



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Peter the Rock

In today's reading from Matthew, Simon Peter is identified as the rock upon which Christ's church is to be built. Jesus asks, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The disciples give various answers. When he asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In turn Jesus declares Peter to be "blessed" for having recognized his true identity and attributes this recognition to a divine revelation.

Then Jesus addresses Simon by what seems to have been the nickname "Peter" (Cepha in Aramaic and Petros in Greek, meaning "Rocky") and promises to build his church on this "rock" (also cepha in Aramaic and petra in Greek), which will overcome all the evil forces arrayed against it. The idea is that the church built on Peter will be a place of stability, strength and permanence.

In many respects Peter was an unlikely symbol of stability. While he was one of the first disciples called and served as the spokesman for the group, Peter is also the exemplar of "little faith" in Matthew 14, will soon be called "Satan" by Jesus and will eventually deny Jesus three times. What apparently would transform "Rocky" into "the Rock" was his encounter with the risen Jesus. That encounter made Peter into a fearless preacher of the Gospel and a martyr willing to die for his faith in Jesus. In light of the

Easter event, then, Peter became an exemplar of the forgiven sinner and the rock on which Christ's church will stand.

If God could make the impulsive, wavering Simon into Peter the Rock, then surely God can transform any of us. Peter's startling transformation reminds us that the crucified and risen Jesus is the ultimate source of Christian hope, and that therefore there is hope for us all.

Today's excerpt from Romans 11 is a joyous and celebratory prayer. In its New Testament context, it concludes Paul's lengthy meditation on the mystery of Israel. It was Paul's way of saying, "Now I understand it!" Paul had come to see that the acceptance of the Gospel about Jesus by Jews like himself fulfilled God's promises about the remnant, and that its acceptance by Gentiles was evidence of God's mercy. Paul was also convinced that in God's own time and way, non-Christian Israel still has a role in salvation history. Paul expressed his "eureka" experience in Rom 11:25-26: "A hardening has come upon Israel in part, until the full number of Gentiles comes in, and thus all Israel will be saved." This was the insight that moved Paul to his exuberant affirmation of God's mercy.

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**Sunday 27 August 2017**

**Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

**Monday 28 August**

St Augustine

**Tuesday 29 August**

The Passion of St John the Baptist

**Wednesday 30 August**

Liturgy of the day

**Thursday 31 August**

Liturgy of the day

**Friday 1 September**

Liturgy of the day

**Saturday 2 September**

Liturgy of the day

**Sunday 3 September**

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Identifying Jesus

**"Who do you say I am?"**

✠ Most people don't give the right answer because the right answer doesn't come from human acquaintance. It comes only from Jesus Christ who helps us to understand. The people of Christ's time failed to understand who he was, but Peter alone knows who Christ is because he tells us so.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Not just one of the prophets or any of the holy people of the day.

What would be my answer if I am asked of this question today? Who do I say God is? Would my answer be that of Peter, the first Pope? Or would it be more imaginative and colourful, but less truthful? My life depends on how I react to my experience of the insight. This is where God's grace comes in, for without grace we are going nowhere.

*Fr Daniel J. Harrington, SJ*

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*

## PARISH NEWS

**COLLECTION FOR POOR** in the month of August amounted to \$24,214.40. Thank you for your generosity.

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

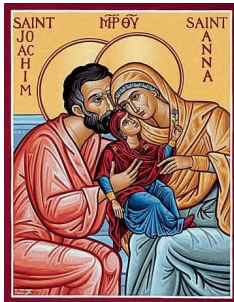
### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Hari Raya Haji public holiday on Friday 1 September.

### FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

All are welcome this Friday 1 September at 6.00pm. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus.

On the **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, next Friday 8 September, Fr Leslie Raj will lead Rosary at Grotto of Our Lady and Child, Kingsmead Hall. After evening Mass, 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm. All are welcome.



### 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 (9189 3770) & Gerard Lee (9677 0078) or Lea (9173 8717) & Wahjudi Gunawan.

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

★ We wish all our children and youths a blessed break! Catechetical sessions resume in Term 4 on Saturday 16/ Sunday 17 September.

★ Please pray for the children receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 2 September. May they encounter Jesus Christ in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

### 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](http://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](mailto:ccdstignatius@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](mailto:rciy.ignatius@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stigsrcci/>

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

*Giss: Walking in the Spirit*

Walking in the Spirit means living a life of faith, a life of a disciple, to follow Jesus and put our trust and hope in Him. In Matthew 28:19-20 – Jesus commissions us "Go make disciples." Are we a good disciple to begin with? How can we become a true Disciple? All are welcome this Wednesday August 30, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with light dinner and end at 9.30pm.

