



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Meeting Christ

Today's gospel story is the story of meeting Christ in my fellow men, the story of human friendship. I like to read it and ponder it as if Christ did not "appear" on the scene, but rather insinuated His presence through the conversation of friends. After all, I trust I am among those blessed who have not seen, but believe.

Two crestfallen and bewildered companions are silenced by the dread happenings of recent days. Tangled, meaningless details have induced silent confusion. They finally find their tongues and together recount the events of the past few days. They begin to see and remember lots that escaped their

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notice; to recall "all" that had been told them. Things began to fall into place

– clarity and simplicity prevailed. Life

somehow took on a different character.

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more and more part of the experience until finally,

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We all have had glimpses, however

fleeting, of such experience. But we fail to see God because we are unaccustomed

to meeting Him in the everyday. The blessedness of believing, of experiencing

without seeing, can be more frequently ours if we can look within and expect to

meet Christ in one another.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

Road to Faith

+ What do we benefit from exams? Maybe your parents said, "If you get very good grades for your 'O' Levels, we will buy you ..." Whatever your parents might buy for you has no direct relation to the exam. Only the ability to further your studies has a direct relation to good grades. This was the analogy that the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to explain the goal of human life and life after death.

The ultimate goal for all Catholics is to love, do good and attain eternal life in heaven. We all believe in eternal life after death; eternal life in heaven as the result of living a good life in the present.

Why is this important? Like all humans, we should have an ultimate end goal. The exam is not an end in itself, neither are our lives an end in itself. There is a purpose for everything and failing to

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see that would be like a headless chicken walking around.

This is reflected clearly in the Gospel. Two disciples are walking towards Emmaus, talking about what happened to Jesus. They know that Jesus died and



Sunday 30 April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2nd Reading: 1Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Monday 1 May

St Joseph

Tuesday 2 May

St Athanasius

Wednesday 3 May

St Philip and St James

Thursday 4 May

Liturgy of the day

Friday 5 May

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 6 May

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 7 May

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

that His body has disappeared. So these two disciples are most likely thinking that their journey with Jesus is over and trying to figure out what it all means. Thus, failing to understand the purpose of the life of Jesus Christ.

But here is where things change for the two. Their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus is not the end, but the beginning. It is through this encounter that they realised the purpose of Jesus Christ and their purpose of being Jesus' disciples.

Just like these two disciples, we all have a journey to take. We can choose not to take it and that usually leads us down a path of feeling lost, unhappy or disappointed. We need to choose the path that leads us to discover more about ourselves and more about Christ. We need to realise the purpose of the life of Jesus Christ in order to realise our own purpose, our own vocation.

Gerard Robert

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Labour Day Monday, 1 May.

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next week.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 5 April, 8.00pm

Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 14 May 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. 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 this weekend, Saturday 29/ Sunday 30 April due to the Labour Day long weekend. We will resume sessions next weekend on Saturday 6/ Sunday 7 May.

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).

3 May – **TRUTH:** St Thomas Aquinas & Bl. JH Newman

BIBLE STUDY ON BOOK OF MATTHEW

Join other young working adults in the Bible Study on "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" by Jeff Cavins. A dynamic way for first-timers to ease into the Bible Study experience. Sunday, 10.30am to 12 noon, at Annex #01-08&09. WhatsApp: Sarah 8123 9629 or Resa 9828 1928.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

In Revelation 3:14-22, Jesus, who remains the same yesterday, today and forever, always speaks Truth into the hearts of His beloved, whether in 1st century Asia Minor or 21st century Singapore. Join us this Wednesday, 3 May at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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.

TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES

Drivers are reminded to drive carefully and slowly within church grounds so as not to endanger lives.

Picking-up and Dropping-off: Please park your car in a way to avoid obstructing traffic flow.

Turn on your hazard lights while waiting.

Parking

DO NOT park in yellow boxes and handicap lots. Leave handicap lots for drivers with handicap Class 1 and Class 2 labels.

DO NOT double park in our carparks (unless directed by TA/CISCO officer). In the event of emergency evacuations, such obstructions and violations will have serious ramifications for our Church and parishioners.

Important Note:

- Please refrain from parking along roads around the Church, especially in front of driveways of private homes. [LTA or Traffic Police will issue fines, upon spot checks or complaints.]

Double Parking is only permitted under these following conditions:

- If you've been directed by TA's specific instructions.
- If you display your name and mobile number on your dashboard.
- If you remove or re-park your car immediately after Mass to avoid congestion /obstruction.

Note:

If you need to stay back after Mass please park on the white lots. Yellow lots are for those attending the next mass.

If you need to leave early, you should park at nearby HDB carparks at Queens Road or Empress Road.

Please be considerate when driving around the church grounds and refrain from inconsiderate parking. If, for urgent/emergency purposes, you happen to block another car, do leave your contact number on the dashboard.

Traffic Assistants' Ministry
May 2017

DVC COMMUNITY

The DVC Youth Choir would like to thank the parish community,



sponsors and donors for supporting last Saturday's **VICTORY STORIES**. We raised \$59,061.45 for the Catholic Foundation. Thank you all for blessing our efforts, through your support and your presence.

