



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius



Counting Our Blessings

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord” (Ps 34:9a).

At the end of the first month in the second half of the year, we have many things *to be grateful for*. Last Sunday, our parish celebrated the feast day of our patron, St. Ignatius of Loyola, where we launched our Mission Prayer as the expression of our parish identity, parish goal and mission statement.

We are thankful for the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, who teaches us to *find God in All Things*. This journey of finding God began when Ignatius had his personal conversion and discovery of *his deeper desire* to follow Christ and imitate the saints. Ignatius also took his identity to become *a pilgrim, who is led by God*. This

way of life helped Ignatius encounter God in *new ways*: his studies, his friendships, and serving the Church for the glory of God. The week before our feast day, we were graced by the visit of Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. Fr. General shared with us the invitation of the GC36 in the renewal of life and mission, discernment in common, collaboration and networking with others.

This weekend we celebrate *the Transfiguration of the Lord*. We are grateful for Christ's friendship with us and his encouragement to live out the life of discipleship. Jesus invites his close disciples to experience and witness his

The PPC Exco,
the parish staff, and the
Jesuit community at
Kingsmead Hall wish
all parishioners
a blessed and happy
National Day.

Transfiguration, the Sublime Glory of the Beloved Son. This event also tells us that Jesus Christ, who is fully human and fully God, is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Like the disciples and St. Ignatius, we are called to listen to Christ and to be led by the God-with-us to manifest the glory of God in our daily living.

This week, as we celebrate *the 52nd Singapore National Day*, we give thanks for our peace and harmony, clean water, good food, and good government. Let us continue to pray and build the future of our home together by becoming *a more grateful person* each day as we count our blessings. Let us also be aware of *the Giver* of all these gifts and blessings. At the same time, we can generously share what we have received joyfully with others.

Majulah Singapura!

Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ

Flashes of Revelation

✝ We don't see people as they are. That is why it is really hard to love them. How do we see our Lord and our neighbours when we see both as we see Christ not truly they are. We don't see one another as children of God, neither do we see them as sinners because sinfulness is ugly. It is part of us all creatures.

Today's gospel tells us we see both flashes of light in moments of Ministry. We don't fully understand with the head. Yet we do understand with the head. In moments of prayer, we see glimpses of God in people rather than flaws.

Jesus did not show Himself to people except in moments of revelation. Remembering what gospel tells me of Jesus in His Transfiguration form is that His clothes were white as snow.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ



Sunday 6 August 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Monday 7 August

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 8 August

St Dominic

Wednesday 9 August

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 10 August

St Lawrence

Friday 11 August

St Clare

Saturday 12 August

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 13 August

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Priest Fr Leslie Raj, SJ
Assistant Parish Priests Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ
Fr Matthew Tan, SJ
Parish Administrator Angela Kurnadi
Parish Accountant Joyce Setiawan
Catechetical Director Jeremy Aloysius
Youth Coordinator Gerard Robert
Cheryl Lek
Sacristan Robert Ong
Operations Manager David Saw
Facilities Manager Steven Leong
Communications Manager Therese Gian

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on National Day public holiday on Wednesday, 9 August.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: Monday, 14 August: 6pm, Tuesday, 15 August: 7am, 6pm and 8pm

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.

NEW PARISH STAFF

Our parish family bid a warm welcome to Youth Coordinator, Cheryl Lek. We look forward to having her serve in our youth ministry.



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

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

Every Tuesday, 8pm to 10pm. Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. 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. Enrolment forms available at the Place of Gathering and website. Every Tuesday, 8pm to 10pm. Contact: Evelyn (9762 6330) or Aaron (8228 3419) Email us: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stigsrciy/>

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

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

PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency evacuation, announcements will be made through church Public Address System.

★ **Parishioners** should proceed to leave the church premises quickly but in an orderly manner by using the nearest Emergency Exits.

★ **Able bodied people** are to help the aged and the handicapped.

★ **Use only the stairs.** Do Not use the Lifts.

★ **Proceed orderly** to the Emergency Assembly Areas (EEA) i.e. towards King's Road/Empress Road.

★ **Follow the instruction** of the evacuation wardens.

★ **Car owners**, DO NOT remove your car from the carparks.

★ **Stay in the EAA** until clearance is given to return to church.

