



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Blessed Connectedness

**T**he Society of Jesus is an international religious Catholic order. Individual members are in communities, belonging to provinces or regions, and these belong to a conference. I belong to the Dependent Region of Malaysia-Singapore, in the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific. Directing the entire Society is the Jesuit Father General, who is assisted by and works with not only the presidents and representatives of the different conferences, but also the Curia (or head office, if you like) with its various sections, in Rome.

In our Region, we can be spread wide geographically due to our individual missions. Communications – digital or otherwise – are important to relationships, be it between superiors and members of the community, or with partners from other organisations, locally or abroad. Such means of communications even enable peer groups to exist.

Honestly, I am more at home with local dialects and slang. I can't deny my own context. However, other people's contexts are just as important too. I still do speak Tetum occasionally, or reply to messages from my former Timorese stu-

dents. For example, during my on-going student visa application, the rector of the college abroad I was applying to had to re-arrange my Malaysian Chinese name based on my feedback to him. Meaningful, expedient communication enables things to happen correctly, and timely, if we are open and courteous about it.

It's often truly the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that facilitates these exchanges, in the form of timeliness, connections, or content, including inspired sharings. I won't say that I have a Holy Spirit-filled life, but there are moments. Enough for me to acknowledge that we don't need that hyper-connectedness to each other all the time, through all various means available to us.

We need the me-time, the God-and-me time, and then the everyone-and-me time. It's all part and parcel of being in this created and Spirit-filled world, and we need to listen and comprehend not only our own hearts, but also God, and others. May the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ remind us of this blessed connectedness we live in.

*Michael Phung, SJ*

## To Become What We Receive (John 6:51-58)

**+** “This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts.” Blessed Mother Teresa, 1971

This is an act of giving all that we have, be it money or service, until we reach a point when we feel the pain of our sacrifice. Giving until it hurts is hard to do. I find this very hard to live up to.

Saint Paul tells us (2 Corinthians 9:7), “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” That phrase, “God

loves a cheerful giver” is significant, because the word “cheerful”. The Greek translation means “hilarious”. This means that God wants us to give joyously. It is also clear that God doesn't want us to give without free will or without love. It is not pain or hurt that we should be feeling, but rather making that choice to give and to give happily.

In Blessed Mother Teresa's speech, she mentioned “give until it hurts” eight times. The final time, she said it with a smile. This was and still is one of the



**Sunday 18 June 2017**

**The Body and Blood of Christ**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

**Monday 19 June**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 20 June**

Liturgy of the day

**Wednesday 21 June**

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel, SJ

**Thursday 22 June**

Liturgy of the day

**Friday 23 June**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday 24 June**

The Nativity of John the Baptist

**Sunday 25 June**

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

famous quotes by Saint Mother Teresa in her address to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. on 3 February 1994. She reminds us that it is only through God's love that we can keep giving joyously. This love is not just an encounter, but is also physically given to us through the Eucharist.

This what we are celebrating this Sunday on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We receive the body of Christ so that it will transform us, to be more like Christ. For the Church teaches us that we are to become what we receive. We are called to grow in holiness as Catholics and to be able to offer our lives in a generous and happy way.

So, don't just give until it hurts. And don't give in order to be admired for your generosity. Give because it reflects the loving and generous God who gave His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we can be blessed and can bless others by giving.

*Gerard Robert*

## PARISH NEWS

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Hari Raya Puasa public holiday on Monday, 26 June.

All collections on the weekend of 24/25 June will be for **PETER'S PENCE**.

**JUMBLE SALE** held on 27/28 May raised \$16,489.70 for the Social Mission funds. Homemakers thanks all volunteers and donors for their supports. The next Jumble Sale is on 18/19 November.

### CLOSURE OF KINGSMEAD CAR PARK

Car parks at Kingsmead Hall, St Ignatius Hall and Annex will be closed for resurfacing work from 27 to 30 June.

### 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, closing with 8pm concelebrated Mass by Jesuits and renewal of families to the consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Prayer cards are available at the Place of Gathering. As there will be no Memorial Mass due to this Solemnity, all intentions will be offered at this Mass.

### 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.

### 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).

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LISS) – SALVATION

John 10:10: Jesus came so that we may have life and have it

in abundance. Jesus has laid the foundation of our eternal life so that when we accept Him, we have it to the fullest. All are welcome this Wednesday, June 21, at St Ignatius Hall. Begin at 7.30pm (with light dinner) and end at 9.30pm.

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Please pray for our Sec 3 youths attending the iGod Camp next weekend 23 - 25 June.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players I: Film series illuminating the lives of six saints, mystics, artists, and scholars who shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilisation. 5 July – 25 October, 9.45am-12pm, Rm 01-08/09. SMS Jo (8183 2273) or Viv (9785 2268).

