



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

What Love Can Do

The strains of “Silent Night” refuse to leave my mind and the gentle loveliness of Christmas still lingers on. But suddenly I am asked to number the countless ways I have ill-treated that loveliness and recall my part in turning tenderness into tragedy, to remind myself what man has done and is doing to men. It can't possibly be Good News and produce nothing but perplexity.

Today I will join in a strange procession leading to the crucifixion of a hero. The processions I have known were occasions of joy, of the music of brass bands, of colourful floats and gaily dressed children. They celebrated victory and achievement. But today I am invited

to process towards death.

Through it all I encounter the greatest contradiction of my faith and of life – the awesome goodness and frightful evil in which I am immersed. Reading about it today can leave me speechless and throw up questions which have no answers. But I am not asked to question, I am asked to gaze in wonder at what love can do. For only love can find meaning in the meaningless.

Through this Holy Week and all its paradoxical affections, I must keep telling myself it all has happened for me because I am loved.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ



Sunday 9 April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Monday 10 April

Monday of the Holy Week

Tuesday 11 April

Tuesday of the Holy Week

Wednesday 12 April

Wednesday of the Holy Week

Thursday 13 April

Holy Thursday

Friday 14 April

Good Friday

Saturday 15 April

Holy Saturday

Sunday 16 April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Stabat Mater

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, His sorrow
sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had pass'd.

Oh, how sad and sore distress'd
Was that Mother highly blest
Of the sole-begotten One!

Christ above in torment hangs;

She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?

Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,
She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent.

For the sins of His own nation,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.

O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above;
Make my heart with thine accord.

Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ our Lord.

Holy Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified.

Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me,
All the days that I may live.

By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.

Virgin of all virgins best,
Listen to my fond request
Let me share thy grief divine.

Let me, to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.

Wounded with His every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swoon'd
In His very blood away.

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
In His awful Judgment day.

Christ, when Thou shalt call me
hence,

Be Thy Mother my defence,
Be Thy cross my victory.

While my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with Thee.

PARISH NEWS

CLOSURE OF ADORATION ROOM

Please note that the Adoration room will be closed at 6.00pm on Maundy Thursday and re-open on Easter Sunday morning.

CLOSURE OF OFFICE

The parish office will be closed for Good Friday public holiday on Friday, 14 April.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND at all Masses on Holy Thursday. This is to maintain the Holy Places as living shrines for both Christian residents and pilgrims, the provision of educational, social and charitable services to the Holy Land community.

EASTER REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Easter in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "A Proclaiming Community". Please take home the booklet for your family. Online copy at: <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Parishioners are reminded not to park at the church lobby at King's Road entrance, as this space is strictly for pick up and drop off. Please do not park illegally along Victoria Park and Kingsmead Roads. In addition to obstructing other road-users, doing so may result in LTA summons. If the Church carparks are full, use the nearby public carparks at Empress Market or Block 4, Queens Road.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents, children and youth are reminded that there will be no catechetical sessions next weekend 15 and 16 April as we break for Easter. We will resume on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April.

BIBLE STUDY ON BOOK OF MATTHEW

Join us and other young working adults in the Bible Study on "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" by Jeff Cavins.

PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency evacuation, announcements will be made through church Public Address System.

- * Parishioners should proceed to leave the church premises quickly but in an orderly manner by using the nearest Emergency Exits.
- * Able bodied people are to help the aged and the handicapped.
- * Use only the stairs. Do Not use the Lifts.
- * Proceed orderly to the Emergency Assembly Areas (EEA) i.e. towards King's Road/Empress Road.
- * Follow the instruction of the evacuation wardens.
- * Car Owners, DO NOT remove your car from the carparks.
- * Stay in the EAA until clearance is given to return to church

REMEMBER YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

First-timers are welcome – no prior Bible Study experience required. From Sunday April 23 over 24 episodes, 10:30am to 12 noon. WhatsApp: Sarah 8123 9629 or Resa 9828 1928. Email: sarah.tan92@yahoo.com Or resa_carl@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

PREVIEW Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" programme and learn how six prominent Catholics in the Church gave glory to God through Joy, Beauty and Truth. 9:45am-12pm in Room 01-08/09. To register, sms Vivienne (9785 2268) or Josephine (8183 2273).

