



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Perfect Love by the Triune God

During a parish catechism class when I was in Primary Three, our teacher gave us a series of questions about God and the Holy Trinity. One of the questions went along these lines: “I am able to understand the Holy Trinity. Yes or No.” Not wanting to seem ignorant, I wrote “Yes, I understand.” The little exercise book was returned to us a week later and to my utter horror, that question was marked wrong and had these words written beside, “No, I do not understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity.”

I could not understand how such an innocent question could have an answer so baffling. The earnest Singaporean schoolboy in me was appalled that a question could actually have ignorance as part of the answer. I didn’t understand the answer and carried this with me all this while. I revisited those thoughts during my class this past semester on the Holy Trinity and realised how brilliant my teacher’s answer is. It captures the essence of our relationship with the Trinity and gives us a clue as to how we can approach this mystery.

The Holy Trinity is a mystery. A mystery is not a gap in knowledge or something that’s steeped in esoterica. Mysteries are part of life, realities that we encounter, but cannot quite understand rationally. Like, why we get along so well with some of our friends despite great differences, why we find sunsets so beautiful, or just trying to explain the experience of love. Utterly real, yet so difficult to wrap our rational minds around. That’s how God is a mystery to us too. Incredibly real, but difficult to approach completely rationally – because of our human limits in trying to comprehend God, who is complete unity yet completely distinct in three persons.

However, just before we completely give up in our attempts to approach our triune God, the other part of my teacher’s response brings hope. The admission that “I do not understand” brings with it the humility to accept our humanity and the openness to accept the love that God brings. The Holy Trinity is love and shows us how perfect love is love that is shared. While we might not fully understand how the three persons in the Trinity are perfectly united yet perfectly different, we know that the love that is shared in God is the same that we experience. The same shared trinitarian love is seen in our families, among friends and in our faith community. We may not fully understand in our minds, but we can know God, triune and love, in our lives as we grow to love God and others in fuller and more real ways.

Stanley Goh, SJ

Harmony of the Trinity (John 3:16-18)

+ The human brain, command centre of our nervous system, receives input from our senses and sends out commands for our body to work. Neuroscientists have discovered that our brain has three main parts. First, the reptilian brain steers the body’s vital functions -- heart rate, breathing, body temperature and balance. Second, the limbic system controls our emotions. Third, the neocortex allows us to think, plan, rationalise and learn. Each part does not operate independently, but works together in unity.

Similarly, Jesus gives us the Holy



Sunday 11 June 2017

The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Monday 12 June

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 13 June

St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 14 June

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 15 June

Liturgy of the day

Friday 16 June

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 17 June

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 18 June

Corpus Christi

Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Each are distinct, yet all three work together in unity and harmony for our salvation. This relationship can be seen in the light of love; for it is out of love that they can work together. Their intimacy and unity is truly profound as they are never separate.

We should then look into our communities, into our relationships. Make amends and draw closer together in love, in Jesus. As St Paul invites us “to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you” (2 Corinthians 13:11). Because we are all on the same journey towards our salvation. Because believing in Jesus means following everything that Jesus stands for. “No one who believes in him will be condemned.”

Think about this: Does our love for Jesus Christ and the Trinity lead us to a greater love for our communities and the people around us?

Gerard Robert

PARISH NEWS

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation next week.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN IN THE LIGHT OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE

Featuring Fr Andrew Dalton, LC

In his audio-visual presentation, Fr Andrew Dalton unravels the mystery of the Shroud of Turin, by unpacking the empirical observations of scientists, together with Scripture for the theological and spiritual significance that God has revealed. The Word of God complements and elevates the findings of natural reason. Saint John Paul II wrote, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth" (Fides et ratio, 1). Tuesday 20 June, 8pm to 10pm, at main church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF PRIESTLY LIFE

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins on Thursday, 15 June and ends on 23 June, 8pm Mass, concelebration by Jesuits and renewal of families to the consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

JUNE – MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST

As special devotion to the Holy Eucharist during June, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Saturday and Sunday evening Masses, 5.20pm – 5.50pm.

72-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Come together with family and community in silent Adoration and Reflection on the Eucharist, in preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 18. The 72-hour Adoration begins this Wednesday 14 June, after the evening Mass to Saturday 17 June, 5pm, ending with Mass and Feast of Corpus Christi procession. At Sacred Heart Hall, Adoration Room.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LISS) – GOD'S LOVE

Come experience a more intimate relationship with God through Jesus. First LISS session begins this Wednesday, 14 June, and every Wednesday until 13 September. Registration still open: email liss2017.stiggy@gmail.com. Begin at 7.30pm with simple dinner and fellowship, and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 9 July at 3.00 pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 2 July, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Michelle (9765 5065) & Lin

Wein Khoo or Brian (9760 0978) & Lisa Ling (9818 5281).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN team is currently on the June school holiday break. Families are encouraged to join the parish-wide events dedicated to the Holy Eucharist in June.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2017/2018

Begins 1 August (every Tuesday, 8pm to 10pm). Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors.

