



## The Miracle of Faith

**A**mid today's pandemic and vulnerability, we cling to our hope and faith for a new-normal. Such a faith story can be found in the Eucharist Miracle of Bolsena (Orvieto), Italy. Fr Peter of Prague found difficulty in believing that Christ was really present in the Eucharist and the consecrated Host. In 1263, he

and the corporal stained with blood were brought to Orvieto. Prompted by this miracle, Pope Urban IV commissioned St Thomas Aquinas to compose the proper liturgy and office in honour of the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. The Pope further instituted the feast of Corpus Christi in August, 1264.

In today's Gospel, Jesus performed the miracle to feed the multitude, not only with his Words and Signs, but also with food. Jesus' heart was moved with compassion and love towards his followers: his disciples, a small boy, and a large crowd. This miracle further describes God's generosity and love towards his followers as they filled the twelve hampers of scraps and left-overs. As human persons, we may be dismayed with our vulnerability and helplessness in our present situation or with the little we have, but this miracle is not only a story of human effort or achievement, it is also the story of faith in God's goodness. Likewise, the prophet Elisha in the first reading worked wonders to feed a hundred men with only twenty barley loaves. This story describes how much God loves and cares for the people.

During this pandemic, it is very difficult to have a feast without considering any safe measures. Despite restrictions, we are being reminded this weekend to feast and rejoice in the gift of our faith in Jesus Christ's real presence. St Paul in the second reading reminds us that we belong to the Body of Christ; there is one Body, one Spirit, just as we are all called into one with the same hope and faith in the person of Christ Jesus, our Lord and God; Christ is in us and we are all belong to Christ.



stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. The next day, while celebrating Mass, blood began to seep from the consecrated Host and trickled over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. He interrupted the Mass, and went to see Pope Urban IV who was then at his residence in Orvieto. The Pope listened and investigated his account; the Host

Today, this faith story is revered at the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy. This miracle has not only strengthened the faith of Fr Peter of Prague, and believers, it affirms the greatest gift of Jesus' very self, His Most Holy Body and Blood, and His Real Presence, to us and all believers. In the Eucharist, we are fed with Jesus' Real Presence, the God-with-us.

As we look forward to celebrate our Parish Feast Day in this Ignatian Year, we ask for the grace “to see all things new in Christ”. The wonder of any miracles is not just to satisfy our needs, but more importantly, it should strengthen our faith and change our interior-life and relationship with Jesus Christ, the God-with-us. In this Ignatian Year, we celebrate one of the greatest miracles, the life-conversion of St Ignatius after his shattered dreams at Pamplona. We also know that his conversion-journey did not happen overnight, but rather throughout Ignatius’ life-time – to know and follow Christ more closely. This is Ignatius’ faith story, and so it is with our own conversion-journey today as we seek the grace to see the faith of recognising Christ’ real presence and grow in our relationship with the person of Jesus Christ, who loves and gives Himself to us and the world. Where have you seen and experienced the miracle of faith today?

FR AGUSTINUS TANUDJAJA, SJ

## PARISH NEWS

### AUTO CANCELLATION OF JULY MASS BOOKINGS

In light of the reversion to Phase 2 HA, capacity for Vaccinated/PET Only Masses is now limited to **100 pax**. Due to this limitation, parishioners who have booked a Mass for **Sunday 25th July, 12.15pm and Saturday 31 July, 6.00pm may have their bookings cancelled**. You should have received an email informing you of these cancellations if your bookings are affected.

Go to [bit.ly/MassUpdates\\_July22](https://bit.ly/MassUpdates_July22) to read the full details.

### AUGUST MASS BOOKINGS

Stage 1 Mass bookings for August opens on **27 July at 3pm** via [myCatholic.sg](https://myCatholic.sg). Parishioners will be able to book **ONE weekend Mass** and up to **FIVE weekday Masses** at each stage, subject to availability.

