



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Hope in the Glory

**E**ven the convinced atheist, who is void of any invisible means of support, somehow manages to find hope, if not to admit it. His proposed future gives him no reason to accept that time will produce a brave new world. Science can promise nothing and the path of human behavior seems to be leading nowhere. Our planet seems headed for dried up nothingness. Death is the only rational end. So why or how to continue to hope?

I am not speaking of a hope of pipe dreams, for genuine hope is to be found from one source only, and that is Divine promise. God has promised that all will be well in the end. And God never has, and never will, fail those whom he has created in love. My faith rescues my hope from

mere daydreaming by giving substance and reality to the things of which I hope. It makes me know and makes my own in my everyday living the things of which I dream. And so my world is peopled with a presence and wonders which could otherwise be nothing but idle imagings.

True Christianity is to hope genuinely. St. Peter, in today's reading exhorts us to defend our hope by performance. Is my performance one of a person whose hopes are high; one for whom the world is liberating promise and the future bears guaranteed triumph? Cheerful childlikeness is the hallmark of hope and is the best of "Good News". Do I need to be born again into such attractive infancy?

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*

## Hand of God

**+** *Deo Gratias!* God is truly great. Everything happens meaningfully, and all experiences can have God's handprints all over it.

A few months ago, I emailed my concerns about delayed delivery of documents for my student visa application to the rector of the college I was supposed to attend. He asked me to pray – not the most obvious response, to be sure.

However, the rector himself had thought and surely prayed about it, for those documents eventually arrived by express courier. But like all of God's little jokes, my name was mistakenly written. I promptly emailed the rector, who apologised and even explained how the mistake came about. Soon, emails arrived to inform me about the revised documents' journey to me.

Just this morning, I had planned to drive over and collect another document from Putrajaya. In the kitchen, I met and

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Communications Manager	Therese Gian

asked a fellow Jesuit about his similar document process, which involved such a trip to Putrajaya. It turned out he was going that morning – so we went together instead.

At the recent parish renewal program, the references made to the New Testament, complimented and completed my emerging Old Testament understanding. When I was asked to present at a youth session – voila, a talk I named "Christian, so what?!!!" was born.

Even during recreation, God hovers



**Sunday 21 May 2017**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

**Monday 22 May**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 23 May**

Liturgy of the day

**Wednesday 24 May**

Liturgy of the day

**Thursday 25 May**

Ascension of the Lord

**Friday 26 May**

St Philip Neri

**Saturday 27 May**

Liturgy of the day

**Sunday 28 May**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

nearby. Watching a Japanese cartoon series ("anime"), full of cutesy images, brought back memories of discussions about civil society and politics in Plato's "The Republic" and how populist or "convenient" dispositions of unthinking masses can lead to calamitous consequences.

As the anime's protagonist, a young chirpy girl, asked over and over again "What is a hero?", she eventually thought it through, embraced selflessness, and did the necessary, against convention, even to the extent of self-sacrifice. Which reminded me of Jesus Christ's selflessness, even to the point of death.

No matter what circumstances, God is never far. Like an old friend, you'd recognize them even in unexpected meetings. That's what happened with me, and I hope and pray that your relationship with our loving and patient God, would bless you with that gift too.

*Michael Phung, SJ*

## PARISH NEWS

### ASCENSION DAY – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: Wednesday, 24 May: 6pm, Thursday, 25 May: 7am, 6pm and 8pm

**ALL COLLECTIONS** taken on the weekend of 27-28 May will be for our Archdiocese Mass Media Apostolate.

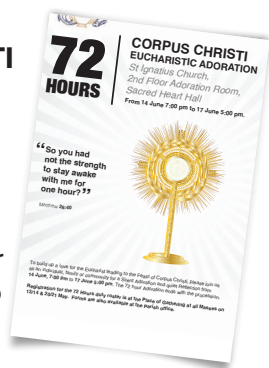
**MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased is on Friday, 26 May at 8pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6pm mass. All are welcome.