RCIA sponsors' briefing and training: every Tuesday from 11 July until 25 July, 8pm. Enrolment forms for Inquirers and Sponsors at the Place of Gathering and website. Contact Sandra (9628 6472) or Angela (6466 0625).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTHS (RCIY) 2017/2018

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

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Paulus Wirianto – 70 years old
Date of death: 5 June 2017

Nicholas Jayaram – 84 years old
Date of death: 6 June 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 A DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 21 June, #02-02, Sacred Heart hall
Programme: Sacred Heart of Jesus

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 14 June, #02-06
Programme: A Deeper Understanding of "Silence" (1)

GREENLEAF/SIXTH AVE

Thursday, 16 June, Adoration Room, Sacred Heart Hall
Programme: Silent prayer, follow by meeting in canteen

Fr Leslie Raj, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Joyce Setiawan Parish Accountant ★ Jeremy Aloysius Catechetical Director ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Robert Ong Sacristan

David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

The Body of

Christ

The month of June is designated the Month of the Eucharist. Church of St Ignatius invites all to join in the many activities on the worship of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Before our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross for our sins, He left us the most sublime of gifts by instituting the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood “to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection”¹.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us several things about the Eucharist:

1) It is the source and summit of Christian Life.² The other sacraments, Church ministry work and apostolate work are all linked with the Eucharist and oriented towards it, for our Blessed Lord, Christ himself, who is source of all spiritual good of the Church, is present within it.³

2) Through the Eucharist, communion between God’s divine life and His people, the Church is maintained. God blesses the world through Christ and at the same time, man worships the Trinitarian God through Christ.⁴

3) “Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.”⁵

The Church encourages us to actively build up a love for the Eucharist as it is the “sum and summary of our faith”.⁶

And so, on this very special month where we worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the parish of St Ignatius has organised a series of special



events so that as a faith community we are able to gather together to deepen our love for this most precious of gifts from God. These events include:

✿ 45 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration

in the Church before all evening masses on Saturday and Sunday

✿ 72 hours of continuous Silent Adoration for all parishioners in the adoration room in the Sacred Heart Hall, starting after the evening mass on Wednesday, 14 June, and ending at 5pm on Saturday, 17 June

✿ A procession before the 6pm mass on Saturday, 17 June to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi

For it is when we take time away from our busy schedules to spend quiet time with our Lord, that He comes to meet us and nourish us in a personal way. Our Holy Father reminds us:

The personal relationship which the individual believer establishes with Jesus present in the Eucharist constantly points beyond itself to the whole communion of the Church and nourishes a fuller sense of membership in the Body of Christ. For this reason, besides encouraging individual believers to make time for personal prayer before the Sacrament of the Altar, I feel obliged to urge parishes and other church groups to set aside times for collective adoration. (Sacramentum Caritatis 68, Pope Benedict XVI)

Let us make this month of June a special time for us to grow closer to our Lord in the Eucharist and rediscover the joy and peace which God meant for us. For through this, we would be able to experience the liturgical celebration more fully and more fruitfully.⁷

1. CCC 1323 | 2. Sacrosanctum Concilium 47 | 3. CCC 1324 | 4. Presbyterorum Ordinis 5; CCC 1325 | 5. 1 Cor 15:28; CCC 1326 | 6. CCC 1327 | 7. Sacrosanctum Concilium 67

JESUIT NEWS

SPIRITUALITY FOR BUSY PARENTS

This Spirituality is essential to enabling and enriching lives of parents in their co-parenting efforts, which is rooted in Ignatian principles and the collective wisdom of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*.

Date/Time: Thursday, 6 July

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Contribution: \$30

Facilitator: Fr (Dr) Charles Sim, SJ

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

Details: 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

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CLARITY'S INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Saturday, 17 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Do you consistently worry over the same thing, have persistent fears or feel like you are losing control? Explore the reasons behind your anxieties, debunk myths and misconceptions, and learn different ways to manage anxieties. No fee, but love offerings welcomed.

Registration: 6757 7990 or email registration@clarity-singapore.org.

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT)

Friday talks in June

- 1) The Miraculous Image of the Holy Face, 16 June (by Andrew Kong)
- 2) The Bible Alone Theory, 23 June (by Kelvin Chia)

3) Explaining Purgatory, Statutes, etc to Non Catholics, 30 June (by Kelvin Chia)
All are welcome. No charge. 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm at St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street
Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>; SMS 9649 3893 for enquiries (Andrew); details: www.catholic.sg/act

WITNESS IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

With reference to the magisterium, explore scenarios of witnessing to Catholic Faith in the public sphere. Challenges and opportunities discussed using case studies in America and Singapore.

Wednesday, 21 June, 7.30pm-9.00pm
Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street
Enquires: call 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com

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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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)