



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Transformed By Love

Susan was an eight-year old at war with the world. She had two friends – herself and her teddy bear, which she clung to with fierce possessiveness. Susan resisted all emotional advances and was heart-break for her mother. Even she was made to feel an enemy for Susan never smiled.

One day, on a trip to London from their small hometown, mother and daughter passed by an old beggar seated on the steps of a church. He was unshaven; his hair was wild and unwashed and he was clothed in filthy rags. As Susan passed by, she suddenly stopped, gazed a moment at the forlorn and lonely beggar, then she ran towards him, handed him her teddy bear

and danced away to rejoin her bewildered mother. “Susan,” she cried in disbelief, and the transfigured child, her name uttered in love for the first time. It was usually called in annoyance or admonition.

Susan appeared in a light that transformed her into a child of heart and sympathy, and mother was likewise transfigured into calling her daughter ‘in whom she was well pleased and beloved’. We are transfigured more often than we imagine and become, through being our hidden selves of our natural best, the most effective apostles.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

The Pains We Did Not Choose

A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... (Isaiah 53:3)

+ The recurring theme in the regency phase of my Jesuit formation these 2 years has been that of pain. I thought, prayed, and reflected on it in various ways. But most of all, I felt it.

Even in religious life, we are not immune to the nagging physical pains of birth defects and injuries, the marginalising social pains from the backstabbing of a family member, or even the latent psychological pains from the suicide of a close friend. The next few weeks of Lent seem to be an appropriate time to share some thoughts on this very human suffering.

In Christian life, we hear soothing catchphrases to lift up our pain and suffering to God. We sing that Christ has taken away the sin of the world. We remind ourselves especially in Lent that He has suffered for us. But somewhere along the way, we might have mixed these ideas up.

I am Christian. I sing, I dance, I praise

God. Jesus has taken away my pain – if I still feel pain, it cannot come from God. So we quickly slip from the feeling of pain to the vengeful hunt for ‘Who dares hurt me – a child of God!’

It is as if we are surprised – and even offended – that we are still allowed to suffer. I have met, heard from, and even been screamed at by Christians who seemed honestly shocked at feeling pain.

But surely we’ve noticed... Christians *still* suffer. *We* still suffer. *I* still feel pain. So what went wrong? Did Christ fail? Or perhaps we’re not quite doing Christianity right?

Lent is a good time to remember: God didn’t abolish pain. He just joined in. But He did show us what to do with it.

It is worth returning to the scene at Gethsemane we read every Lent, when Jesus pleads with the Father. *Take this cup away from me... yet, not my will... but yours be done.* (Luke 22:42) It was not His will.



Sunday 12 March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Monday 13 March

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 14 March

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 15 March

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 16 March

Liturgy of the day

Friday 17 March

St Patrick

Saturday 18 March

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 19 March

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus did not actually want this pain; but He accepted it. Pain poured in; in agony He received. And He used it. By persevering to *continue* loving, He *used* pain to *deepen* His loving.

When pain, hurt, or anger touches us, do we lash out and attack, or calmly receive, examining why we feel this way? Do we let it dilute our loving, or use the pain to deepen our loving?

The exercising of a Lenten penance may not be easy. But what is really hard, and perhaps more Christian, is how we react to the pains we did not pre-select for ourselves. Lent is practice; Christianity is life.

Many of us would have already chosen our prescribed pains for Lent. How shall we respond to the pains we did *not* choose when they too come?

Perhaps only in being *persons of sorrows and acquainted with grief*, are we truly able to love – then **we become Christian.**

Don Basil Kannangara, SJ

PARISH NEWS

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation next week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent. After 7.00am Mass and 20 mins before evening Mass.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thursday, 6 April, 8.00pm at the main Church.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Gatherings over "fish and chips" are a tradition, offering parishioners an opportunity to observe meatless Fridays while nurturing fellowship and reflection. Dinner at Sacred Heart Hall canteen...lucky draw, ice-breakers, games.