REMEMBER YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

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

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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

INFORMATION COUNTER

If you are new to this parish, or need lost-and-found help, or information about programmes, please approach volunteers at the Help stand for assistance.

Collaboration in Mission

During his visit to our parish, Fr General Arturo Sosa met with lay collaborators of the Jesuits in the Malaysia-Singapore region.

The meeting with lay collaborators began with Fr General's Opening Address, during which he quoted points raised at the 36th General Congregation (GC 36) of the Society of Jesus. Firstly, Fr General discussed pressing global issues that the Jesuits feel called to respond to. Next, he shared a little on responding to these issues, encapsulated by the theme of "reconciliation". Lastly, he spoke on the topic of collaboration. After his address, the floor was made open for questions from the audience.

Referring to the the document, *De Statu Societatis*, six related issues were brought up, including the unparalleled displacement of people around the world and the world's response to these migrants and refugees, the growing inequality among people, the ecological crisis faced by our "common home", the Earth. Fr General pointed out that while some countries welcomed migrants and refugees, others responded with hostility, seeking to build walls rather than bridges. Although economic growth has brought about benefits to many, the gap between the rich and poor has widened significantly in recent years. Quoting Pope Francis in *Laudato Sí*, Fr Sosa shared how our "throw-away" culture has harmed our "common home", endangering the sustainability of the planet for future generations.

He also addressed the matter of how we can respond to these issues, framing it in the context of what God is doing in our world. In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, St Paul teaches that God is "reconciling the world to himself in Christ." (2 Cor 5:19). Inspired by this, GC



36 felt the call to "share God's work of reconciliation in our broken world." (GC 36, D.1, No. 21). He suggested this can occur on three levels: Reconciliation with God, reconciliation within humanity, and reconciliation with creation.

When we reconcile with God, Fr General highlighted the importance of an ongoing conversion and giving witness drawn from a deep and personal relationship with God. Consequently, he promoted Ignatian Spirituality as a means of better knowing, loving and surrendering to God. On reconciliation with humanity, he emphasised the importance of nurturing a culture of hospitality – the recognition and response to the dignity of the other as another human made in the image and likeness of God. Here, he also brought up the pivotal role of education in forming men and women committed to and being able to promote reconciliation.

The current ecological crisis has revealed a deeper social crisis -- the way economic systems produce, consume and discard. Complementary to a more humanizing economic system, Fr General suggested that we needed to learn to change our "personal and community lifestyles" and to "celebrate

creation, to give thanks".

This mission of Christ, in his view, is not one meant only for the Jesuits, but for all who are called to it. He emphasised that this mission could not be accomplished by working individually, but was one that required collaborative effort. Having said that, this does not mean that we all should give up our vocations, but that we should excel in them, so as to inspire others to be faithful to their own vocations.

Finally during the Q&A segment, Fr General reassured and encouraged all with insightful responses to questions on confronting fear, on training priests to specialise in different areas, on how to form lay people as collaborators of the Jesuits, and on education. He also humbly asked for the continued support and prayers for the Jesuits, that they be blessed with the graces to sustain their work.



JESUIT NEWS

CREATING SPACE FOR GREATER INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE

This retreat offers married couples time and space to renew and celebrate their marriage commitment. Couples will be invited to look deeper into various places where they continue to grow and empower each other, moving ahead towards a life of joy and love.

Dates & Times: Friday, 25 August (7.30pm) – Sunday, 27 August (5pm)

Facilitator: Fr Pham Hung Trung, SJ
Contribution (per couple): \$660 (aircon), \$540 (non-aircon), \$500 (stay-out)
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/PhamHung>

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

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT)

Free talks in August by Andrew Kong
What's Right and Wrong? 11 August
Why I should be a Catholic? 18 August
Why Humanae Vitae is Infallible? 25 August

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street.
Registration: www.catholic.sg/act or SMS: 96493893 (Andrew) for enquiries.

SONG OF TAIZE –TOGETHER, OPENING PATHS OF HOPE

An Evening of Prayer led by Br Ghislain of the Taize Community.

Friday, 11 August, 8pm to 9.30pm, at Agape Village, Multi-Purpose Hall 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh Singapore 319264.

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

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 (9109 9940) or Benedict (8112 6996) for reservations.

Church Office

120, King's Road, Singapore 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.

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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)