on the outside, but at the same time what we profess to be exteriorly must drive and constantly refresh the people that we actually are within our minds and hearts. A good rule of thumb: expect what you say and do to appear on page 1 of the newspaper — but do not limit that rule to what is visible; let it apply to who you are inside, your invisible desires, thoughts, and efforts.

**4** "Do not fear those who deprive the body of life but cannot destroy

the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna"

**3** "What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops"

↑ This is not the same as the previous statement. Christ's teaching is personal, for each of us, but it applies to the world, and we need to make known the good things that God has done for us. Catholics are not good on gratitude and praise, and we need to not only praise God in the quiet of our hearts, but must witness aloud and in public to how He treats us. We must share how generous and compassionate God has been to us.

**5** "Are not two sparrows sold for next to nothing? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted, so do not be afraid of anything. You are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows"

↑ Christ would have done everything He did even if there had been only one of us to save. But if we say that, there remains the mystery of how we can then even exist, people broken and in pain, mentally or physically handicapped, with abused childhoods. And this is just what Jesus is talking about: the sparrow falls, but God cares and will save. This is where the maturity of our life is bent on placing ourselves in God's hands rather than on screaming abuse at a God who lets us suffer. God is wiser than we are and refuses to be overly protective. We need to learn to be responsible and take charge of our own lives, for *only then* can we truly hand ourselves over to God in love.

**6** "Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Whoever disowns me before men I will disown before my Father in heaven"

← this refers back to all of what has preceded.

When you come right down to it, this is all fairly obvious. As in Christ's final discourse in John's Gospel (chapters 13-17), Jesus calls us to be in the world, but not of it. He missions us to be His presence to all.

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## PARISH NEWS

While the Church is working on putting in place the stringent requirements imposed for the re-opening of churches by MCCY, please be reminded that St Ignatius Church will remain closed until further notice.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Fr Charlie Oasan, SD of SACCRE, will share on Matthew 8:5-13, Healing through Faith. Praying Over follows after the sharing. All are invited to join via Zoom. Wednesday 24 June, 8pm. Email [cpg.cosi@gmail.com](mailto:cpg.cosi@gmail.com).

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2020/2021

Begins 4 August (every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm). Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors.

Spiritual Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ

Registration is now open for inquirers of the Catholic Faith, sponsors and facilitators.

Enrol at [tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia](http://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia) at [stignatius.org.sg](http://stignatius.org.sg). Contact Teddy (9745 8313) or Angela (6466 0625).

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTH (RCIY) 2020/2021

Do you know youths who are seeking God? Or do you feel called to journey and help non-Catholics find God? New cycle begins 25 July. Sessions are every Saturday, 4-6pm. Find out more at [www.rciy.sg](http://www.rciy.sg)  
Spiritual Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ

**SUNDAYS WITH JESUS** is a Liturgy of the Word for Children session, with homily by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. It is available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

All are invited to join Fr Ravi, SJ, and our youth community, De Vita Christi, for **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** "live" on YouTube, every Wednesday, 8pm -10pm. The link will be posted on Telegram.

A recorded **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Colin Tan, SJ, for this weekend 21 June, is available at Weekly Sunday Reflection: <https://stignatius.org.sg/home>

**WEBCAST MASSES** at 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Presided by Fr. Jerome Leon, SJ. Please go to [www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj](http://www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj)  
The webcast will come online 3 minutes before noon. The video will not be accessible after the webcast.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ is available for **TELE-MEETING** with 10 parishioners daily. Call the office (6466 0625) to leave your name and number. He will be happy to return your call. Or email him at [csi.pp@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csi.pp@catholic.org.sg)

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**Saturday, 25 July 2020,**

**4.00pm**

**Find out more at:**

**[www.rciy.sg](http://www.rciy.sg)**

**RCIA 2020/2021**

**Journey begins on**

**Tuesday, 4 August 2020,**

**8.00pm**

**Sign up at:**

**[tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia](http://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia)**

## FORMED.ORG

Parishioners of St Ignatius can now access this online platform, which provides information on the truth, teaching and meaning of the Catholic faith. Explore links to renowned speakers, online movies and audio resources.

Go to 1) [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org) 2) Enter our parish code 4904ed on the homepage.

## RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Mollie Seow Eng Neo – 83 years old  
Departed: 13 June 2020

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### A CALL TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join our mailing list.

Fill up the form accessible via the QR code.

MOE Open Posting Exercise: The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2021.

ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list. (29 June-24 July)



### CHINESE RCIA AT NOVENA CHURCH

Novena Church is starting a new Chinese RCIA programme 2020/2021 on 15 August. The online RCIA is on every Saturday at 3.15pm.

Those interested may download the application form at <http://novenachurch.com/rcia/>  
Registration closing date: 31 July

### PARISH CER#3 (21-25 OCTOBER 2020)

Upon the advice of Archbishop William Goh, all CERs including PARISH CER#3 will be cancelled for the rest of 2020. We will keep you updated once we have the CER schedule for 2021.

**CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE** is now available via Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career Exploration, Career Planning, Career Transitions, Workplace Challenges, Job Search Strategies etc. Call 9111 7335 or email [admin@cbn.sg](mailto:admin@cbn.sg). There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administration costs.

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