



Be A Rock Not a Stumbling Block

If there is anything that shouldn't surprise us, it is how often we can trip over ourselves and fall over many things in life. Over decisions, over relationships and over remarks. Often our words can be misheard or misinterpreted, and taken out of context, causing misunderstanding and even anger.

I remember accompanying the former Archbishop Gregory Yong in 1987 to our first Youth Rally at Toa Payoh Stadium, to review the displays of the Catholic organisations that had set up booths there. When I came to a particular booth, I innocently made a remark, "This is a powerful organisation." In my mind, it was a compliment, but the leader of that group took offense and felt insulted at what I had said in front of the Archbishop. He wanted to rebuke me for my comments and made a complaint against me!

Peter in our Gospel this week, was put in the hot seat when he tried to get ahead of Jesus to block His path in suffering grievously in Jerusalem at the hands of the religious leaders who were determined to get rid of Him. Jesus already predicted His own agony, death and resurrection. But Peter was not going to hear any of such things as he and the others did not understand the plan of God in saving us in this way of the Cross, that seemed to them to be a bad idea. It was incomprehensible.

Yet, Jesus was firm in His commitment to fulfill the will of God and strongly rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's." (Mt 16:23).

Peter, who was declared by Jesus in the previous Sunday's readings as the Rock on which He will build the Church, has suddenly become a stumbling block. As a follower, his place is to walk behind the Master and not stand in front to block His way.

Sometimes, we allow pride, ignorance and insolence to get the better of us in living out our Christian faith and we trip ourselves and fall. What is worse, is that we make others, behind us, fall as well!

Out of this fiasco, Jesus brings out an important lesson to His disciples and us -- the lesson of love in self-denial and self-sacrifice. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life, will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, will find it." (Mt 16: 24)

Indeed, the world has nothing worthwhile to offer us — neither power, money nor pleasure will satisfy us. Only the love of Jesus and doing His will can bring us peace and joy as St Monica had prayed with tears for the conversion of her son, St Augustine, "For my part, my

Resumption of Infant Baptism

Due to the Circuit Breaker and Phase 2 restrictions, there was an accumulation of many applicants. Infant Baptism Rites resumes Sunday 6 September and every weekend thereafter at 3.00pm. As we are only able to conduct five baptisms at each session, the 3.00pm Mass slots on Saturday and Sunday will make way for the Infant Baptisms.

Registration forms for baptisms from October 2020 onwards are available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/sacraments/infant-adult-baptism> OR from the church office. Please choose a saint's name for your child.

Contacts for October 2020 baptisms:

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son, I no longer find pleasure in anything that this life holds. What I am doing here still, or why I am still here, I do not know, for worldly hope has withered away for me. One thing only there was for which I desired to linger in this life: to see you a Catholic Christian before I died." Thankfully, her wish was granted by God.

Let us be mindful of our place in life and follow Christ. Let us build our lives on the solid Rock of faith, hope and love, and not be a stumbling block to others in their desire to follow Him.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

PARISH NEWS

MASSES DURING PHASE 2

Mass timings for St Ignatius Church:

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

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 4.30pm and 6.00pm

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

Infant Baptism will resume in September at 3.00pm.

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.

TO AMEND YOUR DETAILS AT MYCATHOLIC.SG

Please send an email to mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg with:

1. Email (that you used for registration)
2. Name
3. Contact number when you signed up for an account
4. Amendment required

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.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on

Sundays. There will be 3 sessions each Sunday

until further notice: 9-9.45 am, 11-11.45am, and 1-1.45pm. The number of visitors per session is limited to 30, so do not visit unless your booking is confirmed by phone call or WhatsApp.

Make your provisional booking at: <https://forms.gle/o3b1KN1nLS5d9zNf7> or use the QR code.

If you are not able to book through this Google Form, please call the church office 6466 0625 (Angela/Suzie) for assistance. After office hours, WhatsApp/SMS 9675 6621.

Looking for volunteers (**below 60 years old**, registered at St. Ignatius with MARS, and not already volunteering at weekday or weekend Masses) to help with safety measures at the Columbarium on Sundays, and possibly Saturdays if there are enough volunteers. Please WhatsApp 9675 6621.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are invited to an 8-week retreat entitled "JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES" to bring us into a closer relationship

with Jesus to become better disciples for His mission. The first session "Making Jesus the Centre of Our Lives" starts this Wednesday 2 September, 8pm. We search for happiness in many things but our souls are restless until we put Him at the centre. Email cpg.cosi@gmail.com for ZOOM links.

SATURDAY ROCKERS

Come to better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission received at Baptism. Saturday Rockers invites all to our next Bible study, based on Bishop Robert Barron's "Priest, Prophet, King" program. A 7-session study on Saturdays at 1.30pm via Zoom, begins October (date to be confirmed). Whatsapp Charly at 9100 7401 for details.

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! 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? 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. 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 at stignatius.org.sg. Contact Teddy (9745 8313) or Angela (6466 0625).

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/>

WEBCAST MASSES are NOW at 6.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Presided by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj
The webcast will come online 3 minutes before 6.00pm. Videos will not be accessible after the Mass.

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/>

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/UCiRylonn1ZL2ARrfxOEO6Q> to mark a year long celebration of our Diamond Jubilee.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

If you have big questions about Christianity or know someone who does, Alpha is a series of sessions with a safe environment to ask questions or to discuss.

Join us online every Thursday 8pm, from 10 Sept for Alpha in the Catholic context on Zoom! Believers and inquirers are all welcome. Interested or know someone who is? Please contact Michael at michael.chiam@alpha.org.sg

BRAVE – CATHOLIC YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2020

Date : 10 – 31 October

Tickets : \$20 (\$10 for students)

Youths, between 16-35 years old, are invited to this virtual festival via Zoom, to have raw, authentic and valuable conversations about our mental health, and how it coexists with our Catholic faith in our journey towards mental well-being.

To register: tinyurl.com/BRAVEfestreg

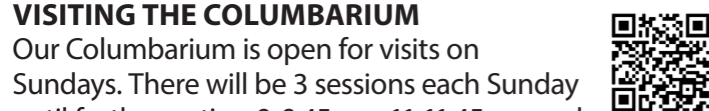
W: <https://www.clarity-singapore.org>

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.

CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE is now available on Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career Exploration, Career Planning, Career Transitions, Workplace challenges, job search strategies, etc. Call 9111 7325 or email admin@cbn.sg. A nominal fee charge of \$10 to cover administration cost.



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INQUIRER



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 ★ Susan Thian Catechetical Coordinator ★ David Saw Operations Manager

Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Sacristan



ART-NATION — HAND IN HAND WITH GOD *Let go, and let God!*

Michael Phung, SJ, is inviting you to an online gathering to pray visually, manually, and creatively with daily scripture readings. Wednesday 9 September – Sunday 29 November. You will be led through a core experience of a prayerful and simple non-verbal creative exercise, such as doodling (Monday, 9-9.50am EDT), mandalas (Tuesday, 7-7.50pm, EDT), zendoodles or zentangles (Thursday, 1.30-2.20pm, EDT), or paint sketching (Saturday, 3-3.50pm, EDT). Participants are NOT required to join all sessions (pick only those that fit your schedule and interest). Artistic and creative skills are NOT required. All faiths and backgrounds are welcome.

Cost: Free

Instructor: Michael Phung SJ, a Jesuit scholastic from Malaysia, belonging to the Malaysia-Singapore Jesuit region.

For more information and registration: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/offices/mission-ministry/sites/center-for-ignatian-spirituality/workshops.html>

Note that session times are according to Boston, USA which is 12 hours behind Singapore.