



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## New Life in the Risen Lord



**Sunday 23 April 2017**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Monday 24 April**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 25 April**

St Mark, Evangelist

**Wednesday 26 April**

Liturgy of the day

**Thursday 27 April**

St Peter Canisius, SJ

**Friday 28 April**

Liturgy of the day

**Saturday 29 April**

St Catherine of Siena

**Sunday 30 April**

Third Sunday of Easter

*Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To Him be glory and power for all the ages  
of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!*

Our Lenten journey has carried us to this celebration of joyful Easter glory that, *the crucified and risen Christ has truly risen from the dead, Alleluia.* This Good News draws us to discover the “Empty Tomb”, that we who believe in Christ Jesus are witnesses to Easter joy and glory.

We have experienced the sacred triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – where our hearts are touched by Jesus’ self-sacrificial love. In the Last Supper, Jesus gives us the commandment “love one another as I have loved you” and invites us to follow Him in the life of service and in the sharing of the bread broken. On Good Friday, Jesus utters his last word, “It is accomplished.” Jesus accomplishes the greatest act of love in accordance to the life-giving will of His Abba, Father.

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits patiently, meditating on the Lord’s Passion and Death, awaiting His Resurrection. The Easter joy breaks out at Easter Vigil, with the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*). Our parish family also welcomes the newly baptised who are received into the Catholic faith in the water of baptism and confirmation. On Easter Sunday, we gather as Easter People before the Light of Christ, are sprinkled with the Water of Life, and are nourished at the table of the Lord, the memorial of his paschal mystery until He comes again.

This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The crucified and risen Christ continues to fill us with joy and gratitude, “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” God is Love, and love itself cannot be seen but can only be felt. God’s love has drawn us to discover the fountain of His mercy as part of Easter joy. All of us are called to share God’s love that triumphs over sins and death, God’s mercy and compassion that forgive and overcome life’s bitterness, and God’s peace that draws us into the mystery of new life in the risen Lord. Thomas’ words articulate our Easter joy that Jesus Christ is “my Lord and my God.”

**Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ**

## Knowing the Unknown

† Certainties in life are extremely rare. Perhaps only in faith is true certainty available. The enlightened discoveries of our day will, fifty years from now, be scoffed at as ignorant and backward. Yet how seldom are we ready to admit “I don’t know” especially if ours are positions of authority.

That maligned hero of today’s gospel, Thomas, was a real friend of Christ, yet had the courage to confess there were some things about his faith that he could not accept. He wanted proof, he was an honest enquirer. For that, Christ loved him and rewarded his sincerity with proof befitting his doubt. We all have doubts, but lack the courage to face them. We pretend things are

certain when they are not. Such pretence is an obstacle to further discovery, it kills dialogue and understanding of others and blocks our path to the revelation of God continually showing us anew who He is.

Admitting uncertainty is to find freedom from the confinement of pretence and opens me to the excitement of births yet to be found. It is the joy of continually expecting the new, without forsaking that which is truly enduring. Our God is a God never changing yet ever new. Can I in my uncertainty acclaim “My Lord and My God”?

**Fr Gerry Keane, SJ**

Parish Priest **Fr Leslie Raj, SJ**  
Assistant Parish Priests **Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ**  
**Fr Matthew Tan, SJ**  
Parish Administrator **Angela Kurnadi**  
Parish Accountant **Joyce Setiawan**  
Catechetical Director **Jeremy Aloysius**  
Youth Coordinators **Gerard Robert**  
Sacristan **Robert Ong**  
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## Reflection on the Lenten Journey

I felt that this year, I could relate better to when Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, for this year I commenced secondary school and spent my first term away from home in a boarding school, Marist College Ashgrove, in Australia. Added to the challenge of adapting to a secondary school environment, it was also my first time living away from home. The homesickness, and sometimes loneliness, were all too familiar. Jesus most likely experienced similar emotions when he was journeying in the wilderness.

