



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Walking On Water

On 17 October, 1996, a Filipino Jesuit Scholastic named Richie Fernando held fast to a troubled student, Sarom, who was about to throw a hand grenade into a classroom full of disabled children. As he did so, the grenade exploded, killing him but saving many others, including Sarom, in a Jesuit run school for the disabled in Banteay Prieb, Cambodia. These days I have been thinking about Richie because the Jesuits have begun the formal process of applying for his canonisation and have made available some of his letters online. His letters to friends and family offer us a window into understanding the life of this inspiring young man.

In one of them he says: "I wish to follow Christ ... I know it can be difficult, or boring ... till the end. I wish when I die ... people remember ... not how great, powerful, or talented I was. But that I served and spoke for the truth. I gave witness for what is right. I was sincere with all my words and actions. In

other words ... I loved ... and I followed Christ."

In our Gospel reading this week, Peter tries to follow Jesus by walking on water. It seems to me that Peter is attempting to follow Christ in an incredible, but perhaps unnecessary way. It is not even Jesus who first asks him to do so! Rather, it is Peter who says: "if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." Imagine being so bold as to tell Jesus what to do, and then to allow doubt to seep in to one's soul like water.

Perhaps, we too, like Peter, want



Scarsella (Ippolito Scarsella)

to follow Christ where he hasn't quite invited us yet. We want to do the impossible — there are so many ways we demand perfection of ourselves and others — as if a little embarrassed at our ordinary, fumbling selves. Following Christ is more like what Richie wrote and did, it is the simple witness of love. It has little to do with walking on water.

Fr Mark Aloysius, SJ



Sunday 13 August 2017

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Monday 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 16 August

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 17 August

Liturgy of the day

Friday 18 August

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 19 August

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 20 August

twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Gift of Faith

+ We say we trust God, but in time of temptation we lose heart and fear takes over.

Storm is a very Frightening thing. We feel helpless when in its midst. It scatters everything around us and leaves us with a feeling of helplessness.

We feel totally unable to put things in place. Unlike Peter we forget that God wants us to cry out to him and so the storm continues.

But Temptation is overcome only by unshakable faith. Faith is our greatest gift. Why do we wonder when our faith fails? It is because as Christ tells us it is small as mustard seed, despite our boasting of depth.

Faith is providence. The God who made you, saved you, and will one day place you in His light, also directs your life.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

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

PARISH NEWS

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN – DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Spend an intimate hour with our Lord Jesus. Sing hymns, pray the Rosary and intercessory prayers, and meditate on forgiveness. Friday 18 August, 7.45pm to 9.00pm.

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

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

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 10 September at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 3 September, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Valeria (91893770) & Gerard Lee (96770078) or Lea (91738717) & Wahjudi Gunawan.

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 on Saturday 19 August as it is the Ordination of Deacon Jerome Leon, SJ. Sec 1 and Sec 2 sessions on Sunday 20 August are also cancelled. The final session for Term 3 is the following weekend of Saturday 25/Sunday 26 August. Parents of Sec 1 youths attending the iBelieve Camp are reminded to attend the Parent's Briefing on Friday, 18 August, 8pm at the Annexe Hall.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

We are given the Isaiah gifts and the Corinthian

(Charismatic) gifts by the Holy Spirit.

We receive the Isaiah gifts at confirmation, which transform and gives us a good foundation. Charismatic gifts are action gifts that help build and strengthen the Body of Christ, which we are all part of. All are welcome this Wednesday, August 16, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship and end at 9.30pm.

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/stigsrcci/>

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Park only at designated lots in multi-storey, basement car park. Absolutely no parking on ramps and drive-ways. 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.

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.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Welcome Zone A District 1 to join us

Wednesday, 16 August, SH-E

Programme: A Deeper Understanding of "SILENCE" (2)

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 17 August 2017, #01-04

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

ZONE C DISTRICT 1

Friday 25 August, #02-05/06

Programme: Prayer and reflection on the Assumption of Mary

ZONE D DISTRICT 1

Friday 18 August, SH-E

Programme: Viewing video on Pope Francis

A life of Sharing

Dear Friends of Jesus,

As a home-maker and primary caregiver for my husband, life has been good to me, especially in my matrimony to a man I never dated, who was blessed with two congenital and incurable illnesses with late stage nose cancer in 1989. Quitting a financial career to be a full-time caregiver, has been most rewarding.

We celebrated life together for 31 years, travelled to best centres in the world for that particular illness to hopefully keep him comfortably at work to sustain us, while I researched ways of delaying the progression of his physical blindness and training a guide dog. My closest childhood Catholic friend, could not understand how a playful, fun loving, career woman would choose to serve a spouse the way I did for decades and remain so happy. Siblings felt sorry for my sad life of being totally dedicated and domesticated. In truth, I have had a fuller life than I would have had I remained in the crazy world of finance.

In the final years of his life, he teased: "Not sure, who is unlucky. Before I married you, I had no illness after marrying you, many sicknesses, incurable some more." Me: "Oh, you are wrong. Lucky you that I detected each of your illnesses and sent you for investigation/treatment. Lucky me because your illnesses compelled me to seek help of sorts - I became cleverer. Better still, I don't have to go out to work, yet, eat, spend, do whatever I like at home, scold my boss, get angry at him at times, chide, nag, yet he adores me!"

I take this opportunity to thank late Fr Myers, C&SR, whose three-month baptism class in 1974 initiated my faith. His word of truth that "Sincerity strikes at the very heart of Religion (Faith)", remains the cornerstone of my life, a poor survivor of today's era of superficialities and lip service of sorts. But by God's graces, I have done all right in mind and body.

From a very Buddhist family, he was neutral in religion and like any good husband followed me to Sunday mass in the early years of our marriage. I used to fall asleep at 11.30am mass when children came along and clearly it was a bad idea. A Wesley Church elder I worked with, bought me a Study Bible and invited us to his church. I explored. Children attended their Sunday school as we attended service. Bible very soon became their nightly routine - must-read otherwise cannot fall asleep ... "funny kids".

Barker Road Methodist became my "parish" and I shared this experience with our Pastors during cell meetings at our home later on. Over seven years with a lovely family at BRMC and Faith Methodist, my two attempts at leaving the Baptism Invitation Form on my spouse's table met with no reaction. Then while at the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota, our Lord touched him at a church, whose name, I have no idea to date.

Asking for baptism, I thought it was best to have it when we returned to Singapore. He was baptized a Methodist at Agape Church in 2005. Yet strangely, in 2008, he asked to be a Catholic. At RCIA, I was his sponsor, his proxy godparent, and he was received into Catholic Church. Above all, good Lord spoke with him and enabled him to give me a gift, soothing his pain of "not able to find me a gift in 31 years", which, my confessor termed "spiritual legacy" beyond physical match.

Our Faith in each other, sealed before God at Church of the Holy Cross, is probably that magic glue that made our 31 years of living together, weighted lightness, and deeper and more joyous. Now that half is gone, and parking that missing half with Jesus daily seems like a sensible proposition to my little mind, I continue to do my best and let God do the rest.

Pauline Zhu

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. **Confessions 20 mins before Mass.** 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

IS A "JUST WAR" STILL RELEVANT?

The Crusades and other conflicts have sometimes been called "just wars". This talk explores whether "Just War" is still relevant in the modern context.

Speaker: Kelvin Ng

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street (Conference Room). No car park available.

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm

THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics.

Dates/Time: Monday night from 21 August to 6 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

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.

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)