### FIRST 2017 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Fr Leslie Raj (Parish Priest) and Simon Cheong (PPC Ex-Co Chairman) cordially invite all PPC Members (Leaders of Ministries and NCCs) and Parish Staff to the first 2017 PPC Meeting on Sunday, 28 May, 2pm to 5pm, at the Annex Hall. Registration at 1.30pm. We look forward to your participation.

### 72-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Calling volunteers for the 72-Hour Corpus Christi Eucharistic Adoration. Commit to **JUST ONE HOUR** in silent adoration from Wednesday, 14 June, to Saturday, 17 June, at Adoration Room, Sacred Heart Hall. Talk to other volunteers at the *Place of Gathering* to find out more.



### SERVE GOD THROUGH FLOWERS

Flower Ministry has 4 teams and work on a floral roster for Masses. Teams usually meet on Friday morning and some basic floral experience required, otherwise the team leader can help. Interested, email eden.chik@gmail.com

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 May, 9.30am to 1pm at St Ignatius Hall. Shop for small gifts and support a good cause – the Parish Social Mission Fund.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday, 11 June at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 4 June, 3.00pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Gordon (9615 3447) & Alison Pinto (96913447) or Brian (9760 0978) & Lisa Ling (9818 5281).

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY** are at the *Place of Gathering* with invitations to Life In the Spirit Seminar, begins Wednesday 14 June over 12 Wednesdays until September. Develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit – Advocate, Comforter and Guide – given to us in our daily lives.

Join our community for Eucharistic celebration this Wednesday, May 24, at St Ignatius Hall. Begin with Praise

and Worship at 7.30pm, followed by Mass, and end with fellowship dinner.

**RCIA 2017/2018** Journey begins on 11 July for sponsors and facilitators and 1 August for inquirers of the Catholic faith. Every Tuesday, 8pm to 10pm at St Ignatius Hall. Registration forms are available at the *Place of Gathering* and at our website. For enquiries, contact Sandra (9628 6472) or Angela (6466 0625).

### RCIY 2017/2018

Invite non-Catholic friends and family (aged 17 and above) for RCIY to share the joy of the faith. Welcome tea and info session on Saturday, 8 July, 4 to 6 pm. First two sessions on Saturday, 15 and 22 July. From 1 August, the journey continues every Tuesday, 8pm to 10 pm. Contact: Evelyn (9762 6330) or Aaron (8228 3419) Email us: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stigsrcci/>

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Term 2 catechetical sessions end this weekend. We will resume after the June school holidays on the weekend of Saturday 1/Sunday 2 July. Parents of Sec 3 youths are reminded to attend the iGod Camp Briefing on Friday, 26 May, 8pm at Annexe Hall.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Discover a vital connection between Fatima and Divine Mercy via movies. 9.45am-12pm at Rm 01-08/09.

Sms Jo (8183 2273) or Viv (9785 2268).

24 May – Faustina: Mystical Life of Visionary of Divine Mercy  
31 May – Rerun of Pivotal Players

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

John Tan Eng Soon – 70 years old  
Date of death: 12 May 2017

Mary Lee Chew Oh – 85 years old  
Date of death: 16 May 2017

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 14 June, SH-02-E (opposite Adoration Room)  
Programme: Mother Teresa (Movie)

### ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday 31 May, #02-06  
Programme: Understanding Church History – from the Early Church Fathers, the Crusades to Vatican II

### ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday 1 June, SH-F  
Programme: Video on "The entire story of the Apparitions of our Lady of Fatima". Followed by Rosary and intercessory prayer


# Stories of Victories


To celebrate Easter, young men and women from the DVC youth choir put together a concert titled "Victory Stories" on 22 April. Supported by sponsors including Alpha Singapore, the concert raised close to \$59,000 for the Catholic Foundation's GIFT Fund.



**T**he DVC Youth choir consists of different individuals who are at different points in their journey with God. The one thing we all have in common is the love for song and the heart to serve God's people through song. We are not the perfect choir, but as the bible says in 2 Corinthians, God's grace is sufficient for us. God's power is made perfect in weakness.


The spiritual preparation for the concert was just as, if not more, important than being musically prepared. The one reminder that rang during rehearsals was that "They (the audience) may not be able to tell if you sing imperfectly, but it will be apparent if you sing without heart". Some choir members share their testimonies of that night.