### FORMED.ORG

Parishioners of St Ignatius can now access this online platform, which provides information on the truth, teaching and meaning of the Catholic faith. Explore links to renowned speakers, online movies and audio resources. Go to 1) [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org) 2) Enter our parish code 4904ed on the homepage

### 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](mailto:rciy.ignatius@gmail.com) Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stigsrctiy/>

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Annie Chan Kwai Yoke – 67 years old  
Date of death: 12 June 2017

## NCC NEWS

### ZONE A DISTRICT 2

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

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

# Fully United in Christ

**W**hen the Second Vatican Council in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC), called believers to “fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations”, they clearly did not intend this to be limited to times of worship. Rather, the bishops in the Council saw “participation” as a way to describe the whole Christian life. This whole way of life coalesces in the Liturgy, while Liturgy gives us the strength and shows us the way to live the rest of our lives in full participation in Christ.

That participation in the mystery and ministry of Christ is described by five adjectives: full, conscious, active, internal, and external.

“Full” participations means complete, holding as much as possible, or having all distinguishing characteristics. Something that is full is not lacking anything. Most of us, most of the time, can’t give our full attention to anything or anyone, nor can we become fully involved in what we are doing. There are always distractions, other things that need our attention, weaknesses, and personal failings to contend with. We need to keep focused; we need others to fill up what is lacking in our own commitment to the task. When it comes to life in Christ, the same holds true, even for the Church. As Saint Paul reminds us, it is only in Christ that the Church and individual believers reach fullness, for the Father has given Christ “as head over all things in the Church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way” (Ephesians 1:23).

Our entry into Christ’s fullness comes through the sacraments – through the sacraments of initiation and especially through the Eucharist, which “draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire” (SC, 10).

“Conscious” participation means that we are fully aware of what we are doing, and we are aware that we’re the ones doing it. It’s something that we do with our mental faculties fully alert, something that we feel deeply about. It’s something we are committed to. The opposite of this form of participation in Liturgy, as in the rest of Christian life, is what Pope Pius XI called being “detached and silent spectators”

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(Apostolic constitution *Divinicultus* [December 20, 1928], IX). If we’re serious about being Christian and about worship, we can’t just stand on a street corner and watch the parade pass by.

“Active” participation means the

deliberate involvement of our whole being in what is going on. It is far more than mere engagement of our voices in song or prayer, far more than engagement in the “Catholic calisthenics” of standing, kneeling and processing. It is even more than making sandwiches for the soup kitchen or collecting money for charitable causes. Certainly active participation involves these things, for we are incarnate beings. We are our bodies because we are also embodied spirits.

That’s why “active” participation must be “internal” as well as “external”. In a way, these two adjectives simply reinforce what the others describe. Truly “full” participation is also “conscious” – it involves internal consciousness of what we’re doing and why we’re doing it. It also involves our intent to be fully committed to what we’re doing, whether in worship or any part of our lives as Christians. But “active” participation doesn’t stop somewhere behind our eyes or our hands; it requires external actions that show people who we are and enables us to put our beliefs into practice, whether at worship or any other part of our Christian lives.

The task of being Christian involves wholehearted commitment: full, conscious, active, internal and external commitment. Sometimes it’s hard to make such a commitment; sometimes we fail miserably. But this is our goal and our challenge: to be fully united to Christ in returning to God, the love that was first shown to us.



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

### ORDINATION OF JEROME LEON, SJ

The Society of Jesus of the Malaysia-Singapore Region warmly invites you to the Ordination to the Ministerial

Priesthood of JEROME LEON, SJ. Saturday, 19 August 19, 5:30pm at Church of St. Ignatius.

Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 20 August, 11:30am at Church of the Risen Christ. For information, email: [infosjordination2017@gmail.com](mailto:infosjordination2017@gmail.com)

### 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**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CROSSINGS CAFÉ

This Father's Day treat Priests to a meal at Crossings' Fathers' Day celebration. Meal vouchers at \$30++ can be purchased at Crossings during the month of June (valid until 18 September 2017). Visit Crossings or call 63382669.

### RETROUVILLE – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED & HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Saturday 23 to Sunday 25 June. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774

Registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

### FRESHMEN ORIENTATION CAMPS (FOCS)

Office for Young People invites university freshmen to the Freshmen Orientation Camps (FOCs) to start your varsity journey on solid foundation – rooted in Christ our Lord, held firm in faith, and overflowing with thanksgiving (cf. Col 2:7).

**NUS 26-29 June, NTU 24-27 July, SIM 4-6 August, SMU 25-27 August**

JCU, SIT, SUTD and Yale-NUS students are also invited. For details and registration, visit [www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC](http://www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC)

### 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.

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)