Our Parish will continue to offer 2 categories of Masses — **50 pax and 100 pax** (Vaccination/ PET Required).

Masses with **100 pax** will be on:

- **Saturday Sunset 6.00pm Masses**
- **Sunday 12.15pm Masses**

**LIVESTREAM MASSES** are available on the following days: Mondays - Fridays, 7.00pm. Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm. Please go to [bit.ly/stigslivestream](https://bit.ly/stigslivestream)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are suspended until further notice.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

As people of God, we are called to pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Join us for an evening of Intercessory Prayers this **Wednesday, 28 July at 8pm**. Email us at [cpg.cosi@gmail.com](mailto:cpg.cosi@gmail.com) for details.

### VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Columbarium visits are suspended until further notice.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In view of the latest government restrictions, there have been some changes to the closing events taking place on **31 July**. Visit [jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight](https://jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight) for more details.

## Jubilee Closing Celebrations!

### Events taking place on 31 July, Saturday



#### Feast Day Mass

Time: **6pm**

Capacity: **100 pax**, PET or vaccine needed

Bookings via [myCatholic.sg](https://myCatholic.sg)

New!

#### Night of Adoration

Time: **7.30pm**, in slots of **30 minutes**

Capacity: **20 pax per slot**,

PET or vaccine **not needed**

Bookings via

[jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight](https://jubilee-stignatius.com/closingnight)

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CATHOLICS200SG: COME & DISCERN WITH US

A jubilee celebration is a key moment of discernment. As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Archdiocese, join us in a meaningful spiritual exercise to reflect on our Catholic faith, and how our faith journey has been thus far. Centred on the Catholic200SG prayer, this spiritual exercise consists of 3 sessions conducted on Zoom. Simply have a journal, a bible and a cross to discern with us. Please register via the given links below to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom details.

#### Weekday run:

Wednesday 28 July & 4 August (8pm - 10pm)  
Register at [tinyurl.com/discerntogetherWed](https://tinyurl.com/discerntogetherWed)

#### Weekend run:

Saturday 31 July, 7 August & 14 August (9am - 11am)  
Register at [tinyurl.com/discerntogetherSat](https://tinyurl.com/discerntogetherSat)

### CHARIS INDIA COVID-19 RESPONSE

In the recent India Covid-19 Response, CHARIS was able to raise much more than expected through your collective efforts and have been able to share your love and prayers through collaboration with their partners in India.

Many victims have benefited from the facilities and medical supplies provided by the funds, and their lives, along with many more, have been touched by your compassion.

For more updates on how the funds have impacted the community, visit: <https://makehopehappen.charis-singapore.org/index.php/2021/india-covid-19-response#pb-content-638>

### WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

Landings Singapore presents *Returned!*, a testimony event on Zoom. If you are exploring a reconnection with the Catholic faith, we welcome you to join us on **Saturday, 14 August 2021, 10am-12pm**.

#### What to expect:

- Testimonies by Landings participants
- Understand how Landings works

Register for the *Returned!* event at [bit.ly/35jTpZm](https://bit.ly/35jTpZm)

After Returned!, Landings Singapore will start a 10-week programme on Tuesdays (8pm to 10pm) commencing on 14 September 2021 till 16 November 2021. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the faith to register. *More details to follow for the registration for the 10-week programme.*

For more information on Landings, email [singapore@landings.org.sg](mailto:singapore@landings.org.sg) or visit [www.landings.org.sg](https://www.landings.org.sg)

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is committed to ensuring that youth and children forced to flee their homes are not deprived of their right to education.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask for your help to support our on-going JRS education programmes for refugees. The funds raised will support 540 beneficiaries in Bangkok and about 2528 children, youth and teachers in the refugee camps in Mae Hong Son, Thailand.

For more information please visit <https://makehopehappen.charissingapore.org/index.php/2021/jrs-education> and [www.jrssg.org](https://www.jrssg.org)

**Your generous donation will give them a chance at a better future**

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