However, boarding school is actually quite fun, with many activities to get involved in. Being a Marist school, there was great emphasis placed on the Lenten fundraising appeal, which featured a whole range of activities for all staff and students to get involved in. All money collected would be donated to a Marist international charity organization called Marist Solidarity, which supports underprivileged children in places like Cambodia and East Timor. The school also had fundraising campaigns that we were encouraged to participate in. I felt grateful to be given a chance, in my small way, to support the work of Marist Solidarity for underprivileged children.

I am starting to see that the sacrifices of material comforts that we are asked to make should act as prompts to go out of our comfort zone to help someone in need and to strive each day to become a better person.

LEON SIMONETTI

## Celebrating New Life with Easter Eggs

TEXT: AMANDA  
PHOTOS: ANDY GOH

Easter Sunday found our church literally overflowing and bursting with joy – hallelujah, Jesus is risen!

With the church pews reconfigured to form a Liturgical Avenue, mats were spread out for children to sit on, eagerly awaiting the end of 8.15am Mass and the start of the Easter Egg Hunt. The 3- to- 5-year-old children headed down to the cool comfort (and controlled environment) of the canteen. They enthusiastically searched for colourful egg-shaped cutouts which they then traded for chocolate eggs. Meanwhile, the older children eagerly scoured around the grotto and Sacred Heart Hall. Some children homed in on the volunteers who were continually putting out eggs, pouncing on them as soon as they landed on the grass. A few children who had managed to fill their baskets generously shared their eggs with other children. Everyone went home happy, clutching bags of foil-wrapped chocolate eggs.



I started going to Catholic church 17 years ago and strayed for a few years. This felt like a homecoming -- indescribable joy emanating from my heart after going through RCIA, Easter Vigil, and culminating in Baptism. God bless all of you wonderful people.

Faustina Tiono



## Touched by Jesus

TEXT: THE EAC TEAM  
PHOTOS: ANDY GOH

Quietly, the children processed through the sanctuary. Reverently, they knelt before the Crucifix.

What was going on in the minds and hearts of these little ones who have just accompanied Our Lord in the Catholic tradition of The Stations of The Cross? Were they pondering on the sufferings of Jesus as He carried the Cross to Calvary? What did they feel when they were led through each and every of the 15 Stations?

That they were deeply touched was evident in their humble prostration during each Station – by the way they lifted their hands to welcome The Lord during Benediction and by the way they quietly left the church after the Veneration of The Cross.

Significantly absent was noisy chatter, the exuberance typical of children. For on that one Friday night on March 17, our Eucharistic Adoration Children walked with Jesus in His final journey on earth.

As one parent remarked, “We adults can learn a lot by observing these children. Their connection with Jesus is so real.”





## Humble Lesson

TEXT: AMANDA  
PHOTOS: ANDY GOH

There was a buzz of anticipation in the Place of Gathering before the 8:15 am Mass on Palm Sunday. One Very Very Important Animal (VVIA) and about a dozen children dressed up as ‘people of Jerusalem’ brandished palms excitedly. As Fr Chris singled out the donkey to reinforce the message of humility and service, our traditional children’s procession commemorated Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. Joyful cries of “Hosanna” gave way to thoughtful reflection as we listened to the story of the Passion, quieting ourselves in preparation for Holy Week.

## Lenten Fish Fry

TEXT: NAOMI TINKLEPAUGH  
PHOTOS: GABRIELLA TAN

In fellowship over a fish dinner, Fr Agustinus, Fr Matthew, Fr James and Br Basil gathered together with 176 adults and 66 children at St Ignatius Church’s 6th annual Lenten Fish Fry, on Friday, 31 March.

Each person had to introduce himself or herself to at least one other parishioner to encourage greater outreach during Lent. There was Lucky Draw for adults, and another for children. Winners are Christopher Soh, Tanya Pillai, Matthias Ee, and Jaden Chia.

