



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

A Forgiving World

✝ What kind of world would this be if forgiveness prevails? No war, no anger, no unkindness, no jealousy. What if God's world were done on earth? What then must take place if forgiveness is to be experienced?

Understanding human weakness in oneself and in the offending one is a virtue of humility. People who do not regard themselves as sinners are non-existent for salvation—as salvation consist of admitting their sinfulness.

Seventy times seven doesn't mean the number. It means an attitude of human mind. A human that sees himself inferior to the rest of men who are God's children. Forgiveness is the gift of a good nature. It is spontaneous and does not argue. It does not mean that our sin shall be undone when we call to God that they may be forgiven. The forgiving person is free. We should be humble, yes, but never diffident.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ



Sense of Belonging

Belonging, in fellowship, in community gathered together, is a vital part of our Christian life. Sadly, there are members in our community who feel lonely, and isolated from the parish family.

It has been observed that people with dementia and their family caregivers find it difficult to attend church services, or even stop going to church altogether. It is estimated that there are currently about 40,000 people living with dementia in Singapore and this number is expected to rise to more than 100,000 by 2030.

To support parishioners with dementia as well as their caregivers and to welcome them into our community, **St Ignatius D'Fellowship** is a parish initiative towards becoming a dementia-friendly parish. Starting on a small scale, this day-care programme is run by volunteers of our parish, trained by the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Singapore (ADA) and modeled on ADA's Family



Sunday 17 September 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Monday 18 September

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 19 September

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 20 September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Fr Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions

Thursday 21 September

St Matthew

Friday 22 September

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina

Sunday 24 September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

of Wisdom Programme. It is also supported by two parishioners who are geriatricians.

Currently, the St Ignatius D'Fellowship day-care programme is run twice monthly, on every second and fourth Tuesday, with breaks during June and December school holidays. The spiritual content is an essential part of the activities which include: Opening Prayer, Singing of Hymns and evergreen songs, physical group exercise, Arts & Crafts (structured to follow the Church Liturgical calendar), Tea Break, Games and Verse of the Day with Closing Prayer. Mass is also celebrated on occasion.

Due to the many challenges, parishioners who would like to join D'Fellowship will have to undergo a screening process conducted by our geriatricians.

For more information, contact Margaret at margaret.loong@gmail.com

Fr Matthew Tan, SJ and Margaret Loong

PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR in the month of August amounted to \$24,865.65. Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased is on Friday, 22 September at 8pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6pm mass. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS
Friday, 6 October, 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.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 8 October at 3.00 pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 1 October, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Paul Tang (9681 8535) & Ching Farn (9388 7132), or Bob (9767 3053) & Beth Bermundo (9648 5345).

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME
Term 4 sessions resume this weekend until Saturday, 11/Sunday, 12 November.

“COME FOLLOW ME” – CATECHETICAL AWARENESS WEEKEND

The parish is conducting an outreach for more catechists to engage in our various catechetical ministries. Please pray about answering this fundamental call to follow Christ and make disciples by serving the young people of our parish.

Approach us after Mass to indicate your interest or start

a conversation with any of our catechists at the Place of Gathering. You may also email us: catechesis@stignatius.org.sg

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

“Many of us have been touched by the Holy Spirit. Through our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and through our baptism, He dwells in us. He reveals to us the deep, deep love of God through our daily encounters with Him.” Fr. James Tan, SJ, will share his personal journey with the Holy Spirit. This Wednesday, September 20 at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with a light meal and end at 9.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Valentine Chuah – 78 years old
Date of death: 10 September 2017

Clarence Del Callar – 54 years old
Date of death: 14 September 2017

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 2

Wednesday 20 September, #02-02
Programme: Letter of James 2:1-13 – Wisdom and the Law of Love

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 21 September, #01-04
Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God
2) History of Christianity

ZONE C DISTRICT 3 GRP 1-3

Monday 18 September, La Storta
Programme: SYMBOLON – Knowing...
Session 1: The Journey of Faith (Part 1)

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2017

Sunday, 1 October, 2.30pm to 5.00pm at the main Church.