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

There is no Charismatic Prayer meeting this Wednesday, 12 April due to Holy Week devotion. Our session will resume on next Wednesday, 19 April.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENTS!

Magnificat Choir is looking for a pianist and choir members for the 6pm Mass on the 2nd and 5th Sunday of each month. Contact 9694 1596 or margaretdevadason@gmail.com

COUPLE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

CEP has been warmly received in our parish with 68 married couples who signed up for the 10-week programme. We ask for your prayers for the couples and their families, and staff and volunteers who are supporting CEP.

ST JOSEPH 171TH FEAST DAY

Volunteers from St Joseph's Church thank parishioners of St Ignatius for their support and generosity. Total amount of \$11,776.30 was collected.

DVC COMMUNITY

"VICTORY STORIES" is an Easter Concert of Easter Jubilation shared through Songs of Praise and Testimonies. Date and Time: Saturday, 22 April, 8pm to 10pm Venue: Mrs Lee Choon Guan Concert Hall, ACS (Barker Rd) Tickets at \$18, available online at <https://ticketbox.sg/victory-stories> or at the Parish Office during office hours. Proceeds donated to Catholic Foundation's GIFT Campaign



NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday, 12 April, SH-02-E
Programme: Symbolon episode 10 – "The last things"

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 19 April, 7.30pm, SH-02-E (opp Adoration Rm)
Programme: Screening of "Silence"

ZONE D DISTRICT 1 GROUP 1

Friday, 28 April, 7.00pm
Programme: Fellowship dinner and screening of "Silence"

Sacred Triduum

“The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.” These three days are honoured in one ritual.

In order for your full, active and meaningful participation, here are some moments and movements of the rites and practices explained.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm

The Holy Oils (Sick, Catechumens and Chrism) blessed by the Archbishop will be received and placed in the Ambry. The traditional Washing of the Feet takes place after the Homily.

The Collection at the Offertory is for the Holy Land.

At the end of mass, the Blessed Sacrament, will be transferred to the Place of Repose. The space will be appropriately adorned for silent adoration. As the transfer is not a procession, the priests and the servers accompany the Blessed Sacrament, and the rest of the assembly remain kneeling. The choir sings the *Pange Lingua*, concluding with the *Tantum Ergo*.

All are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer 7am, Way of the Cross 9am Passion Service 12noon, 3pm and 6pm.

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord has three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, The Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion.

At the first part of the service, The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the (Ten) Solemn Intercessions. The cantor will sing the Invitation and the Priest sings or says the prayer after. All remain standing throughout. The collection for the parish follows.

As you gather for the Service of the Lord’s Passion, you will notice the veiled Cross. At the Showing of the Holy Cross, the priest sings and the assembly responds with “Come, let us adore.”

Given the large assembly at each of our Passion Services, the priest, clergy, lectors and altar servers adore the Cross, while the choir sings *Stabat Mater* (Lt. the sorrowful mother stood). The entire assembly will continue to kneel in silence for a while to adore the Cross. With this the second part of the service ends.

In the third part, Holy Communion takes place. At the end, after the Prayer over the People, by the priest, all genuflect to the Cross and depart in silence.

Those who wish to approach the Cross at the Place of Gathering will be guided by the Greeters. Please allow the sick, elderly and children to move first, and do not take too long as we need to prepare for the next service.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 7am

The Church waits at the Lord’s tomb, meditating on his Passion and Death, awaiting His Resurrection. All remains bare, empty, quiet in anticipation of the elaborate celebration and joyous period at the Vigil that will prevail for fifty days.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil 8pm (Saturday Night)

Led by the Light of Christ, the assembly takes its place for the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet). The Liturgy of the Word follows.