Fun for family and friends, delicious fish and chips, and outdoor play under a clear night’s sky – badminton, soccer, frisbee and bubble blowing – was made possible by volunteers Emily Chang, Angela Kurnadi, Therese Gian, Rachael O’Connor, Clarice Woodworth, Pam Fahey, Michelle Scurfield, Jeanne Anne Hsi, Chantal Wong, Dorothy Kay, Yana Ricart, Gabriella Tan, Ann-Marie White, Gopal Siva Kumar, Kasi Raja Suresh, David Saw, Jeremy Aloysius, Ellie O’Connor, and Leah, Benjamin, and Ilana Fernandez.



*It has been a joyful and humbling experience to feel God’s great love and mercy during the Easter Vigil. I was also very touched to see how supportive the St. Ignatius Church community was coming together to celebrate and cheer on the newly baptised and newly received.*

Michelle Jane Loke



# Touched by Humility

TEXT: GUILLAUME VIRANTIN  
PHOTO: SUSAN NG

One would tend to think that the washing of the feet is mostly a symbol, from the priest, of humility and of disposition to the service of the others. But I have realised, with quite some emotion I must say, that it is probably as difficult to actually accept to be touched and to receive this act of humility. God is simply asking that we accept to be filled with his abundance of love. Not so obvious to let go and to give up one's pride.



*It was a memorable, spirit-filled journey. I felt a surging sense of thankfulness, forgiveness and freedom.*  
Mary Lim Li Ann

# Keep the Faith

In preparation for Holy Week, the De Vita Christi Youth Lenten Night called youths to reflect on Jesus' journey towards the cross, the realities of following Jesus through the struggles and challenges of our daily lives, and to choose to follow Christ out of love.

This spirit-filled night of Eucharistic Adoration, reflection and worship was held on Saturday, 8 April, in the Main Church with an attendance of about 500 youths and adults. We started with a dance video made by our youths, of a young girl struggling with temptation to sin and how she found her way back to God.

We reflected, through a skit, on Martha, Mary and John the Apostle, who followed Jesus all the way to the cross. Three people, who were called to difficult situations and to carry difficult crosses, but each made the choice to keep the faith through their encounter with Jesus.

During the Eucharistic Adoration, we were encouraged to take ownership of our own journey, recognizing that Jesus is close to us and will provide for us. It is through Jesus Christ whom we can find the strength to keep moving forward. Also, we reflected on bridging the gap between our spiritual lives and our ordinary lives, not to live two different lives. Placed before the Blessed Sacrament, we made the commitment to keep following Christ.