* Friday, 31 March, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

* \$15 adults/\$12 children (aged 3–9)

Due to limited seats, tickets must be pre-purchased: after Sunday Masses 19 & 26 March, church office Monday-Friday, or after CCD on Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 March

PRAISE GOD WITH YOUR VOICES!

Sunday 10.15am choir *Ignatian Voices* is looking for new voices. Join us if you want to be part of a supportive fellowship of singers, make a difference in the music ministry, improve your singing or try your hand at conducting. We practise every Saturday 2-3pm. For information, call Adrian 9796 8136 or Agnes 9663 6819.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN ministry is hoping to expand sessions for 3-5 year olds and 6-10 year olds at 10.15am mass. Children need to hear and comprehend the Word of God in specially adapted Gospel readings in an age-appropriate way. Each session requires 2 Proclaimers and 4 to 6 helpers so we need quite a few volunteers. You may only be required every 4 - 6 weeks. If you are interested in helping please approach the help desk after mass at the Place of Gathering. Or contact wjosephine@live.com

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

We are currently on our Term 1 break. There will be no sessions until Term 2 on the weekend of 25/26 March.
* Please pray for our Sec 4 youths attending the iComm Confirmation Retreat next weekend 17-19 March.
* Due to the night activity for the Confirmation Retreat, the open carpark at Sacred Heart Hall must be cleared immediately after Saturday's 6.00pm Mass on 18 March.

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 May, 9.30am to 1pm at St Ignatius Hall.

Proceeds from the sales will go to the Parish Social Mission Fund. Ensure donations are in good condition. NO bulky furniture, fax machines, TV and printers; video and cassette tapes and text books. Drop off your donations by Sunday 7 May outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

When we succumb to sin and temptation, we can seek God's mercy and grace as shown in David's prayer of contrition in Psalm 51. Come and join us in bible sharing on Psalm 51:1-8. We meet this Wednesday, 15 March, and start at 7.30pm at St Ignatius Hall with our fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

COUPLE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

Come and experience the fullness of marriage as God intended. Join us as we look at the external and internal threats to marriage. Sign up for a Preview of the Couple Empowerment Program @ St Ignatius Church on Sunday 26 March, 1 pm at St Ignatius Hall . <http://www.cep-sg.org>

SUNDAY CANTEEN is closed on 12 and 19 March.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Paul Tsakok – 75 years old

Date of death: 6 March 2017

DVC COMMUNITY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



DE VITA Christi
The Youth of St Ignatius

Our Confirmands will be having their Confirmation Retreat (iComm) from 17 to 19 March.

We ask for your prayers for all involved in this retreat. You can also join us by offering Mass, Rosary and Fasts for our Spiritual Bouquet. You can submit your offerings via <http://tinyurl.com/icomm17intercessory>

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 15 March, #02-02

Programme: Stations of the Cross

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 15 March, #02-06

Programme: Lenten Reflection – 3rd Sunday of Lent

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 16 March, 01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel sharing – Daily Word of God
2) Lenten Reflections

Fr Leslie Raj, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

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Becoming Missionary Disciples



A reflection of what it means to be a disciple and a missionary is how Archbishop William Goh opened Milestone Conference by The Office of New Evangelization (ONE). The conference, which focuses on the formation roadmap for new evangelization to build missionary discipleship in our communities, is a follow-up to last year's conference on building a hospitable community.

Our Archbishop stressed that every disciple is called to be a missionary, and every missionary must be a disciple. When a person encounters God, he wants to go out, share and be a witness immediately. However, he reminded us that a mission requires a spiritually mature disciple to be effective in evangelization.

Everyone who wishes to be a missionary disciple must pay attention to three movements:

Upward Loving God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind.

Inward Loving, accepting and understanding ourselves. Recognizing our personal struggle would allow us to engage and empathize with other people, which bring us to the next movement.

Outward Loving our neighbors. This is our mission and ministry.

Every disciple is encouraged to undertake four areas of formation before embarking on a mission:

Spiritual formation – strengthening and deepening our relationship with God, with prayer as the foundation.

