



CHRIST THE KING THE SHEPHERD KING



It's difficult to think about kings and leaders in the current partisan political climate and where the whole idea of leadership seems to have been turned on its head. If we add the outdated image of kings and royalty to the mix, then the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe that we celebrate this weekend may seem less relevant and not easy for us to truly appreciate. After all, kings remind us of pomp and pageantry that has no place in the difficult times that we live in now and even the best leaders that we have encountered are beset with the same weaknesses and frailties that we are. Christ our King gives us a different image and a very different way of leading that can make more sense amidst the turbulence we feel now.

The readings for this Sunday point to two very important aspects of leadership which are characteristic of how Christ lived his life. We often refer to Jesus as the Good Shepherd, a name that both comforts and reassures, especially in how the shepherd is described in the first reading, accompanying and protecting the flock with so much care. The other aspect is that of humility that we hear about in the Gospel, of how Jesus the King appears to all of us in the

humblest of states, leading and inspiring us to do what he taught us. If we take these images together, we see how Jesus is truly the Shepherd King, a title that comes from David, his ancestor, and one that can continue to inspire us today.

One important aspect of the Shepherd King is how he accompanies his flock in all situations, rain or shine, ensuring that everyone is protected and cared for. This is important because the signs of a good leader are not shown as much in good times as in bad. It is in difficult times where the flock is in most need of comfort, and it is up to the shepherd to provide that, being with them while they enter the dark valley so as to assuage their fears. This physical presence is important because the sheep will not only have someone who is immediately visible to lead them but also have the confidence that the shepherd is there when help is needed. I'm sure many of us feel this gentle accompaniment of our Shepherd King during this time of pandemic, reassuring us even we get worried and leading us slowly out of the darker times.

The other important aspect of the Shepherd King is the humility and care that is shown to the flock, a humility which inspires us to do likewise. A king who is a shepherd presents a bit of a

paradox in that one often would not associate the lowly work of a shepherd with the lofty position of a king. But it's this seeming contradiction that brings forth the humility and humanity that are so important in one's ability to lead. It's the experience of having to tend to the flock in all its earthiness that allows a leader to remain humble in spite of status. Jesus did this all his life, living his entire life in humility and simplicity despite being the Son of God. We too are called to do the same, to be leaders who are humble and have a good amount of empathy for those whom we lead, remembering that we're here to serve and not to be served.

We're all invited to contemplate Christ as the Shepherd King, to follow in his example of humility in service and to remember how we have been accompanied even in our darkest times. Even though most of us may not find ourselves in elevated leadership positions, this contemplation on the humility and accompaniment of Christ our King can help us become better brothers and sisters to each other, fulfilling the commission to love one another in concrete ways. In all this, we have the confidence that behind all our efforts, our Lord and King will be there, accompanying and encouraging us as he has always been, ensuring that we are never alone as we seek to love and serve in all things.

DCN STANLEY GOH, SJ

PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER MASS BOOKING SCHEDULE

myCatholic.sg is open for Mass bookings for December on

Tuesday 24 November.

Bookings open at 3.00pm for First Weekend Mass and all Weekday Masses, (except Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day).

Tuesday 8 December

Second Weekend Mass booking opens at 9.00am.

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.

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.

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

LIVESTREAM MASSES

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a penitential service to prepare for Christmas 2020 at St Ignatius Hall and classrooms, 8 Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492. You will need to book your confession slot (10 minutes per slot) before coming, using the online form: <https://forms.gle/3n7RcnLiTBfX3UYz9> or the QR code. A booking is compulsory.

If you have a problem with the online form, please call 6466 0625 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm) or email csi.admin@catholic.org.sg

Please arrive NO EARLIER than 10 minutes before the time slot you have booked. There will NOT BE any communal prayers and scriptural readings.

Monday 7 December	8pm to 10pm
Tuesday 8 December	8pm to 10pm
Wednesday 9 December	8pm to 10pm
Thursday 10 December	8pm to 10pm
Friday 11 December	10am to 12pm OR 8pm-10pm



CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKING

Tuesday 15 December

Third Weekend Mass Booking (if still available) also opens at 3.00pm. Please note that parishioners can book only one Mass for either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Mass timings for 24/25 December will be confirmed in later announcements.

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.

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/>

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES

REFLECTION SERIES 4 – In the last of the series, we will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, with Reflection and sharing on the "EVANGELISM" spoke of the Wheel of living a Christ-Centred Life. All are invited this Wednesday 25 November, at 8pm. Email cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS REFLECTION E-BOOKLETS

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet available in English, Chinese and Tamil to journey with you throughout Advent and Christmas. The reflection themes are "The Coming Word" and "Word Among Us" respectively. Download e-booklet at bit.ly/AdventChristmas2020

Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on Monday 8pm, beginning from 23 November at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

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



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<https://bit.ly/toastfortots>

SSVP MILK AND DIAPERS PROGRAMME currently help 180 children by delivering them much needed milk and diapers on a monthly basis, yet there are still many more children out there. Help us help them by participating in our Toast to Tots fundraising campaign!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

To commemorate our Diamond Jubilee, our church is selling special edition T-shirts and reversible umbrellas. We are also giving away commemorative car decals and mask holders at the Place of Gathering. Love offerings are welcome.

As part of our celebrations, we have adopted Morning Star Community Services as the beneficiary for our Walking with the Poor project. Go to jubilee-stignatius.com for details. Let us celebrate our Jubilee by blessing the less fortunate.

Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/upcoming-events> to watch a video address by St Ignatius Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ on the JUBILEE DOOR OF GRACE and the PAPAL INDULGENCE for our Jubilee Year, in celebration of 60 years as a Jesuit parish in Singapore.