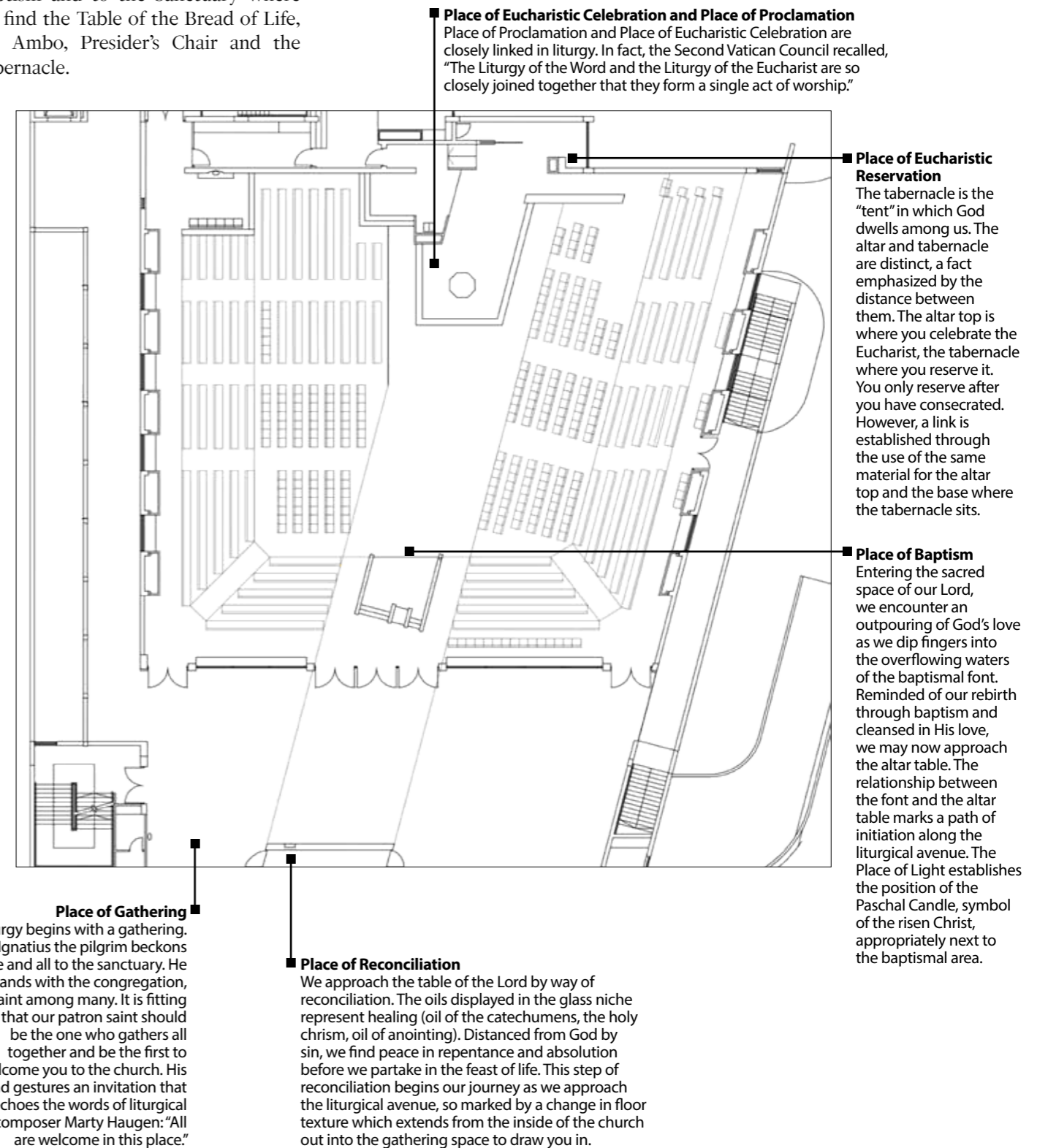


# The Liturgical Avenue on Easter Day

During the Easter Vigil, the Sacraments are celebrated, 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.





# RCIA 2017: A Journey to Christ

PHOTOS: KENNETH LEE

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey towards discovering the Catholic faith and the person of Christ. Since last July, through regular weekly Tuesday sessions, the essence of the faith was unravelled and unpacked for the participants, who slowly came to a heart-felt knowledge of God's unbounding love and mercy, through tenets of the faith starting first and foremost with desire. Following this, during the period of the Catechumenate, the concept 'lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi' was introduced to the then catechumens, to help them understand that the foundation of our Catholic identity is our liturgical worship, which reflects what we believe and determines the extent to which we live a life fully centred on Christ.

As the months went by, they celebrated rites such as the Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election, Scrutinies and Presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer. On Holy Saturday itself, the preparation rites of Recitation of the Creed and the Ephphetha Rite were celebrated leading to a morning of quiet time and reflection as the 68 Elect, 9 Candidates and 7 Confirmands continue to experience an inward, interior movement towards their new life in Christ and new identities as God's precious children. Through this RCIA journey, their hearts were ignited with love for God as they came to experience a deeper relationship with Him.

All of these culminated in the liturgical Rite of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on 15 April. This most holy

night was also a particularly poignant moment for those who had accompanied the newly baptised and confirmed along the way and particularly through the Easter Triduum. Witnessing them descend into the tomb with Jesus and rise to new life and purpose, renewed our faith and gave all of us a greater sense of what it means to be Church and disciples of Christ.