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Dorothy Koh Goh Tee – 86 years old

Date of death: 23 August 2017

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 6 September, #02-06

Programme: Understanding Church History – from the Early Church Fathers, the Crusades to Vatican II'

### ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday 31 August, SH-E

Programme: A video talk by Friar Dave Pironka on "The Holy Spirit – Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

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 ★ Cheryl Lek Youth Coordinator

Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

# Couple Mentor Journey: A Visible Sign



# of God's Love

**C**ouple Mentor Journey (CMJ), a parish based journey programme, initiated by the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family (ACF), provides tools and tips on how to love your spouse smartly, in the comfort and companionship of your Couple Mentor's home. Engage in one-on-one sessions with your mentor at your own pace.

CMJ uses *Smartloving*, a church-approved marriage formation programme, originating from Australia, that integrates contemporary rela-

tionship psychology with Catholic theology. It offers an effective and powerful experience for early stages of marriage. We are inviting couples who have married within the past two years to join us.

Session One of the SmartLoving programme is a workshop on Saturday, 16 September, 9.30 am to 11.30am. Learn "Mission to Love" as a married couple:

how to love your spouse SMARTLY instead of "Dumbloving" which most of us practice. A practical tool will be covered that can enrich the way we communicate as spouses.

Following this first session, you will continue the journey with a Couple Mentor. Registration fee for this workshop is \$20 per couple, which includes materials and refreshments. Talk to a couple mentor at the Place of Gathering this weekend 26/27 August to find out more and to sign-up for this workshop. You may also contact Joachim at [joachimlimpk@yahoo.com](mailto:joachimlimpk@yahoo.com). sg for more information.

## A Sharing of Love

We were married last year and can attest to the tremendous effort necessary for growing in unity and purpose in our marriage. When couples embark on a life together, we want to achieve something beyond ourselves as a couple. We want to grow in our missionary discipleship as a married couple. Pope Francis calls the family "Good News" and it is a profoundly formative and joyful community or "school of love".

We can never be fully prepared for marriage. Couples have to deal with never-ending issues, ranging from the way we squeeze the tube of toothpaste, to serious matters like how we communicate on an emotional level, and physical intimacy and

forgiveness.

We had thought the sacramental grace received on our wedding was sufficient to make us kind and saintly, ready to tackle all of life's challenges. Now that the wedding day has passed, while we are grateful to be each other's soul mate and best friend, we are equally blessed to have the Church share with us, through experienced married couples their sacramental graces.

We have been tremendously blessed to have enriched by the stories shared by the Couple Mentors to better navigate the early years of our marriage. Living out the marriage sacrament amidst competing priorities

The Couple Mentor Journey (CMJ) is a mission for couple mentors to journey with newly married couples over six Smartloving sessions at the home of mentors to see marriages "live". Come for the first workshop on Saturday 16 September, 9.30am to 11.30am. Couple Mentors are at the Place of Gathering this weekend to answer your questions and assist with registration. Contact Joachim at [joachimlimpk@yahoo.com](mailto:joachimlimpk@yahoo.com). sg or sign up at the Church office.

of work, kids and household chores, their sharing helps put into perspective how to focus on others and go beyond themselves in order to live out their marriage sacrament, and yet live fulfilling family lives.

How much we put into our marriage will help increase our "love bank". While you are still fresh from the wedding, before the kids come, and when there are fewer "reefs" to repair, sign up for the Couple Mentor Journey to enrich your marriage now and for your future.

**A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE**



## JESUIT NEWS

### RAISING HAPPIER & HEALTHIER KIDS: THE EARLY YEARS

Talk for parents with young children to learn about the different stages of your child's development, skills to identify and manage their behaviour, and how to raise happy and healthy kids.

Date & Time: 7 September (Thursday),  
7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitator: Benedict Lim

Contribution: \$30

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/earlyyearskids>  
Details: [www.kingsmeadcentre.sg](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg)

### BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to [www.mas-jesuits.org](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore](http://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](mailto: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, Fr Jerome Leon SJ

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CANA PRESENTS MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

#### Fundraising event for the Cenacle Mission

An evening of stories and songs by Fr Valerian Cheong, Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Derrick Yap OFM, Fr Eugene Lee CSsR and Bro Nicholas Lye. Monday, 4 September, 7.45pm @ Church of the Holy Family. Tickets (\$30) at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor (Monday-Saturday, 11am – 5pm. Tel 63384080 or email [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com)

### CLARITY'S WORKSHOP FOR YOUTHS WITH DEPRESSION

Free 8-session workshop for young adults (aged 18-30) who have just been diagnosed with depression. Participants will learn behavioural and cognitive strategies to manage depression. Wednesday, 6, 13, 20, 27 September, 4, 11, 25 October, 1 November, 3.30pm – 5pm at Blk 854 Yishun Ring Road, #01-3511. Pre requisite: 1-hour dialogue prior to start of workshop. Call 6757 7990 to make an appointment.

### CHOICE WEEKEND

It takes that one weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend – it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date: 29 September – 1 October (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680

Register & Info: [http://www.choice.org.sg/?page\\_id=8](http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8)

### 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)