The Elect will be baptised and confirmed and several will be received into the Catholic faith. Immersion will take place in Water of Life at the Place of Baptism, and the newly-baptised

will receive the Body of Christ as they approach the Altar.

All these rites, where the Sacraments are celebrated, will take place along the Liturgical Avenue. This is a unique design in our church especially for these Easter rituals. The Liturgical Avenue is demarcated by the greenish-grey tile that begins at the Place of Reconciliation, through the Place of Baptism and to the Sanctuary where we find the Table of the Bread of Life, the Ambo, Presider’s Chair and the Tabernacle.

The Liturgical Avenue provides the place for the elect and their godparents to take their places during the singing of the Litany of Saints for the Blessing of the Water, the Profession of Faith and the Baptism itself. It gives the opportunity for godparents to come forward in front of the congregation for the Presentation of a Lighted Candle to their ‘godchild’, giving way for each person present to hold a lighted candle for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

The re-configuration of the seating – facing the Liturgical Avenue – for Easter Sunday helps us participate fully in these rites and recalls our own calling to the faith through the sacraments. Together, we become one household of Christ, and will remain so.

Easter Day Masses 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm & 6pm (Sunday).

On Easter Sunday, we gather before the Light of Christ, are sprinkled with the Water of Life and we renew our Baptismal Promises. As Easter Sunday, which began with the Vigil, continues through the Easter Day masses, the seating arrangements flanking the Liturgical Avenue will remain. In this way the entire parish experiences one celebration that began with those reborn in Baptism and called to the table of the Lord, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again. On this Day, we come to be blessed around the Baptistry and receive the Body broken for us.

As there will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 8.15 and 10.15 masses, children (with their parents) may be seated on the mats placed at the Liturgical Avenue for these two masses. Our children, baptised, listen to God’s Word, and await their celebration of (first) Holy Communion.

JESUIT NEWS

DEEPENING AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS

In the workshop 'Introduction to Authentic Conversations', we become more conscious of an experience of the presence of God through real conversation. In this deepening installation (retreat), we dive into the mystery of Presence as a ministry of Presence.

Dates/ Times: Saturday, 29 Apr (9.00am) to Monday, 1 May (4.00pm) 2017

Fee: \$260 (non-AC), \$300 (AC); inclusive of 3 SD sessions

Facilitators: Lance Ng and Celina Lin

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/deepeningacr>

Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

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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 are
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

Daily: 6.30am – 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

Inigo Bookstore

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
4.00pm to 6.20pm and 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)

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

BE PROUD OF BELONGING TO OUR MOTHER CHURCH

A Celebration of the 120th Anniversary
of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the
Good Shepherd

For sale:

* 1847 (170 year old original brick) of the
Cathedral: \$30

(*Extracted from the collapse of the Cathedral
pediment and columns in January 2016)

* Commemorative coins marking the
Dedication celebration: \$20

(*three coins: St Laurent Imbert, Fr Jean Marie
Beurel and Cathedral with Archdiocese coat of arms)

* Latest booklet on the Restored
Cathedral: \$5

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE

By Fr David Garcia, OP

A year-long systematic course in Moral

Theology for all Catholics and non-

Catholics interested in their formation in the

foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology.

Also recommended for people involved in
guiding and forming others, and in related
work or ministry.

The next module, Christian Morality, begins
on Tuesday, 18 April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm
in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh,
Singapore 319264. For information and reg-
istration, go to: www.caritas-singapore.org
OR email: formation@caritas-singapore.org

TALK ON DEMENTIA

Learn about the Alzheimer's Disease
Association's (ADA) services and how to
support your loved ones with dementia.
All are welcome.

Date: Saturday, 22 April, 9am–11am

Venue: Church of Holy Cross, 450 Clementi
Avenue 1, The Auditorium, 4th Floor

Speaker : Ms Karen Lim from ADA

Contact: May Yip (9090 6032 or Joey Goh
(9150 7350)

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)