 "The concert left me drained physically. Shortly after it ended, my body collapsed. But my heart was full and bursting with joy and peace. I look back at the hectic few months and it has been utterly surreal. I am grateful for this journey, for being given the chance to journey and struggle with this community, for being given the chance to step out of my comfort zone and be pushed to the limits. I am grateful for this journey during Lent and Easter, a journey that I feel I've made with and for God. I am thankful for the people, who have supported me, sang, struggled, cried and laughed alongside me." – **SHAUNE**


 "Singing during the concert was a new experience for me. I didn't feel any pressure to perform, to look a certain way, to sound a certain way. The whole night was prayer to me. As I stood on the stage, I was free. Free to

sing, free to praise, free to worship, free to celebrate Christ's victory in my life. And as I sang my solo, it was one of the first few times that I actually felt what I was singing was prayer. I wasn't nervous, I wasn't worried, I wasn't scared. The only thing on my mind was to praise God to the best of my abilities, to give my all, my heart, my suffering, my pain, my joys, my triumphs.

Coming out of the concert, I feel a little lost, a little confused as to what this journey means for me in my life. But I pray for the grace to be still and to hear God's voice and his call to me to follow him." – **NICHOLAS ONG**

 "The concert was going to be during a period of great stress, the exam period. The time and effort required wasn't going to alleviate any of that. Yet, somehow, each time I dragged my feet to a choir practice, I was rewarded with a warm comfort and understanding that I am doing what I am doing for Him, and that things will work out because of that. Now that the concert is over, I have no regrets for I know that participating in it was worth it, because HE touched people that night and that's all that matters." – **ISABEL**

 "Even though it was the first concert I've sung in, It's been a mind-boggling adventure with ups and downs. Having said that, our journey wasn't easy going. In preparation for the concert, we had to have multiple meetings, item pickups and packaging sessions. Which meant that we had to have a serious commitment" – **JONAH**

 "I'm actually glad that I tried my best to help with the preparation for the concert. Before the concert I felt that I wasn't pulling my weight in the choir because I really didn't want to try.

What struck me was how much effort everyone put into making it work. Even when I would go to choir not wanting to be there, there was always someone who would say, 'Hey, thank you for coming'. You can go about giving a thousand reasons as to why you would rather be somewhere else rather than in choir, but no one can deny how much love you'd receive unconditionally. I found it very touching that someone would genuinely want to know what's up, sometimes even if they themselves are not in a good place." – **BRANDON**



## JESUIT NEWS

### FINDING GOD IN DRAMA RETREAT

Using Ignatian principles and bibliodrama, let the drama of finding yourself unfold in a creative and inspiring weekend retreat. Let God meet you in your drama.

Dates & Times: Friday, 9 June (7pm) – Sunday, 11 June (4pm)

Contribution: \$260 (non-AC), \$300 (AC)

Facilitators: Keith Neubronner & Anthony Siow

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

Details: [www.kingsmeadcentre.sg](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg)

### OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD... WITH THE JESUITS

A weekend for men aged 20 to 35 who are discerning a vocation to the religious life and priesthood. Saturday, 24 June to Monday, 26 June at Kingsmead Hall, 8 Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492

To register email: [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto:mas-vocations@jesuits.net)

**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

### INVITATION TO JOIN ACTS MISSIONS FOR ADVENT 2017

ACTS "A Call to Share", started in 2006, aims at sharing the experience of Christ's love with our regional neighbours. Applications for ACTS 2017 missions to the Philippines, Myanmar (Hlaing Thar Yar, Chanthagon and Anisakan), and Cambodia (Battambang and Phnom Penh) are now open. Participants aged 15-70 for all missions. Young people (aged 12 to 15) are invited to Cambodia. Come and chat with ACTS members at the Place of Gathering. Go to [www.acts-singapore.com](http://www.acts-singapore.com) to learn more and register. Closing date: Tuesday 13 June.

### CONSIDER THE SPECIAL GIFT OF A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates married couples in transforming the way they communicate, forging greater intimacy. ME benefits both young couples as well as those who have clocked many years together.

Next ME Weekend from 2 June to 4 June (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.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](http://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)