



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Ongoing Conversion

Here in this parish we are well acquainted with the conversion story of Ignatius. Each year we rehearse how a cannonball shattered his leg and his dreams of serving as a knight; how he recuperated for months in pain and boredom; how he then began to notice movements towards good and evil deep in his heart which taught him how to distinguish God's action from movements contrary to the spirit of God. We might be mistaken if we assume that Ignatius' conversion was straightforward. There is an event in this narrative, which challenges the idea that conversion happens once and for all.

In his autobiography, Ignatius relates a moment when he met a Moor (a Muslim) on his pilgrim path. Along the way they talked about religion and argued. Before parting

ways, the Moor insulted Our Lady, leaving Ignatius angered and confused over what to do. Fired with the zeal of his recent conversion, Ignatius considered riding up to the Moor and killing him. As he plotted vengeance, Ignatius, riding a donkey, came to a crossroad. Unable to decide which road to take nor what to do, Ignatius let the donkey decide. Fortunately, the beast took a path away from the Moor and from bloodshed.

It is remarkable that our patron saint relates this embarrassing event in his life! What could he be inviting us to learn by telling us this story? Firstly, Ignatius is inviting us to note that **conversion is a lifelong process**. One does not turn to God in one go, but in stages. Our hearts need to be purified over and over again of violence, of pride. Secondly, Ignatius asks us to have the **humility to admit our mistakes** to one another, not to abase ourselves, but in order that others might learn from us. Finally, Ignatius would have us **keep God ever in our sight**. When we stand at crossroads, desolate and confused, we might learn to trust that God will guide us when we know not what we ought to do.

How is God teaching you to choose?

Fr Mark Aloysius, SJ



Sunday 30 July 2017

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Monday 31 July

SOLEMNITY OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Tuesday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday 2 August

St Peter Faber, SJ

Thursday 3 August

St Dominic

Friday 4 August

St John Vianney

Saturday 5 August

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 6 August

Transfiguration of The Lord

Making Choices

✠ For most of us, making a choice involves a choosing between right and wrong. We make a choice and then take the first step on the path we have chosen. Another way of choosing is when the choice is made deep within us, like it is second nature. We don't have to see the options or assess the information before we know where to walk or what to do.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross

A very happy feast day from the Jesuit Fathers and abounding thanks to all of you for making the past year so happy and productive of the best in the companionship of Christ and St Ignatius. May the coming year be no less fruitful together and may our companionship draw closer with each day.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

and come after me cannot be my disciple." It would seem that Jesus' invitation to discipleship is about sacrifice, a sacrifice defined as giving up something of value to us.

If we choose to view sacrifice this way, then eventually we will feel reluctance or see it as something impossible to live up to. Once I was talking to a youth after Mass about joining a community and her response was intriguing. She replied, "I'm not holy enough to join any community." There is a misconception that they have to be holy first and in order to be holy they have to sacrifice the things they really want.

What if we were to change our view of discipleship to one as a way of life, as second nature? In Genesis, God created the world and man to be in perfect union with Him in the Garden of Eden. Perhaps, discipleship is about going back to that perfect union with God. So instead of feeling, "I'm not holy enough to join any community", we should feel, "I'm joining a community so that I may become holy."

This view would make sacrifice more positive – as the act of self-giving that makes life holy. It is the overflow of the fullness that develops from being attuned with Jesus Christ. So the carrying of our crosses is not something bad or painful, but rather something fulfilling and natural.

As St Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7) and I say, "God loves a cheerful disciple."

Have a Blessed Feast Day!

Gerard Robert

PARISH NEWS

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next week.

LAUNCH OF MISSION PRAYER

Pray our parish's Mission Prayer at home and with your parish communities. Prayer cards are available at the Place of Gathering.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 4 August, 8:00pm

Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

PRAISE GOD WITH YOUR VOICES!

Spiritus Sanctus Choir is seeking a pianist to accompany worship and enhance liturgical music. The choir sings every 4th Sunday of the month, at the 6pm Mass.

Practice is at 3pm on the same Sunday. If you are keen to serve, please contact Celia at SpiritusSanctusChoir@gmail.com

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).

