



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

King of our Lives

This weekend, the Church celebrates *the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*, a celebration of an aspect of Jesus's identity, who is the *Alpha and the Omega*. This liturgical celebration also marks the end of the Liturgical Year C cycle, as we welcome the new Liturgical Year (A) at the start of Advent next week.

This Sunday also marks the closing of *the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy*, which began on December 8, 2015. In his final Jubilee audience, Pope Francis reminds us that the encounter with God's mercy, love and forgiveness calls us "to bear faithful witness to God's inclusive love." This is best described in today's Gospel, where *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*, hanging upon the cross, reveals God's love and mercy for us and the world. As the just judge and king of all creation, Jesus Christ offers us freedom of choice to reject or to welcome Him for the promise of paradise (eternal life).

Likewise, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ at the closing mass of GC36 in Rome last week (Nov 12) said, "God wishes to be known as the one who is Love ... Saint Ignatius notes at the beginning of the *Contemplatio* [in the *Spiritual Exercises*]: 'Love ought to be shown more in deeds than in words,' and 'Love is an exchange where each one gives everything he has and is.' The Lord has given himself completely, even to death on the cross, and remains with us daily until the end of the world, because he has given us his Spirit."

Knowing the depth of God's faithful love and mercy for us, St. Ignatius invites the whole Ignatian family "in all things to love and serve the Divine Majesty." Loving and serving our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe will bring us joy, peace, love and our eternal reward.

Last week, our parish also welcomed

six children receiving their First Holy Communion, another five children their full communion with the Catholic Church, five adults baptised, and 16 adults confirmed. This bounty is testament to the work of new evangelization, made possible with effort and support from parishioners. This parish would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

As we take stock of our encounter with Jesus Christ in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us give thought to all we are grateful for and how we can create a vital sense of Christ's Kingship in all we do.

Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ

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The Crucified King

+ I can't say I particularly like royalty. The track record of kings across the centuries has hardly been edifying. Murder and adultery and various forms of violence have been the badges of their tribe. But I want a king and I need a king. For me, I need someone who is supreme, without equal. For the leader in the kingdom of men must be unique. One to whom I can swear allegiance. But I also need a king who turns on its head the accepted no-



Sunday 20 November 2016

Feast of Christ The King
1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Monday 21 November
Presentation of Our Lady

Tuesday 22 November
St Cecilia

Wednesday 23 November
Bl Miguel Agustin Pro SJ

Thursday 24 November
Ss Andrew Dung-Lac SJ and Companions

Friday 25 November
Liturgy of the day

Saturday 26 November
St John Berchmans SJ

Sunday 27 November
First Sunday of Advent

tion of his royal position – someone who completely subverts our idea of kingship and Christ does exactly that.

He will not be called "Lord and Master". He will serve rather than be served. He has no guards or army and rejects self defence. He will have no track with violence. He dies for others rather than destroys them. He is utterly defenceless, faced with a world of hate. He is a scandal rather than a sovereign. But we know that His apparent failure is the only true success – that death is the only real triumph.

Christ was born "king of the Jews" and the inscription above his cross on Calvary carried the same title. We need a king today – One to persuade us that our world will be saved under the impulse, not of violence and dominance, but of a love that conquers death itself.

All very mysterious. But mystery is what is real and truthful. We might gaze on a Crucified King and learn the secret of triumphant love.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased parishioners and family is on Friday, 25 November at 8 pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6 pm mass on that day. All are welcome.

ADVENT BOOKLET 2017

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "The Pilgrim Community". You are encouraged to use the booklet as NCCs, prayer groups, ministries and families of the parish. The online copy is available at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>.

GIFT TO JESUS

DVC Youth Choir invites youths and young adults, aged 13 to 35, to sing at the Christmas Midnight Mass. All who are interested, email us at dvcyouthchoir@gmail.com.

VERBUM DEI MISSIONARIES are selling their *Prayer for Living* (Year A).

This locally-written book consists of reflections of the daily gospel to help you deepen your relationship with Jesus, the Living Word, and to live out your faith with joy. Funds raised will go to the mission work for Verbum Dei Missionaries. Please support them generously.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 11 December at 3.00 pm.

All parents and godparents must attend the briefing on Sunday 4 December, 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 Gordon (9615 3447) & Alison Pinto (9691 3447) or Valerie (9026 6170) & BC Chong.

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 Marilyn at llotg.ignatius@gmail.com.

• Registration will open for Kindergarten 1 children (born 2012) from 14 November to 31 December. Classes for K1 children will begin after March school holidays 2017.

• Registration for Kindergarten 2 children (born 2011) is extended to 30 November and parents will be contacted at beginning 2017. Classes for K2 children will commence after Chinese New Year 2017.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

2017 Registration Exercise for Pri 1 and new registrants for other levels are NOW OPEN till 30 Nov 2016. Go to the parish website for on-line enrolment.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Join us for a sharing of how a young man's life was

totally shattered after a serious accident. It was only through faith, perseverance and prayers that he was able to find healing, peace and hope through God's miraculous healing power.

