



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Scandal of the Cross

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22 July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged.

As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, "Where is God?" Silence descended on the yard.

As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, "Where is God now?"

"My God," another voice yelled back, "My God is hanging there."

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was

raised to life. It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies.

While we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortuous hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed. Christians are not meant to be lovers of pain – just bearers of it. We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world.

This is easier said than done. When



we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well. Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example we are called to share our gifts heroically, with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the edge involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless. And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way. So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses.

The Mystery of Pain

+ Jesus was no superman. He was more human than any of us – he had to live and die like a human. This, we will never understand, but we accept it. In faith. We can only understand in faith, which is a gift.

Why do you believe in God, not because you understand, because you accept. Why is it others do not accept Christ as so many others do? Love that is truth. Someone dies for you. Why? Because he sees something in you. His love for you is entirely pure and open to the core.

The Gospel shows us again and again how Jesus tries to make his disciples understand that he desires that, at least, his own will believe in him after others reject him. His readiness to sacrifice and mystery of pain happen in his immeasurableness divinity.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

Fr Richard Leonard, SJ



Sunday 3 September 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Monday 4 September

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 5 September

St Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday 6 September

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 7 September

Liturgy of the day

Friday 8 September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9 September

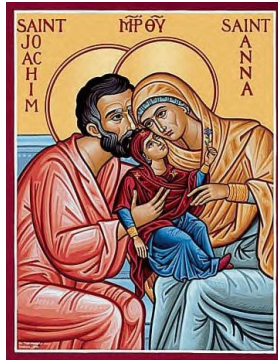
St Peter Claver, SJ

Sunday 10 September

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS

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.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life, an 8-week DVD series by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith, helps you to seek God's wisdom in Scripture when navigating life. Begins Saturday, 16 September, 1.30 pm at Rm 02-02. Contact Magdalene at svdp88@gmail.com or 91528227. Pre-registration is required.



ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST

We welcome Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Let us give our new Assistant Parish Priest (effective 1st September 2017) our fullest care and support.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

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

✿ Please pray for Sec 1 youths, attending the iBelieve Camp next weekend, 8 to 10 September, that they may encounter God in their guided activities.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

GISS on worship in the spirit

"Sing to him, sing praise to Him; tell of His wonderful acts"
Psalm 105:2

For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. All are welcome to worshipping our Lord in song, this Wednesday, 6 September, at St Ignatius Hall. Starts at 7.30pm with light dinner and ends 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

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

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Vincent Lewis Faraone – 70 years old

Date of death: 28 August 2017

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 13 September, #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 A DISTRICT 3

Tuesday, 12 September 7.30-9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Programme: Participate in the celebration of The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima. Mass at 7:30pm followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Rosary

ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 5 September

Programme: Rosary/Discussion on previous week's scripture readings /Discussion on year-end visit to a children home.

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 21 September, #01-04

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

ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 6 September, #02-06

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

Fr Leslie Raj, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, 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



Labour of Love

Secondary 1 youth from our weekend catechetical programme encountered migrant workers to



learn to appreciate their work and sacrifice. This Social Mission activity helps our young to continually



seek, to love and to serve our Lord – particularly in His preferential love for the poor and marginalised.



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

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, 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 6338 4080 or email canatheplace-tobe2013@gmail.com

CALLING ALL JC AND IB STUDENTS!

Come join us in our annual JC and IB exam Mass and offer up all your hopes and anxieties to the Lord. Prayer ministry, lunch, study space and snacks available after Mass. We are here to support you along with the best study buddy ever – Jesus! Date: Friday, 8 September Time: 10.30am to 6pm

Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, S(536449)

To register, visit <http://oyp.org.sg/studywithjesus/>. Please sign up by Monday, 4 September to help us cater for you adequately.

LIVING OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

(Enroll with 4 or more participants from your ministries and faith communities) How do we make sense of our daily life challenges through the lens of the Catholic Social Teaching? Caritas Singapore invites you on a learning journey with guide Fr. David Garcia, OP. Saturday 16 September, 8.30am to 3.30pm. Level 1 Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For information and registration, go to www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

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)