CCD 2017-2018 REGISTRATION

Catechism classes for International Schools

CCD is a faith formation program for children aged 6 to 13 years old in international schools. Grade 1 through grade 7 classes are weekly on Tuesday or Thursday, 4-5pm; Confirmation classes are on Sunday, 3:30-5pm. Begins September until end of May 2018.

✿ Online registration begins **1 August**. All students (new and returning) have to register **ONLINE** at www.stignatius.org.sg or google "St Ignatius Singapore CCD" for more information. (Registration deadline: 31 August)

✿ After submitting the online registration form, please mail the required documents and fees to the Church office. For the sacraments of First Holy Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 8), a hard copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required.

✿ If you wish to volunteer to teach or assist in the CCD ministry, contact Chantal Wong at ccdstignatius@gmail.com

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Parents, children and youth are reminded that there will be no catechetical sessions this weekend as we break to commemorate our Parish Feast Day. Sessions resume on Saturday 5/Sunday 6 August.

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. Enrolment forms available 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. Begins 1 August, the journey continues every Tuesday, 8pm to 10pm. Contact Evelyn (9762 6330) or Aaron (8228 3419). Email: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com or Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stigsrctiy/>

GISS: GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

Jesus invites us to remain in his love (Jn 15:19). He promises us "the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). All are welcome this Wednesday, 2 August, at St Ignatius Hall. Start with fellowship dinner at 7:30pm and end at 9:30pm.

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.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Peggy Chan Sau Mooi – 89 years old
Date of death: 23 July 2017

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 16 August, SH-02-E

Programme: Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love" by Edward Sri
Session 2 – Recovering the Basics: Virtue and Friendship

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 17 August 2017, #01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) History of Christianity

KING'S, QUEEN'S & TAN KIM CHENG GROUP

Saturday 5 August, at 79 King's Road

Programme: Questions from the Road to Emmaus Bible program

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

Mission Prayer: A Pilgrim's Way

As we celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius, we ponder the Ignatian meaning of a pilgrim's journey in the form of our Mission Prayer.



Why a Mission Prayer? When Fr Les took over as Parish Priest last year, he asked the Parish Pastoral Council Exco to consider drafting a Parish Plan (for the next 2 to 3 years) and to discern our pastoral priorities [and parish mission]. Fr Les wanted us to think about what is the narrative, what is the journey we are on. He reminded us that we are a Jesuit church, and St Ignatius was a pilgrim. Indeed, he emphasised that as a parish community, we should all be pilgrims walking together, serving the marginalised, the hungry and the poor, in fellowship. That should be our parish identity. He also reminded us that the parish goal (which is part of Ignatian spirituality) is to find God in ourselves, in others, and in all situations for His greater glory.

After many discussions, Fr Les distilled Exco's thoughts into four Pastoral Priorities: (i) Sacred Liturgy; (ii) Reconciliation; (iii) Communion; and (iv) Social Mission. In the coming months, you will hear more about the four main Pastoral Priorities. With that in mind, he then asked ExCo to try and reduce the Pastoral Priorities into a mission statement, setting out what the Parish aimed to do, and how we intended to achieve it.

However, in what was clearly an inspiration by the Holy Spirit, one of us thought that instead of simply having a mission statement, we should have it as a prayer. The reason is obvious – as a prayer, the mission statement can be meditated upon more deliberately and intently, and from which inspiration can be drawn – by the Exco in helping to discern the parish pastoral priorities, by Ministries, NCCs, RCIA/RCIY, and other groups in helping them discern theirs, and in our homes, aiding our discernment of what the Lord is calling us to do. Over several sessions lasting many hours, the Exco (both our priests



Heavenly Father,

Like St Ignatius of Loyola,

We are all pilgrims, walking the *camino* of life.

Along the journey, help us find You in ourselves, others,

And all situations for Your greater glory.

May our lives be built on breaking the Word

And celebrating the Sacraments.

Grant us the grace to wholly participate in,

And enliven our Sunday Eucharist.

Let us foster peace and harmony,

And seek reconciliation with You and all Creation.

Let us build a joyful and welcoming parish community

Where no one is forgotten or left estranged.

Let us extend our hand to the poor,

The marginalised and the vulnerable.

Help us nurture a loving environment

For people to encounter Christ Your Son daily,

And experience ongoing conversion.

May the Holy Spirit empower us for mission,

Radiating Your love to all who hunger and thirst for You.