NCC NEWS

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 18 May, #01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) History of Christianity

Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates these special weekends for married couples. It is an enriching experience which builds couple intimacy & closer relationship. ME benefits both young married couples who want to build a strong marriage foundation, and couples who have been married for many years, who desire to make their marriages even better.

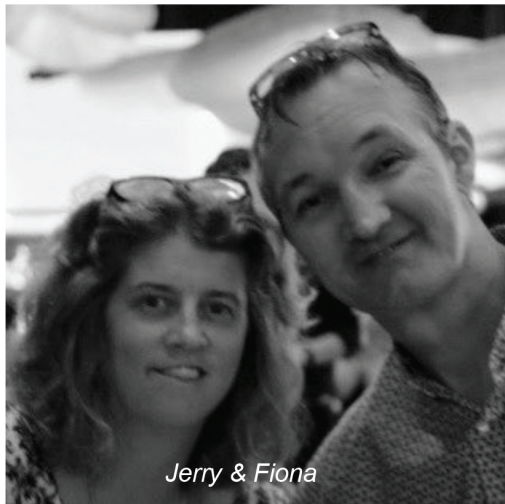
We invite you to celebrate your marriage with the gift of a ME Weekend, for yourselves and for your loved ones. ME Weekend gift vouchers will be on sale at a discounted rate specially for the St Ignatius Church outreach during 6-7 May 2017, before and after masses at the Place of Gathering. Do also look out for our special photo booth.

There are limited spaces available for the **7-9 July 2017** weekend, where three couples from St Ignatius Church will present the weekend with Fr Paul Goh. To register, or if you have questions, please visit our ME website on <http://wwmesg.org/>

Here are what some couples from St Ignatius have to say about the
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
THE GIFT OF A LIFE CHANGING WEEKEND!



Jerry: "The ME Weekend had a big impact on me and my marriage. I can honestly say I was quite cynical about the course at the start but my feelings at the end were very different. It made me realise how much I had forgotten about why I had married my wife and it rekindled the essence of my love for her."



Jerry & Fiona

Fiona: "This weekend 10 years ago started our marriage on a new journey by beginning the conversations my husband and I had neglected, and helped us to talk more honestly about what matters in our relationship. It also equipped us with the tools to do so."

Attending our original weekend in 2002 was the best thing that happened to our marriage. We got to understand one another and make new discoveries in our relationship. More importantly we found God and it has reignited our faith. Journeying with like-minded couples helped us to realise that we are not alone in facing life challenges.

"How many seek to rediscover their courtship bliss of old, and miss the beauty of the present? We discovered both and more, and never looked forward to growing old together with more confidence, enthusiasm and passion."

-Jerome & Roseline

- Patrick & Carolina

We decided to sign up for Marriage Encounter (ME) as a 10th Anniversary gift to ourselves; what better way to celebrate 10 years together than to take time to reflect on the decade together and to dream up what the next few decades might hold for us. It would also have been the first time we would leave our 2 daughters, then, 9 and 7 in the care of someone else. So while an exciting prospect, it was also fraught with anxiety.

But we did make it to the weekend despite a momentary lapse at the gates of ME House in Punggol. What a weekend it was! We were quite blown away by the many hours of conversation, deep sharing and reconnection.

Our lives have not been the same since. We still struggle with communicating effectively & lovingly, and listening with the heart, but we are working at it day by day. With each conflict we face, we are given the opportunity to make a decision to love.

-Vincent & Julyn

We look forward to welcoming you to an ME Weekend soon!



JESUIT NEWS

HEALING OUR RELATIONSHIPS: WALKING WITH THE PRODIGAL SON

This retreat integrates spirituality and psychology to heal our relationship with God, spouses, children, those who have hurt us, and ourselves when we feel not worthy of love as did the prodigal son.

Dates & Times: Friday, 26 May (7.30pm) – Sunday, 28 May 2017 (5pm)

Facilitator: Fr Matthew Linn, SJ

Fee: \$270 (non-AC), \$330 (AC)

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

Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

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

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

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC Singapore),

a vibrant, faith-oriented ministry under
Couples for Christ, is inviting YOUTHS aged
13 to 21 to join the YOUTH CAMP, a fun
and spirit-filled event based on Christian
teachings. Friday 16 – Sunday 18 June at
Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St
42, Singapore 649368.

For more information, refer to poster at the
bulletin board, or call/text the coordinators
at 9101 2603 or 9009 6676.

LIVING OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

By Fr David Garcia, OP

Workshop to help groups build commu-
nities of support which may uphold and
live the principles of Human Dignity in the
different aspects of life through the lens
of the Catholic Social Teachings. Saturday
6 May at 8.30am to 3pm in Agape Village,
7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Date: Saturday May 13

Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm (be seated by
4.45pm)

Feast Day Mass and Candlelight Procession
with rosary recitation at St Joseph's Church,
143 Victoria Street to commemorate the
Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima.

ABILITIES BEYOND LIMITATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS (ABLE)

a member of
Caritas Singapore, provides rehabilitation
therapy, training and job support to help
people who are physically challenged to
return to sustainable employment. ABLE
also offers home and centre based respite
services to Family Caregivers and their
Care Recipients.

Contact: Email: enquiries@able-sg.org

Tel: 65-6801 7460

Website: www.able-sg.org

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)