



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

In the film *Inception*, a team of skilled thieves, who steal corporate secrets through entering the dreams of others, are given the task of planting an idea in the mind of an heir to a major corporation. The idea that they are tasked to plant is to dissolve the corporation he is to inherit after the death of his father. In a memorable scene where two of them, Dom and Eames, discuss

the possibility of inception, Eames says that that idea is too complex for it to take root and grow naturally in the subject's mind. For inception to take place, what is needed is the simplest version of the idea; in this case, the relationship of the heir with his father.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus asks us to consider how the seed of God's Word might take root and grow within us. Jesus tells us that *only the one who hears the word and understands it* will reap a rich harvest. What is the simplest version of the seed of God's Word?

Pope Francis in the Joy of the Gospel

The Heart Of The Gospel

says that the basic Christian proclamation is this: *Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you* (EG 164). This is the kerygma, or proclamation, that all of our Christian believing, doing and hoping is centred upon. Indeed, all of our lives is a pilgrimage to enter more deeply into this saving truth.

This week in the parish we begin our formation of

sponsors and facilitators of the RCIA. We reflected on how we might plant the seed of God's Word in the hearts of all who come, through a deepening of their relationship with God. We ask for your prayers for all of them who make this pilgrimage of the heart with us. May their search enkindle our own that we might allow God's Word to take root and grow in our hearts.

How then are our lives centred on the saving truth that Christ loves us, saves us, and is always with us?

Fr Mark Aloysius, SJ

Growing Up (Matthew 13:1-9)

✠ The parable of the sower is one of Jesus' most popular and famous parables. The sower scatters seeds anywhere and everywhere. Some seeds fall on the path, rocks or among thorns, and didn't make it. But some fell on rich soil and grew. We should be the rich soil as we receive the seed, which is the Word of God, to grow and produce a rich harvest.

What if I were to show you a different angle to this parable? That, perhaps, we are meant to be the seed as well? What! How can that be? Bear with me awhile. We know, through science, that a seed needs three basic necessities

for growth: sun, water and nutrients.

When a seed is planted in soil, the seed's only task is to grow into a plant. It is 100 percent committed to growth. The seed would need the three necessities to grow. Without any one of these, the seed will fail to grow no matter how much "strength" or "energy" it puts into growing. It will just wither and die.

Similar to plants, we too need three basic necessities to grow. If we are the seed, perhaps, we could see the sun as God shining His bright light on the path we should walk, the water as the Word of God that fills us with the spirit, hope



Sunday 16 July 2017

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Monday 17 July

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 18 July

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 19 July

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 20 July

Liturgy of the day

Friday 21 July

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 23 July

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

and love, and the soil which gives us nutrients as our community, supporting and giving us the space to grow.

We, as seeds, have to be sure to plant ourselves in rich soil – our communities. Many times, we tend to "find God" in many places that aren't so good. Those are the paths, rocks or worse, the thorns. So, we need to be more aware and discerning of where we look for God.

We are also called to be "sowers" in our families, our communities as we grow. St John of the Cross said, "Where there is no love, put love." Each one of us is called to plant the seeds of the Word of God in other people's hearts.

It is interesting how this parable that Jesus puts forth has multiple angles. We are called to be rich soil taking in the Word of God, to be seeds to grow into a beautiful plant of God through a relationship with God and our communities, and to be sowers too, to plant the seeds of the Word of God into the people around us.

Gerard Robert

PARISH NEWS

As the organising committee have appointed an official photographer for the 6pm concelebrated Mass on Saturday, 22 July presided by the Superior General of the Society of Jesus – Father Arturo Sosa SJ, we would appreciate if you could refrain from taking any photographs during the Mass. We wish to preserve reverence at our sacred liturgy. Thank you for your understanding

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Park only at designated lots in multi-storey, basement car park. Absolutely no parking on ramps and driveways. Parishioners who remain for prayer, fellowship and events apart from Masses, have found their cars blocked. Non-compliance also poses a safety concern if the car-park capacity is exceeded. Your immediate co-operation is appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Sing hymns, offer Rosary and intercessory prayers, and spend an intimate hour with Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Friday, 21 July, 7.45-9pm at main Church.

