



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

We Are Called To Be Sent

It is one thing to follow Christ's call but quite another to accept his mission. When Matthew narrated the call of the first disciples, he emphasized the speed of their response. They were adventurous young men who only needed a nudge from God to leave behind all they knew and serve a man who drew crowds wherever he went.

The evangelist knew the compelling nature of Jesus' call. At the start, a life of discipleship promises fulfillment, wisdom and grace, as well as potential honour and status. The inspiration of these dreams of doing great things for God can sometimes obscure the hard work and suffering inherent in discipleship. In his preaching this week, Jesus offers his disciples no such illusions. His "Mission Discourse," the second of five great sermons in Matthew's Gospel, promises hostility and rejection and offers only abandonment to divine providence as a hope of comfort.

Hostility to Jesus and his message had already begun. The debate over his ability to forgive sins had turned some faithful Jews against him. Now he had doubled down on his claims and was sending his disciples out to spread this same message throughout

Judea and Galilee. It is easy to imagine friends and family quietly begging the Twelve not to go; it is easy to imagine the disciples wondering what they had gotten themselves into. Jesus' response is clear, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

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The Twelve must have sensed they were passing a point of no return. Until now, they had learned from Jesus, but they had not yet risked themselves. Now, to continue their discipleship, they had to preach his difficult message alone among strangers. By making his words their own, they were making themselves targets for the hostility directed at Jesus. Those whose goal was to sit at Christ's side in a restored kingdom of Israel must have been utterly bewildered.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus read the same Hebrew Scriptures we read, and much of what he knew of his Father he learned from their message. Narratives like the first



Sunday 2 July 2017

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Monday 3 July

St Thomas

Tuesday 4 July

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 5 July

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 6 July

Liturgy of the day

Friday 7 July

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 8 July

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 9 July

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

reading's story of the Shunemite woman from 2 Kings, for example, convinced him that the Father cares for any who undertake a divine mission. Moreover, those who support them receive divine recompense. It is only in abandoning themselves to this providence that the disciples could find the wisdom and grace they had hoped for.

Discipleship today requires the same self-abnegation. We need to speak Christ's words in our own voice. We need to forsake our ambitions and follow his path. We need to withdraw from clan and class, and serve his poor. We have to pass the same point of no return. We will confuse our families and maybe even lose a few friends. The only people who might understand what we are doing are those who have undertaken the same mission themselves. The grace we seek is ours only when we give ourselves over completely to Christ's mission.

Fr Michael Simone, SJ
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PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 7 July, 8:00pm. There will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2017 Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Singapore is at the Place of Gathering with an exhibition and fund-raising for the pastoral care of refugees at the Thai Mae Hong Son camp, and for refugee educational programmes in Thailand and Indonesia. Please take a brochure and donate generously.

PAINTING WORK IN AND AROUND CHURCH AND ANNEX

Beginning July to mid October. The Church and Annex building will be repainted. This will take place in phases, starting with the main Church building.

SUNDAY CANTEEN is open this Sunday after the June break, 9am to 12noon.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

We welcome children, youths and catechists back as Term 3 catechetical sessions begin this weekend Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 July.

SENIOR BIBLE GROUP

Meet on alternate Tuesdays (from Tuesday, 4 July 2017)
Place: room #01-03, 10 am to 11.30 am.

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, room 01-08/09. SMS Jo (8183 2273) or Viv (9785 2268).

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

Saturday Rockers' new study on Ephesians. St Paul's

Letter to the Ephesians reveals our great inheritance as sons and daughters of God. We all can be transformed by God's love! DVD Presentation by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith; every Saturday from 15 July, 1.30pm, in room 02-02. Contact Magdalene at svdp88@gmail.com or whatsapp 9152 8227.

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 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/>

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

Come and be reconciled with our Maker, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to make our body, mind and spirit ready to receive God's Gift of the Holy Spirit. This Wednesday, July 5 at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday, 12 July, SH-02-E (opp Adoration Room)
Programme: "Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love" by Edward Sri
Session 1: Don't Impose Your Morality on Me!

ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 18 July from 1.30 pm
Programme: Visit to St Theresa's Home

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 20 July, #01-04
Programme : 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) History of Christianity

ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 5 July, #02-06
Programme : Understanding Church History – from the Early Church Fathers, the Crusades to Vatican II.

