



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

WALKING ON WATER

If someone were to tell me that he has seen a man walking on water before, I will be very surprised and even sceptical. “Wow, that is fantastic. How did he do it? Did he use a special inflatable shoe? Did he practice tai chi? Was he a magician? Was he Jesus?”

The disciples saw Jesus walking on the lake and they were petrified. They thought that they were seeing a ghost! Still doubting, Peter said, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.” “Come”, said Jesus. Peter got out of the boat and bravely started to walk, but he did not get very far. He started to panic and sink.

Faith and Doubt — they are constantly at play in our minds. **Indeed, life holds for us not only possibilities, but also potentialities.** All of us have abilities that are given and built into our bodies with all their capacities and possibilities. We are endowed with gifts and talents that are sometimes explicitly expressed or lie latent, waiting to be brought to the surface. We know that what is possible can be turned into reality when we have faith to believe in God and in ourselves.

But sometimes doubts enter our lives. Many people can become

victims of their social environment, cultural mores and prejudices. “Women can’t drive”, “This is a job not open to Chinese”, etc. Racism and discrimination can divide society and undermine human dignity with our inherent rights bestowed by God. These can never be taken away from us. We know that societal norms and expectations can place strictures on us, stifle our creative spirit and hinder our potentials to achieve our dreams.

When I was in primary school, I was very interested in sports and athletics. I tried the long jump, but my teacher did not select me for further training. I did not make it into the volleyball team either. I tried out for soccer too, but again the coach did not choose me. With no opportunity for training of any sort, it was not easy to develop my interests and

latent potential. Thankfully, it was later in tertiary education days that I found my talent to become a sprinter and represented my school. Better late than never. Before that, I often doubted myself and asked if I would ever be good at anything.

Jesus invites us to believe in ourselves. He does not doubt us at all. He sees the best in us and calls us to “walk on water” with him. If we believe in him, we can do all things through him, he who inspires and strengthens us. We have to drum the mantra into our heads: “It is possible (faith) and I can do it (potential).” I must learn to trust in Jesus and even when I doubt myself. Jesus will always be here as a safety net to catch me when I falter and start to sink. All I have to do is let him pull me up and not make it difficult by struggling and kicking away. Better still, I can walk even when the waves are strong!

To all Singaporeans, I wish you a very Happy National Day. Keep praying for our nation and our leaders, and walk on water with Jesus!

FR COLIN TAN, SJ



The PPC Exco,
parish staff, and the Jesuit
community at Kingsmead
Hall wish all parishioners
A Blessed and Happy
National Day!

PARISH NEWS

PUBLIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed and there will be no Mass on NATIONAL DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, Monday 10 August.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 14 August, 7.00pm, is the Vigil Mass of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

MASSES DURING PHASE 2

myCatholic.sg is open for Mass bookings for August.

Mass timings for St Ignatius Church:

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm.

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 3.00pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm

Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, 3.00pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Parking is ONLY at the King's Road basement car park.

Go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/> and our church Telegram channel for updates, guidelines to the resumption of Masses.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm

Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

Tuesday and Thursday, 6.00pm. Presided by Fr Jerome

Leon, SJ. Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, and 6.00pm.

Please note that livestreams will only be available during Mass time and will not be accessible after the Mass.

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/>

DAILY REFLECTION with Fr Jerome, SJ

Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ

Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

CONFESSION is available by appointment only. Please call the church office (Angela/Suzie) at 6466 0625 or email church@stignatius.org.sg

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

St Ignatius Church Singapore will be 60 years old in 2021.

A short celebratory video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRylnrn1ZL2ARfxOEO6Q>

to mark a year long celebration of our Diamond Jubilee.



ST IGNATIUS YOUNG ADULTS' FORMATION

Do you know Catholic young adults who are looking to deepen their faith? Join us for our Young Adults' Formation that's open to all regardless of parish affiliation!

The first series on "Living Water" is ongoing until 2 September, fortnightly

on Wednesdays, 8.30 – 10.00pm via Zoom. Register at <https://bit.ly/30aZJAv>. For information, email youngadultsformation@gmail.com

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

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

Every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm.

Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith.

Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors.

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

Spiritual Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ

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INQUIRER



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Many people think the Kingdom of God is heaven, our eternal home. What is meant by "Already, but Not Yet?" Every day, Jesus calls out to us, "Repent, and believe".

What is your reply? All are invited this Wednesday 12 August, 8.00pm. Email cpg.cosi@gmail.com for details.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ANGELICO ART AWARD

In view of the Covid-19 disruptions, the submission deadline has been extended to 30 September.

Stop, slow down, reflect on and give expression to this theme "I Will Recount all Your Wonders." Psalm 9:2.

- Open to all (regardless of religion), 14 years and above.
- Organized by Heartspace, in support of the Catholic Foundation.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

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