Amen.

and lay members) amended, refined and revised the Mission Prayer, until it was eventually in a form that we thought covered everything that we were attempting to achieve.

At the first Parish Pastoral Council meeting in May, the Mission Prayer was prayed and meditated upon. Comments were provided (and some changes made). The Mission Prayer thus reflects the efforts of both the Exco and the PPC.

I wish to reflect on the verses in the Mission Prayer. The mission prayer reflects our identity. St Ignatius in the Place of Gathering is a pilgrim, searching for God's Kingdom, and with his hand, he shows us the way. And so are all of us – pilgrims, walking the camino of

life. The word camino (Spanish for "way") was deliberately chosen. St Ignatius was Spanish. It reflects the physical pilgrimages (like the Camino de Santiago, or the journey that St Ignatius took from the village of his birthplace, near Azpeitia in the Basque country, to Montserrat and Manresa) and spiritual pilgrimages, we take in our faith journey. As a Jesuit parish, our goal remains the same – to find God in ourselves, in others and, in all situations for His greater glory. We draw strength for our journey from the Sacraments, and the Sacred Liturgy, to which we are called to wholly participate in. Amid wars and strife, both internal and external, we need more than ever, reconciliation – if we have peace and harmony within us, we can become agents of change for others, and all creation. We need to create a parish where everyone is welcome – youth, young adults, the aged, the disabled, migrant workers, the divorced, single parent families, those civilly re-married, and those with same-sex attractions. As a Jesuit parish, one of our particular charisms is concern for the poor, the marginalized and vulnerable. And we aim to create a loving environment in our parish so that all may be able to encounter Christ deeply and experience ongoing conversion. We are pilgrims on a mission – evangelising by radiating God's love to all who hunger and thirst for Him.

We will be providing more explanations on the verses of the Mission Prayer – look out for it on the parish website.

Do pray the Mission Prayer – in your homes, your Ministries, NCCs and other groups. Choose a word or a phrase that strikes you and meditate on it, and discern what the Lord calls you to do. AMEN.

SIMON CHEONG,
Chairman, PPC Exco

JESUIT NEWS

AMORIS LAETITIA SERIES

Learn 3 practical, pastoral approaches to Family Ministry, as reflected in Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love): Systematic & Developmental Perspective, Marital & Family Spirituality, and Training & Therapeutic Approach.
Dates: 7, 21 August and 4 September (3 fortnightly Mondays)
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Facilitator: Fr (Dr) Charles Sim, SJ
Contribution: \$90
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/amoris17>
Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

ORDINATION OF JEROME LEON, SJ

The Society of Jesus of the Malaysia-Singapore Region warmly invite all to the Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jerome Leon, SJ. Saturday, 19 August, 5.30-7.30pm, at Church of St Ignatius. Reception to follow at Ignatius and Sacred Heart halls. Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 20 August, 11.30am at Church of the Risen Christ. All are welcome. For those attending the Ordination only and not for the reception, please seek the help of traffic assistants when parking so that you will not be blocked after Mass.

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)
There will be a Diocesan Vocation Retreat from 18 to 20 August for all young single men discerning to the Diocesan priesthood. At the IHM Retreat Centre at Kovan Road. Those interested please email: seminariansonline@gmail.com or diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg

BRING A CATHOLIC HOME

Our mission is to help reconnect the "away" Catholic back to Church within a non-judgemental, compassionate space. 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

ELDERLY VISIT BY STRAPHAEL SINGLES

Meeting place: Clementi
Cost: Buy Non-Sugar Groceries for Elderly
Date: Saturday, 12 August, 1:30-5:00pm
Purpose: Fellowship, Charity & Friendship
Email StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com to confirm your participation. FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp/>
While event is open to the public, this is for singles only.

CROSSINGS CAFÉ invites you to Tea-time with Mary: The Assumption (15 August, 3:30pm)

Let's talk about Mary's Assumption with Fr. Eugene Lee, C.Ss.R, and make your day of obligation more than just an obligation. Tea and talk: \$10++ per pax. Contact Xernan (91099940) or Benedict (81126996) for reservations.

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268172 or 8, Victoria Park Road,
Singapore 266492

Entrance via 8 Victoria Park Road
Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence),
St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall,
Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian
Spirituality & Counselling)

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.

**Church of St Ignatius has no
official social media accounts.**

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)