Join us this Wednesday, November 23 at St Ignatius Hall. Fellowship dinner at 7.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday, 3 December, 9.30am to 1pm at St Ignatius hall. Proceeds to the Parish Social Mission Fund. We appreciate donations of costume jewellery, toiletries, clothes, books (not textbooks), toys, household and kitchen appliances, artificial flowers, curtains, bed linens, only in good and clean condition. NO bulky items – e.g. furniture, fax machines, TV, printers, video players. Please place your donations by 22 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

PLEASE RETURN OUR CHURCH'S UMBRELLAS

If you have borrowed our church's umbrellas, please return them so that they can be made available for future use.

INFORMATION COUNTER

If you are new to this parish or if you need help and information about our ministries and activities, please approach volunteers after Mass at the Help stand at the rear of the Place of Gathering.



ONCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8 pm.

Zone A District 1 and 3

Saturday, 3 December, @ Arcadia Condo Clubhouse
Programme: Advent fellowship

Zone B District 1

Tuesday, 14 December, @ Children's Aid Society, 503 Clementi Road, Singapore 599488
Programme: Hosting Christmas party for children

Zone C, District 3

Monday, 21 November, 7.30pm, Sh & Sh-E
Programme: Sharing and fellowship

Zone D, District 2

Wednesday, 30 November, #02-06
Programme: Prayers In Preparation for Advent

Zone E District 3

Thursday, 24 November, #02-04
Programme: Catholic Church instructions on burial and cremation



Thoughts on Christ The King

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is commonly known as the Feast of Christ the King. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 (Quas primas), post-World War 1, in response to growing nationalism and secularism. For many years, it was celebrated as the last Sunday of the month of October, just before All Saints' Day, until Pope Paul VI reorganized the new liturgical year of the Roman Rite (Mysterii Paschalis) which became effective in 1970. Since then, the feast has been celebrated

in the last Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent, marking the end of the Liturgical calendar year.

This is an interesting historical detail. A fact that is not known to this little Brain, even though it has been raised a cradle Catholic. Its curiosity was piqued. Unlike many wise men and women who have pondered the significance of the Feast of Christ the King, the Brain just never thought about this. Today the Brain starts by asking, "Who is Christ the King?" Son of God. Son of man. Son Incarnate. King of Peace. Somehow the image

that keeps returning to the Brain is Christ the King on the cross with a thorny crown; not the glorious royal King with a heavenly crown. The King who dies so that His people may live. The King of the Universe who loves men so freely and deeply that He gave His life to serve and save mankind. Master of the Universe, yet the humblest servant. A mystery that the Brain simply can't, and may never, comprehend.

As the Brain slowly accepts that it is unable to resolve this complex paradox, it moves on to the next pondering. If there is a king, then there must be a kingdom. If Christ is the king, then what and where is His kingdom? So it started searching in the Scripture. The Kingdom of God is the kingdom on earth and in heaven. The Kingdom of God is at hand, is within us, among us, in our midst. But where is it? It is not clear. Too metaphorical, too confusing. Finally the Brain rested in the word Feast. A celebration. How is it supposed to celebrate this feast, when it does not even know what it is celebrating?

The Heart feels the Brain's angst and whispers gently. Little Brain, let your tiny cells rest. Christ is right here with me. He has always been with me and remains in me. When grace, joy and mercy fill our hearts, or pain, sorrow and anger overwhelm us, He is here. He walks with us, always there to carry us, even when we can't see Him. When we feel the warm sunray, the gentle ocean breeze, the heavy thunder rain, He is there. When we see little children playing gleefully and forlorn elderly in wheelchairs, when we feel grateful for our family and friends or annoyed by insufferable people, He is there, too. He is here, there, everywhere. We are never alone, for He is always with us. He is our king, brother, best friend, comforter. Isn't that worth celebrating? Stop searching, Come and sit quietly with me. For it is in stillness that we know Him.

My dearest friend, as the year comes to an end and Advent draws near, as we reflect on the year that has passed, may I invite you to contemplate on whom Christ the King is to you, and what you are celebrating today.

ROSINA SIMON, PARISHIONER OF ST IGNATIUS

☉ JESUIT NEWS

MARITAL FIRST RESPONDERS WORKSHOP

A 2-day workshop and training for marital first responders who can provide frontline counseling and listening ear for friends and relatives who need help with marital issues. This programme was developed by Professor William J. Doherty at the University of Minnesota, (USA).

Date & Time: Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February 2017, 9am to 5pm

Contribution: \$250 (includes lunch and tea)

Facilitator: Fr (Dr) Charles Sim, SJ

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mfr2017>

Enquiries: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg; Tel: 6467 6072 or email kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE 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

CHOICE WEEKEND

Choice is a ministry for young adults aged 18- 40 to challenge them to evaluate their lifestyles and to choose lives based on gospel values.

Date: 25 - 27 November (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong

West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or

Francesca 9710 9680

Register: <http://www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm>

ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Verbum Dei Community is organising an Advent day of recollection for youths (13-16 years old).

Theme: What does Christmas mean to you?

Date: Saturday, 26 November

Time: 9am-1.30pm

Meeting point: Chinese Garden MRT

Fee: \$20

Register at verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg or call 6274 0251

Registration by 21 Nov

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)