



## Overcoming the 3 Sins of the World



**M**ost Singaporeans want to achieve a successful career and have a good life. The question is at what price? In the pursuit of riches, honours and pride, many would have been beaten, discouraged and lost their way. St Ignatius tells us that these three vices are the means by which Satan tempts us and leads us to other vices and finally to our downfall.

We begin by looking at how people, by coveting riches and wealth, become enslaved by what they possess. In succumbing to the lure of riches, they displace God from His rightful role over creation, and replace Him with an inordinate desire for possession, often at the expense of friends and family relationships.

When they have their riches, they will also covet honours from this world, honours which often carry superficial and empty promises of power and glamour. For wealth inevitably attracts the adulation and admiration of society by setting apart those who have it and those who do not. But without God's blessings,

such honours fade away like the morning dew.

In the end, pride will blind us to the needs and dignity of others. For riches and honours will lead to a false elevated sense of self-importance. The result is a haughty pride and desire to maintain one's privileged status and sense of entitlement without adequate consideration of the plight of others.

As Christians, we follow the way of Christ, which is the way of humility, obedience and poverty of life which brings with it freedom and joy.

This weekend's Gospel reading shows how Jesus gives a lesson in simplicity and humility from the wranglings and petty arguments of the disciples as to which of them was the greatest.

He tells them clearly when he takes a little child to the front of them and says: **"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."** (Mark 9:36-37)

Jesus summarises the lesson he had taught them earlier where he instructed his disciples to **"renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me"** (Mark 8:34). **"For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."** (Mark 8:35).

It is clear then that the way to being a true disciple of Our Lord is the exact opposite to our enemy's. Jesus invites us to be poor so that we are rich in Christ; to be small in the eyes of the world, but big in the eyes of God and to be humble as Christ was humble and obedient to the Father's will even by dying on the cross. It is by this cross of love that he shows us how to overcome these 3 sins of the world. Only when we are free and detached from riches, honours and pride, can we be truly happy.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ

## PARISH NEWS

### CUT-OFF TIME FOR MASS BOOKINGS/ CANCELLATIONS

The cut-off time for Mass bookings/ cancellations has been reduced from **3 hours to 1 hour**. Please cancel your booking if you are unable to attend so that another parishioner may take your place.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES SCHEDULE

Mondays - Fridays, 7.00pm. Saturday 6.00pm.  
Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm.  
Please go to [bit.ly/stigslivestream](http://bit.ly/stigslivestream)

### WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with

Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Please go to [stignatius.org.sg/home/](http://stignatius.org.sg/home/)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available every **Monday, 6.00pm-6.40pm** and **Wednesday, 6.00pm-6.20pm**. Kindly call the parish office (Pauline/ Suzie) to make an appointment before coming down. **Confession slots are limited to 5 persons per priest.**

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Due to the Covid-19 situation, parishioners in need of this sacrament are advised to contact the priests early, ideally prior to hospitalisation. You may also call the PaCES ministry for any assistance. Contact details can be found on our parish website.

### NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are inviting parishioners who would like to stand for election to the PPC Executive Committee or who would like to nominate other parishioners whom they consider suitable to serve the parish as PPC Exco members.

A letter from our Parish Priest and nomination form are available on our parish website.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Parish Office by **Friday, 15 October 2021**.

Elections to the PPC Exco will be held at our annual **Parish Assembly** on **Saturday, 23 October 2021, 2pm - 4pm** via Zoom. All parishioners are cordially invited. Please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3kebIHG>

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Love is the foundation of our Christian faith. How do we experience and express this love in our daily lives?

St Paul puts it succinctly and clearly in practical terms in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Let us share our reflections on this passage as the Holy Spirit leads us. Join us for Bible sharing this **Wednesday, 22 September at 8pm**. Email [cpg.cosi@gmail.com](mailto:cpg.cosi@gmail.com) for Zoom details.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*Do you desire to help the poor and needy? Are you looking for ways to grow spiritually? Is God calling you to do something more with your life?*

Calling all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbours. SSVP is looking for passionate volunteers to join in our cause.

Email us at [ssvp.stignatius@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.stignatius@gmail.com) or click here to find out more: [tinyurl.com/SSVP-Volunteer-Form](http://tinyurl.com/SSVP-Volunteer-Form)

### THE SEARCH



#### What is The Search?

Whether a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to all. Some parts will be reassuring, other aspects will challenge the non-believer or out-of-touch Catholic to respond to life's deeper questions that demand an answer.

7 weekly sessions via Zoom video conferencing:

- 1) What do you seek?
- 2) Who are you?
- 3) Why a God?
- 4) What's our story?
- 5) Who is Jesus?
- 6) Am I saved?
- 7) Why a Church?

Starting **1 November 2021, Mondays at 8pm**.

Register via email: [de.search.st.igs@gmail.com](mailto:de.search.st.igs@gmail.com)

Watch the trailer video at [vimeo.com/446879132](http://vimeo.com/446879132).

### VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

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

For September visits, please book at [bit.ly/stigscolumbariumSep2021](http://bit.ly/stigscolumbariumSep2021)

If you need help in booking, please call the church office at 6466 0625 (Pauline/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS 9675 6621.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### ACTS BATTAMBANG

ACTS Battambang Mission 2021 invites participants and sponsors for its Walkathon & Fundraising Projects. Check out our website for Mission activities happening in Singapore this year at <https://actsbtb.wixsite.com/btb2021/mission>



### GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS

This weekend is the collection for the **GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness)** programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Sign up for a monthly pledge, the most sustainable source of funding for the archdiocese, to support its organisations and projects. Or give regularly via **PayNow to 201231391K** (include name and mobile no. or email). GIFT envelopes can be dropped into the Mass offering box. More info at [catholicfoundation.sg](http://catholicfoundation.sg)

### PROJECT CLOVER

We are a group of JC1 students from SJI Independent organising a fundraising and awareness campaign for **Singapore Cancer Society**. Through fundraising, merchandise sales, and ukulele lessons for beneficiaries, Project Clover aims to provide peace of mind for those in need of financial support while they go through treatment.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask for your support to raise **\$10,000 by October**. Funds and donations raised will go towards Singapore Cancer Society and their beneficiaries.

Please visit [www.giving.sg/campaigns/project\\_clover](http://www.giving.sg/campaigns/project_clover) or scan the QR code below to support our cause.

**Your donation can make a Profound difference**

Aim of raising \$10,000

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."  
**2 Corinthians 9:11**

Buy our merchandise and more on our Instagram @cloverforhope

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