Registration starts at 2.00pm.

There will be reflection on our Parish Prayer, Fellowship and Sharing our Parish Priorities.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate actively in the assembly.

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

Me? A Catechist?



Jesus commands us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (Matt 28:19-20).

To serve as a catechist is to listen and to respond to this command in a unique way by formally transmitting the faith to others – especially the young people of our parish. Catechesis is not our work, but God’s work in which we are collaborators - with the support of the entire parish community.

This weekend we invite you to consider using your gifts and talents to serve the youth and children in our various parish catechetical ministries. Often, we say that we “don’t have enough time”, we’re “too busy”, we “wouldn’t know what to teach”, or we’re not “creative”. But all you need to have is a strong and consistent faith, the desire to share that faith, and enjoy forming young persons. Formation and training will be provided.

We certainly need more persons who can witness to the Christian life, like the new Catechists who have answered Jesus Christ’s call to “Come, follow me!”



“A year ago, my youngest was preparing for First Holy Communion. Through the parent sessions and as a parent volunteer for the Holy Communion retreat, I discovered the significance of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and tied to that, the Eucharistic celebration at Mass. Like my child, I started paying more attention at Mass. It was no longer just a litany of words but a beautiful and readily available expression of God’s unwavering invitation to all of us to be in communion with Him. I felt compelled to share this invitation.

I had my doubts when I signed up. I was apprehensive about the commitment of weekly sessions, of the shallow knowledge of my own faith, of possibly even conveying the wrong information to the children. However, with almost a year into this ministry, I am embarrassed to say that, I have been blessed many times over compared to the little that I have been able to share with the children.

As a catechist, we are not teachers. God is the teacher. We are merely called to share our own faith experiences and to be present to the children. It has been an immense privilege to journey with the children in my catechetical session – be it in moments when they were fearful about going for confession, or curious about the Eucharist, doubtful of God’s existence, or when they discover the joy of God’s intimate presence in their lives. It really has been a blessing to rediscover my own faith through the eyes of these children.

KAREN LEO, PRI 3 CATECHIST

“I became a catechist earlier this year and I am glad that I responded to God’s call to serve. My journey towards this decision started two years ago when I was asked to join the Catechetical Ministry by a good friend.

I was apprehensive and afraid to say ‘yes’ given that I had, up to then, been a nominal Catholic, unschooled in theology and doctrine, knowledge which I thought was required for the Ministry. I was told otherwise. I learned that my main role was to bring Jesus to the youth and with the encouragement and support of fellow catechists, I seek to do that every week.

Being a catechist has helped me in more ways than I imagined possible. It has deepened my knowledge of our Catholic faith not just with constant exposure to the students, but through interactions with other catechists who bring different perspectives. It has also helped me understand myself and seeking to bring Jesus to the youth has also brought me closer to Jesus and has given me the courage to be more open and bring Jesus to others.

I am grateful for the experience because it showed me that unless you say ‘yes’ to God, the Holy Spirit cannot work in you but once you do, God’s graces enrich you infinitely.

ALEXANDER EE, SEC 1 CATECHIST



JESUIT NEWS

LITERARY IMAGINATION AND ST IGNATIUS' SPIRITUAL EXERCISES – PART 1: SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Follow the progression of the Spiritual Exercises through selected literary works to gain deeper self-knowledge. Explore existential attitudes, self-awareness, sense of sin and forgiveness, and life choices.
Date & Time: Wednesday, 4 October, 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Contribution: \$50

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/DanKister>
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, Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ, Fr Gregory Tan, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION (SSA)

Find out from professionals who have experience working in this area what research currently tells us about SSA. Presented from a Catholic perspective, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Date: Saturday, 30 September

Time: 10am – 4pm (Registration at 9.30am)

Venue: St Peter's Auditorium Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

Note that limited seats are first-come-first-served, so register early at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/ssas>.

Enquiries: email admin@acf.org.sg

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, 3.30–5pm 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

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 to 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

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)