Human formation – a reminder that psychological formation is needed for priests, religious and lay members in the ministries; if the wound and hurt are not addressed, one would carry the brokenness and prejudice into the

mission and ministry.

Intellectual formation – equipping the individual with the knowledge of the doctrinal and church teaching so that he/she can be a credible witness.

Pastoral formation – the “how to” in evangelization. Archbishop Goh reminded us that sometimes ministries are more concerned with certain skills and may lose sight of the faith formation. For example, choirs stressing the importance of how to sing well vs. how to be a real Christian; or Lectors paying attention primarily on how to read well vs. proclaiming the Word of God.

Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelization, followed through with the Archdiocese's recommended Formation Roadmap. He began by asking and discussing a few questions for reflection, such as:

What is our world view for formation - is it the ministry, the parish, the diocese, the Roman Catholic Church, or the world?

Where is our ministry or community going to be five years from now, and what plans do we have right now to achieve that? Are we too busy with our ministry work and not spending enough time on formation to renew, grow and live our faith?

When we hold pastoral formation, what is the emphasis? Do we simply share the Word of God at the intellectual level or do we have theological reflections and meaningful conversation which allows us to grow deeper into spiritual and interior formation, a new experience of encountering God?

Fr Pereira outlined the four Es of Formation – **Excite**, **Encounter**, **Engage** and **Evangelize** – and used

scriptural examples to stress his points. **Excitement** created by John the Baptist when he identifies Jesus and says “There is the Lamb of God.” God **Encounter** by St Paul on the way to Damascus that changes his life forever. Jesus' **Engagement** with the Samaritan Woman at the well. And finally, Jesus' call to his disciples to **Evangelize** and proclaim the love of the Father.

Lastly, Fr Pereira explained the seven Building Blocks of Formation:

1. *Kerygma* (Proclamation, Scripture)
2. *Koinonia* (Community, Church)
3. *Leitourgia*/Liturgy (Prayer, Eucharist)
4. *Didache* (Teaching, Tradition)
5. *Karisma* (Gifts, Calling)
6. *Diakonia* (Works of Mercy and Works of Charity)
7. *Evangelismo* (Witness, Proclamation).

He proposed the formation framework as a guide to draw up individual parishes' roadmap and planning. For easy references, ONE has uploaded the conference's detailed information on its website: www.one.org.sg/resources-milestone-conference.

The conference is a valuable reminder that formation is a life-long process of growing in our relationship with God, self, and others. And that transformation needs to start with self. Each one of us is called to be transformed, from a *Seeker*, to a *Believer*, a *Disciple*, and finally a *Discipler* (someone who evangelizes and disciple others).

JESUIT NEWS

FINDING GOD IN MOVIES

Stories in movies allow for reflective moments, often inviting us to question ourselves, our faith or even our humanity. Join us to watch Queen of Katwe, the inspiring real-life story of Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi, followed by dialogue on Phiona's riveting journey. Date: Saturday, 22 April
Time: 2pm – 5pm
Fee: \$10 (includes munchies)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/Godinmovies>
Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CHARITIES WEEK 2017

The season of Lent is when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2017. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support our Catholic Charities and Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore, to serve over 50,000 beneficiaries such as the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, and persons living with HIV / AIDS.

Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. Your donation will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent

Enquiries: 6337 6197, 9271 3335) or email pamela@caritas-singapore.org.

CHARITY WALKATHON

Catholic Welfare Services are here to promote its Charity Walkathon, held on Sunday 30 April at Labrador Park. Volunteers are needed to assist the elderly in wheelchairs along the 2km Walk. Registration is \$35 per person. All proceeds will go towards helping the poor and needy under CWS programmes and services. Register now at www.catholicwelfare.org.sg or call 6339 4711.

RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED & HURTING MARRIAGES

Programme to help you make your marriage work.

Weekend date: 31 March – 2 April 2017

Confidential enquiry: 6711 6774; Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

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 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

Every Wednesday after 6.00pm Mass in the Main Church.

Catholic content online, login:

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)