PAINTING WORK AT CHURCH AND ANNEX

From July to mid October, the Church and Annex building will be repainted, in phases, starting with the main Church building.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS TRIDUUM

Our Parish Triduum, Encountering Christ Daily, in preparation for the Feast of St Ignatius, will be on 26, 27 and 28 July. Mass will be at 8pm nightly. Presided by Frs Jude David, Gregory Tan and Valerian Cheong. Come for all 3 nights to pray, reflect and celebrate as a parish community. Confessions 20 mins before mass. Details in the flyers. There will be no 6pm mass on those days. No Memorial Mass that Friday, but intentions will be offered at the 8pm Triduum mass.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 13 August at 3.00 pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 6 August, 3pm 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) or Michelle (9765 2936) & Mark Kwek (9221 0281).

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents of P3 children being prepared for First Holy Communion are reminded of the Parent's Formation session this Wednesday, 19 July, 8.00pm at Annexe Hall (level 2).

GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT: ON TRANSFORMATION

After receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we

begin a new life in faith, to grow in the life of the Spirit and be transformed. All are welcome this Wednesday, July 19 at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship and end at 9.30pm.

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. 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/>

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 2) Enter our parish code 4904ed on the homepage

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 19 July, #02-02, Sacred Heart Hall
Programme: James – Pearls for Wise Living. The Great Adventure Series by Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer.

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 26 July
Programme: Attending the Feast of St Ignatius Triduum

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

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

A Walk with God

Sec 3 iGod Camp 2017

All throughout, facilitators journeyed with us, accompanying us in this time of self-discovery and pointing the way to see God in the many steps we take in our spiritual walk.



To experience the beginnings of an intimate relationship with God by being more in tuned with the Holy Spirit, Secondary 3 confirmands of our Weekend Catechetical Programme embarked on an intentional walk with Jesus.

Ice breakers and games were a perfect way to enter a community space and just put aside the stresses of the physical world as we came together to pray.



There were a variety of sessions to open our eyes and our very beings to see how God moves in our lives. There was Mass, Reconciliation, worship, reflections, group and personal sharing, and also the praying over, led by the Charismatic Prayer Group.

There were times of silent reflection where we sat down, journaled and reflected on God's loving presence in our lives.



Communities
@ St Ignatius

JESUIT NEWS

INTRODUCTION TO AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS

Many conversations slip into gossip, slander and the vulgar. Discover how you can facilitate and nurture authentic conversation spaces that are so critically needed in the church and the world today.

Date: Sunday, 20 August

Time: 9.30am – 5.30pm

Facilitator: Lance Ng

Contribution: \$60

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/iacaug17>

Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at 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, Fr Gregory Tan SJ, Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DISCERNMENT VOCATION RETREAT

Calling all single men (aged 20-35) to a Diocesan Vocation Retreat from 18 to 20 August. For all young single men discerning to the Diocesan priesthood. At the IHM Retreat Centre, Kovan Road. Email: seminariansonline@gmail.com or diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER invites you to SIMPLICI-TEA to get to know the Secular Franciscans and their mission over a simple (but delicious) tea.

Date/Time: Sunday 23 July/3.00 pm

Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor

Registration: singaporeofs@gmail.com or call 97560239

FAITH. HOPE. LOVE – A CANOSSIAN ART UNITES EXHIBITION by Canossian Schools and Sisters with interreligious

communities in Singapore, to bring a deeper understanding of love, celebration and acceptance of the different races and religions beyond mere tolerance through different Art forms.

Date: 22 to 27 July

Time: Saturday and Sunday 11am to 8pm, Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 6.30pm.

Venue: Visual Arts Centre at Dhoby Ghaut Green. Free.

BRING A CATHOLIC HOME

Our mission is to help reconnect the “away” Catholic back to Church within a non-judgemental and compassionate space. Last run of this year begins 28 August over 11 Mondays at Church of the Holy Spirit. Contact Leonard Ong (93692100) / Tricia Tay (98631590). Registration closes 18 August. Find out more about Landings at www.landings.org.sg / returning@landings.org.sg

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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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)