## A sharing of Easter joy by the newly baptised and the newly received into our Catholic family

**CLEMENT BENEDICT SEAH CHI-LING:** "In the midst of the solemnity of the Easter Vigil, I am reminded of the need to give thanks: to God for His infinite grace and mercy in drawing me closer to Him through the Catholic faith; Fr Chris, for being such an inspirational Spiritual Director; May, my colleague, for her persistence in getting me to sign up for the RCIA journey; Thomas, my godfather, for blessing me by taking on this role even though we only met when RCIA started; Christopher, my sponsor, for his guidance and friendship throughout this journey; and all in the RCIA team for their selfless dedication in making this a most meaningful and spiritual journey for all of us."

**ANGELA:** "I have finally started to understand the significance of Good Friday and sacrament of baptism this Easter. I've always questioned: Isn't baptism just a formality? Can't we go to church without being baptised and still learn its teachings? What is Holy Spirit? How do we listen to it? Does it really exist or is it our unconscious mind playing on us?"



*When the water was poured on me I felt immense gratitude like when someone much higher (and innocent) stepped in to defend you (a nobody) when you have wronged. He sacrificed His own life so that you can start a new life again. The difference then and now is the fine line between knowledge and wisdom. We can know the story, attend church, like what I did in the past 10 years, but it takes a journey and experience to truly understand.*

*I felt like the hungry little match girl outside in the cold, watching people feast, and now someone very kind has invited me inside, to sit together in the warmth to enjoy the meal. Thanks a lot to the RCIA committee for bringing this experience to all of us."*

**PAUL TIO :** "I had a very enriching experience under the guidance of Father Chris. Learnt a lot and will continue to focus on putting God as the center of my life."

**FRANCIS GAVIN RODRIGO, ELIZABETH SHARON LIEW and ALENA LYDIA LIM:** "A beautiful Easter vigil mass that we'll remember forever! This RCIA journey had been an amazing experience for us. Father Chris is so inspiring, and he made every Tuesday so interesting that we'd

*always looked forward to it. We hope to continue seeking the Lord's Word through the various ministries in St. Ignatius. Thank you for kick-starting our journey with God!"*

**LOUISE (NATALIE) ONG:** "I am thankful for this new life, which isn't necessarily easy, but more meaningful and beautiful to me, and hopefully to the people around me. Whenever I see the crucifix, I remind myself of this great love and to try to love others as much as God/Jesus loves me."

**CLARE (YURI) WILLYONO:** "The most memorable moment for me during Easter Vigil was when our godparents passed us the Baptism candle while the choir sang, "Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today", which was beautiful and a defining moment that we have now received the light of life."

**LAM KY:** "I feel blessed!"

**PAUL HAN:** "When I knelt before Father Chris Soh and looked up as he poured the holy water I could not keep my eyes open for more than a second or two as the wa-

*ter filled my eyes. But I could feel God's love and the love of the church fill my heart and I kept it opened throughout. I feel so grateful to be able to do this with the help of so many people but especially to my wife Frances who was with me all the way."*

**MARY-ROSE SEE:** "When I was anointed with the Chrism oil ... my heart felt light, my spirit felt free and joy overflowed in me. I was embraced in this beautiful scent of Love."

**PATRICIA SEE (godparent):** "I am very happy and elated for you and it has been a most enriching and deep experience for me too!"

**THOMAS CHUA:** "The RCIA journey leading to baptism has been a soul enriching experience for me. Now that I have embraced the Catholic faith, Jesus has become a central part of my life and thoughts, and now I have confidence in dealing with challenging situations with peace of mind by discerning and following Lord's will."

**CHRISTINA LEW:** "The Easter Vigil was a joyous night filled with rich spiritual experiences and beautiful memories of love and kindness shown to me by everyone."

**SERENE MOK:** "This is our first ever Easter

*Vigil and of course the most meaningful for us, mother and son. I was truly touched by this community. We are indeed very blessed."*

**YING ZHOU:** "When we decided to join RCIA, we believed it was us who chose to come to learn the Catholic faith. When we journey through RCIA, we now know that it is Christ that has chosen us. Christ is now the center of our life!"