A Triduum in Preparation for the Feast of
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Encountering Christ Daily

Wednesday, 26th July

Proclaiming The Good News To All Creation
(Fr Jude David)

Thursday, 27th July

Love Your Neighbour As Yourself
(Fr Gregory Tan, SJ)

Friday, 28th July

Come Back To Me
(Fr Valerian Cheong)

8.00pm Mass @St. Ignatius Church

1 Family, Body in Christ

In the lead up to the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 18, over 72 hours without break, the family of St Ignatius took turns, some multiple times, in silent Eucharistic Adoration.



Parishioners and all from the communities of St Ignatius gathered in silent adoration at Sacred Heart Adoration room to thank Jesus our Lord for having given to us His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist. Many of us were touched in a special and personal way during this time of silent adoration and we praise

God for His endless love.

Here are some sharings from our parishioners:

The scent of incense faintly perfumed the Sacred Heart adoration room.

It was 2.45am – peaceful, quiet, cool. Two others were deep in prayer, as I entered

armed with an Anima Christi bookmark, and a card of scripture and reflection questions. Such delight to have the adoration room almost to myself.

The 72-hour Eucharistic Adoration for Corpus Christi was surely inspired by the Holy Spirit. All the slots were booked, some even “over-subscribed”. Parishioners who had already booked vacation trips, were disappointed that they could not participate. Families came together – three generations. Some in small groups of friends and servers of the same ministry. Others came alone, and yet were not alone in worship. The Jesuits who joined the parishioners, just by their presence, encouraged those present. There was a palpable sense of community, of being one, as all prayed in silent adoration.

The hour went by joyously and faster than expected. As I prepared to leave, I was moved when a grandmother and her daughter entered to begin their 4am shift. A continuation of prayer lifted up, on the breath of incense.



Truly Present

That Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament – “body and blood”, “soul and divinity” – was a teaching difficult to accept for many who heard it from the lips of Our Lord, and remains unacceptable for many who otherwise lean to other teachings of Our Lord. By celebrating Corpus Christi and processing with the Blessed Sacrament, we give public witness to our belief that Christ is physically with and in us everywhere Mass is celebrated. So nourished by Him, let us give public witness everywhere in our daily lives to his teaching to love God and our neighbour.

Chad Tan

FAMILY OF ST IGNATIUS
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JESUIT NEWS

CAREGIVING WITH PURPOSE & LOVE

Caregiving provides unpaid assistance and support to individuals in need. Most of us will have to be involved in it at some point in our lives before we become the recipient of care. Learn about how we can be a caregiver without feeling burdened.

Date: Thursday, 3 August,

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Facilitator: Dr Seng Boon Kheng

Contribution: \$30

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/caregive17>

Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

ORDINATION OF JEROME LEON, SJ

The Society of Jesus of the Malaysia-Singapore Region warmly invites you to the Ordination of Ministerial Priesthood of Jerome Leon, SJ. Saturday, 19 August, 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

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, Fr Gregory Tan 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

ART AND SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART

By Cenacle Sisters in partnership with art therapist Joanna Tan.

Stay-in weekend retreat of prayer, reflection and expression through creative play, colours and textures. Non-artists are most welcome (this is not an art workshop).

Date: 21 July (8pm) to 23 July (1pm)

Venue: Montfort Spiritual Centre

Contribution: \$350 (includes materials)

Registration: <http://www.cenaclemission.com/art-soul.html>

activities. Saturday, 15 and 22 July, and 5 August, 10am - 12pm at Blk 854 Yishun Ring Road, #01-3511. \$10 per person. Register: call 6757 7990 or email registration@clarity-singapore.org

IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) ALSO A KIND OF CONTRACEPTIVE?

Explore fundamental differences between contraception and NFP.

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street (Parish House, Conference Room)

Date: Wednesday, 12 July

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm

Speaker: Mr Michael Wee

Profile: Michael is the Education Officer of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, the national bioethics centre serving the Catholic Church in the UK and Ireland, and teaches bioethics at St Mary's College, the seminary of Birmingham Archdiocese.

CLARITY'S INTRODUCTORY TO SELF-WORTH FOR YOUTH WORKSHOP

3-session workshop to understand self-worth, its importance and impact in your life, and ways to maintain your self-worth through life's ups and downs via various

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)