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Poor!

Between the humility of the saints and the arrogance of the sinner is a deep valley where many have fallen. I learnt in primary school the saying, “Pride goes before a fall.” I had very little clue what that meant then. Little did I realise that it has guided my conviction to live in humility since.

I had shared with the catechumens, at my RCIA class the lesson about the fall of man – original sin comes from the disobedience and pride of Adam and Eve that led to their fall from grace, and to be exiled from the Garden of Eden and God’s friendship. They were deceived by the devil to eat of the tree of knowledge. Here, we see the origins of sin in the heart of man — to be proud and haughty and wanting to be like God — as if they wanted to stage a coup and overthrow God, and put a false god on the throne instead.

In fact, this is the tripwire that many have unwittingly kicked against all the time and set off the enemy’s ambush party coming to take them down. The booby trap of idolatry and pride can come in the form of big egos, un-forgiveness, in revenge, and in flaunting of one’s power, wealth and possessions with no regard for the plight of the poor. For the Pharisees, it was their attention seeking stunts and being in the limelight that blinded them to the needs of others around them.

Jesus reminds us so simply and authoritatively: “**The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.**” (Mt 23:12)

We hear him telling us in another instance, “**It is easier for the camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**” (Mt19:24) This eye of the needle is a reference to the narrow gate in a city which prevents enemies from attacking them. At any one time, only one person can enter through this narrow gate. A rich man tends to

be overweight and has many possessions, and will find it difficult to enter as such! Similarly, pride makes a person so puffed up that the gate of heaven is too small for him to enter!

As we move to All Souls Day on Monday, we are invited to remember to pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones. It has always been our Christian duty and charity to pray for the dead. If they are already in Heaven, no harm done; if not, every prayer is a relief for the souls in purgatory. They can draw on the treasury of merits of the saints and the Church offered for their salvation by the death of Christ and His redemption on the Cross, that has opened the gates of Heaven to us. Thomas Merton sums it up very well: “**Man cannot save himself, no matter how heroic may be his sacrifices, without Christ. But on the contrary, once the sacrifice of the cross is seen as our true salvation, then even the smallest act of charity becomes valuable and precious in the sight of God — even a cup of cold water.**” (The Monastic Journey, Pg 20).

Don’t forget the poor and when we give a cup of water, give it with love in the name of Christ. When given with love, the water will taste like wine!

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

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PARISH NEWS

MASS BOOKING FOR NOVEMBER

myCatholic.sg is now open for Mass bookings for November.

The seating capacity is 100 parishioners for weekday and weekend Masses. Starting from November, parishioners are able to book two weekend slots per month and one slot per weekday.

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.

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.

ONE-TIME CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH

With effect from Saturday, 17 October at 0900 hrs, our Catholic faithful will be able to make a one-time change of their parish church via **mycatholic.sg** under their *myProfile* page.

In response to the many requests made, this now one-time option to register at a different church - will meet the various personal considerations of members of our community.

In order to qualify for the change of a parish church, please ensure that you meet the following criteria:

1. You do not have any upcoming bookings in your current parish church.
2. Your previous booking was more than 14 days ago.
3. You have not attended a Mass in person in the last 14 days in any church. This is an extra precaution to prevent potential cross-infection.

Please note that after a change of a parish church has been made on **mycatholic.sg**, you will not be able to make a further switch to another church. At the moment, this is a one-time change.

For more information, please check with your respective churches or visit: **mycatholic.sg** or email: **mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg**

UPDATES ON THE MASS ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (MARS)

You can now cancel your Mass booking up to 48 hours before Mass begins.

You may edit your name, date of birth and mobile number on the MARS profile page. However to edit your NRIC or email address, you will need to email **mycatholic@catholic.org.sg** directly.

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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ.

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

NO-SHOW FOR BOOKED MASS

If you are unable to attend the Mass that you had booked, please email **csi.admin@catholic.org.sg** with your name as in the registration, last four digits of IC, date & time of Mass.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES: Reflection Series

A night of prayer, reflections on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and sharing, focusing on the "Prayer" spoke of the Wheel of a Christ-Centred Life. This Wednesday 4 November, at 8pm. Email **cpg.cpsi@gmail.com** for ZOOM details.

PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS

The church office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm, strictly by appointment only. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Communications via telephone, email and Telegram will be as usual. The King's Road church gate will remain closed until further notice.

LISTENING TO GOD BIBLE STUDY GROUP is

embarking on a 3-year program titled "Bible Pilgrimage 2023" to read the entire Bible. Programme outline and materials are adapted from Fr Bobby Emprayil's "Bible By Pentecost 2021" with his consent. Contact Elaine 9679 2876 or Richard 9781 7228.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Sundays, at 9.00am-9.45am, 11.00am-11.45am, and 1.00pm-1.45pm; and Saturdays at 5.00pm-5.45pm.

For Sundays, make your bookings at

<https://forms.gle/o3b1KN1nLS5d9zNf7> and for

Saturdays at <https://forms.gle/fj76SLpxtUAdV3Sv6>

Only 30 visitors are allowed per session, so please do not visit unless your booking is confirmed by the parish through phone call or WhatsApp. If you need help in booking, please call the church office 6466 0625 (Angela/Suzie). 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 Saturdays and Sundays. Please WhatsApp 9675 6621.