**MARY THONG PAO-YI:** "Anticipation, wonderment and overwhelming happiness as I was baptised and confirmed! It was a long day, but it was a day I was happily anticipating. My first Easter Vigil opened my eyes to the wonderment, the solemnity and the spirituality that marks one of the holiest days of the liturgical calendar. My overwhelming happiness as I was completely drenched during baptism, and to be reborn as a new person. Truly, I am humbled to be a part of the community, and I am eager to walk in the light of the Lord!"

**KELVIN SAM (godparent of Francis Lim):** "The litany of Saints was the most moving part of the Easter Vigil. I was reminded of the life of the saints and am inspired to do more for my God-child and the church."

# Broken Vessels: Pain and Restoration



*Kintsugi*: The Japanese art of restoring broken pottery

I previously shared 3 reflections over Lent on subtle insights I observed through my experiences of pain. In this final instalment, I reflect on an unexpected discovery as I allowed myself to live the pain, and noticed restoration begin to emerge.

Most Christians are used to the scriptural imagery of human beings as *earthen vessels*. The book of Genesis describes us as having been formed from the dust of the earth (Gen 2:7), a notion we were reminded of in the beginning of Lent during our Ash Wednesday liturgy. And we see this theme repeated throughout scripture, such as in Isaiah, “We are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand.” (Isa 64:7)

But as happens to much pottery, we are earthen vessels scratched and wounded by the encounters of daily use, our faults and cracks growing deeper through everyday pain and suffering. Sometimes the wounds are so deep, we shatter into pieces – our physical and spiritual selves broken.

What gives a fascinating dimension to this broken nature though, is an odd little phrase we heard at the completion of Lent. Providing a glimpse of hope to broken vessels such as ourselves, the *Exsultet* which is the prelude to our Easter vigil liturgy has us triumphantly proclaiming, “O happy fault... that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!” This provocative line seems to imply that our brokenness turned out to be a *wonderful* thing – it paved the way to the undeserved joy of our salvation. In simple words, *our wounds led us to our redemption*.

Admittedly, whilst in the midst of my own pain and reflecting on myself as a broken vessel, I was wondering how any of this could make sense! How are my wounds redemptive in any way?! Then one day, through a friend who was an art teacher in school, I was

introduced to the Japanese artform known as *Kintsugi*, a technique for restoring broken pottery.

*Kintsugi* is part of a broader Japanese philosophy known as *wabi-sabi*, an approach to life and aesthetics that embraces the imperfect and the damaged. Instead of undoing the damage done to a vessel or covering up its cracks, the *Kintsugi* artisan restores the wounded object by actually emphasizing and highlighting the cracked fault lines along which the vessel was broken. Typically, the artisan might trace gold-laced sealing glue along the cracks as he joins the shattered pieces back together. Rather than *hiding* the brokenness, the potter *uses* it and even *accentuates* it, naturally *intensifying* the original beauty of the object. The result is not something polished and artificial, but a vessel whose beauty came about in the embrace of its damage.

Through this redemptive artform of *Kintsugi*, I realised that when brokenness and restoration were so intertwined, a deep natural beauty emerged. It dawned on me then, that in all this while when my own pain *and* healing had intricately touched each other, an instinctive Christian spirituality manifested: *I seemed to love more deeply*. And perhaps in His salvific two-part movement of crucifixion and

resurrection, God Himself has shown this connection, this human need.

When Jesus took on our suffering, earning Him death on the cross, it was precisely *through* His brokenness that He was restored to new life. The fulfilment of the crucifixion was in the resurrection. But the beauty of the resurrection was rooted in the crucifixion. Like *Kintsugi*, this was not a healing of the wounds, but a healing *through* the wounds.

From the brokenness of pain comes the healing of growth. New life; life renewed. But as with all growth, the beauty of this new life is sealed along the cracks of the old. The resurrected Jesus after the suffering of the crucifixion was a new creation – so much so that Mary Magdalene could not recognise Him (Jn 20:14). However, He wasn't *brand new* – He still had His wounds, as He was to later show Thomas (Jn 20:27). Isn't that odd? *His wounds were part of His new creation!*

The surprising beauty of new life is that it has roots in the old. As the resurrection was rooted in the pains and suffering of the crucifixion, Easter was set in motion three days prior, on Good Friday. And as the beauty of a *Kintsugi*-restored clay vessel is based on the cracks of its brokenness, perhaps the healing and new life of other *earthen vessels* like you and me, was also set in motion earlier, founded on our pains and brokenness.

Brokenness and restoration: two parts, one movement. Which were the *Good Fridays* and *Easters* in our own lives? How have our pains and brokenness led to a beautiful new creation in us? Besides having created us, our Potter is an artisan constantly recreating us, beautifying through our wounds – O happy fault! “*He has made everything beautiful in its time.*” (Ecc 3:11)

DON BASIL KANNANGARA, SJ

## PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION FOR THE POOR** in the month of April amounted to \$26,809.60. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUMMARY OF GIFT COLLECTIONS** (26 November 2016 to 31 March 2017) amounted to \$276,530.55. \$13,900 (5%) is given to the St Ignatius Church's sinking fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT** for the year ended 31st December 2016 is available for your viewing at the notice boards.

**SUNDAY CANTEEN** operates throughout the year (except school holidays and public holidays) Time: 9 am to 11.30 am. **This Sunday only:** free mini cupcakes for children to celebrate Easter.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday 14 May 2017 at 3.00 pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 7 May, 3.00 pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child's baptism. Contact Stephanie (9116 6898) & John Ng (9677 3632), Gordon (9615 3447) & Alison Pinto (96913447) or Anthony (9815 9889) & Mariana Heng (9270 8213).

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents, children and youth are reminded that there will be no catechetical sessions **next** weekend, Saturday 29/ Sunday 30 April due to the Labour Day long weekend. We will resume sessions the following weekend on Saturday 6/Sunday 7 May.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

“Courage my daughter; your faith has made you well!” A sharing on Healing from Matthew 9:20-22 This Wednesday, April 26, at St Ignatius Hall. We start with Easter fellowship at 7:30pm and end at 9:30pm. There will be general healing after the sharing. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### 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.**

Fr Leslie Raj, SJ together with Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ and FrMatthewTan,SJthanktheJesuitCommunity,FrChristopher Soh, SJ and RCIA team, Liturgy Committee, all ministries, groups, volunteers and church staff, Kumar and Suresh for their invaluable help and support in the Sacred Triduum.

We are very thankful for all that you do in our parish, and of the generous gifts of talent,time,ideasandespeciallyprayers.

"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Preview** Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players". 9.45am-12pm in Room 01-08/09. SMS Vivienne (9785 2268) or Josephine (8183 2273).  
19 April – **JOY**: St Francis of Assisi & GK Chesterton;  
26 April – **BEAUTY**: St Catherine of Siena & Michelangelo;  
3 May – **TRUTH**: St Thomas Aquinas & Bl. JH Newman

### 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. First-timers are welcome – no prior Bible Study experience required. Sunday April 23, 10:30am to 12 noon, at Annex #01-08&09. WhatsApp: Sarah 8123 9629 or Resa 9828 1928.

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 May, 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. In support of 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 contributions by Sunday 7 May outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENTS!

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

### 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.

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Maria Chng – 89 years old  
Date of death: 21 April 2017

## NCC NEWS

### ZONE D DISTRICT 1 GROUP 1

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

## JESUIT NEWS

### BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to [www.mas-jesuits.org](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore](http://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](mailto:mas-vocations@jesuits.net)

### 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](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg)

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Fr Christopher Soh SJ, Fr James Tan SJ

**Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225**

Fr Gerard Keane SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng SJ, Fr Charles Sim SJ, Fr Colin Tan SJ, Msgr Philip Heng SJ, Fr Adrian Danker SJ, Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

**Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### DON'T FORGET: YOUR CHARITIES

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### JESUS MARY RALLY

Come for an afternoon of prayer, adoration and a talk to learn more about Jesus, Mary and the New Evangelisation. Date: Saturday, 6 May  
Time: 1 pm– 3.30pm  
Venue: St Joseph's Church, 143 Victoria Street, Singapore 188020

### 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)

### 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.

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### 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)