



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Rewards of the Harvest

**B**iblical texts often call Israel “God’s vineyard”. When Israel’s kings were strong and its borders secure, the nation thrived under the care of the God whose glory filled the sky and soil. Vineyards produced wine, to “gladden their hearts” (Ps 104:15). The grape harvest is a time of celebration, a vineyard at harvest bespeaks security, abundance and the expectation of joy. It evoked feelings like those of us today might have for Christmas.

Jesus plays on this in today’s Gospel. The vineyard owner, feeling the spirit of the season, shows unexpected generosity to his late-coming workers,

giving them a full day’s wage. In its original context, the parable probably spoke to Jews about Jews. Although many had struggled to keep the faith during times of persecution, others had failed to do so. Now, as the end of time approached, Christ had drawn these lost Israelites back and promised them an equal place in the kingdom. Like the generous vineyard owner, God intended to reward any who labored at his son’s side, no matter how much or little they had borne “the day’s burden and the heat”. In fact, Jesus continues, these latecomers may turn out to be pivotal actors in God’s plan. “The last

will be first, and the first will be last.”

By Matthew’s time, this context had changed. Gentiles now sought admission to the kingdom. The returning Jews of Jesus’ day could at least claim that God had “hired” them through their ancestral covenant. Gentiles had no such claims, better resembled thieves clambering over the vineyard wall. Not so, says Matthew. Jesus foresaw this circumstance and left instructions to treat them as full sharers in God’s promises.

God’s ways are not our ways, as Isaiah reminds us. Some Catholics might focus on how they have struggled for justice at great cost, while others might speak of difficult adherence to challenging teachings, but such emphases resemble the complaint of the laborers who bore “the day’s burden and the heat”. They did indeed bear such burdens, but that is not what earned them their reward.

Our labour alongside Christ is its own reward, as St. Paul reminds us. Working in God’s vineyard for any other reason is bound to disappoint. By contrast, a person who has spent even one hour laboring alongside Christ has received a matchless gift of grace.

The last shall be first. Several Christians of renown were “late hires”. St. Augustine, St. Angela of Foligno, Avery Dulles, S.J., and Dorothy Day are among those who came late to the vineyard, but fashioned lives of great consequence. When they saw the joy of those working in the day’s heat, they knew their place was among such laborers. We who continue to labour at Christ’s side must keep our attention on him who is our only source of joy and our highest reward.

## God’s Generosity

**†** Do we agree jealousy and greed poison lives? And they do so readily? Thus we find the servant of today’s gospel plagued by such meanings. We do not relish another being apparently favoured at the expense of our belittlement.

Jesus is our landowner and we are his workers. He is the boss of the human company. He agrees to a wage and he pays it equally. God does not favour anyone. He is not like us. He gives everyone more than sufficient. God does everything. We can do nothing ourselves. We cannot give ourselves life and grace. We cannot love when we are jealous, such love lived from the love received.

Today’s gospel tells us that Jesus’ eyes rest on all things. And being content with God’s blessing. Follow the beautiful words of St Ignatius, “Give nothing more than your love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me.”

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*



**Sunday 24 September 2017**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**Monday 25 September**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 26 September**

Liturgy of the day

**Wednesday 27 September**

St Vincent de Paul

**Thursday 28 September**

Liturgy of the day

**Friday 29 September**

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

**Saturday 30 September**

St Jerome

**Sunday 1 October**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Fr Michael Simone, SJ*

## PARISH NEWS

Next week's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the poor.

### OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Recitations of the Rosary in the month of the Rosary in October. Weekdays, 7.35am and 5.25pm. Saturday, 5.15pm to 5.45pm.

We are giving away limited blessed pictures of Mother Mary with 3 children on weekend Saturday 30 September/Sunday 1 October at all Masses at the Place of Gathering. One picture per family, first come first served.



### PARISH ASSEMBLY 2017

Sunday, 1 October, 2.30pm to 5.00pm at the main Church. Registration starts at 2.00pm. Come pray, reflect and discern in fellowship with other parishioners at this year's Parish Assembly! Pray the Mission Prayer and discern with help from our DVC facilitators what the Lord is calling you to do. Learn about our Parish Priorities and hear a presentation by Bishop Emeritus Paul Tan, S.J. on "Jesus Christ in Inter-religious dialogue". Reflect and share how we can relate to people of different faiths and cultures and be effective evangelists. Bishop Emeritus Paul Tan, S.J. was Bishop of the Melaka-Johor diocese from 2003 to 2015 and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei from 2008 to 2011. He was the first Major Superior of the Jesuit Region of Malaysia-Singapore.

### 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.

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday 18/Sunday, 19 November, 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius hall. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Parish Social Mission Fund. We appreciate donations of costume jewellery, toiletries, clothes, books (but not textbooks), toys, household and electrical appliances, artificial flowers, curtains, bed linens, only in fairly good, clean and working condition. **NO bulky items** – e.g. furniture, fax machines, TV, printers, video players. Please place your donations by 5 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

**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).

### "COME FOLLOW ME" – BE A CATECHIST!

Following last weekend's outreach, are still looking for more support of our catechetical ministries. In order to effectively conduct our programmes we will need more catechists and parent volunteers. Please contact us directly if you feel called to be engaged in the formation of our children and youth. Details in our website or email: [catechesis@stignatius.org.sg](mailto:catechesis@stignatius.org.sg)

### NEW CATECHISTS – INFORMATION EVENING

A session for new volunteers to find out more about being a catechist and serving in our parish will be held on Friday, 29 September at 8.00-9.00pm at the Annexe Block (#01-04/05). Please contact us if you would like to attend: [stignatius.wecat@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.wecat@gmail.com)

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Talk on Praying with Scripture: Jesus speaks to us through our quiet time spent on Scripture to help us encounter God personally. This Wednesday, September 27, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with a light dinner and end at 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.

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 3 October, SH-E

Programme: Reciting of Rosary/Reflection on previous week's Gospel readings /Discussion of our year end visit to a charity Home /Fellowship

### ZONE C DISTRICT 1

Thursday, 28 September, #02-05/06

Programme: Reflection on the Triumph of the Cross

### ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, 4 October, #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

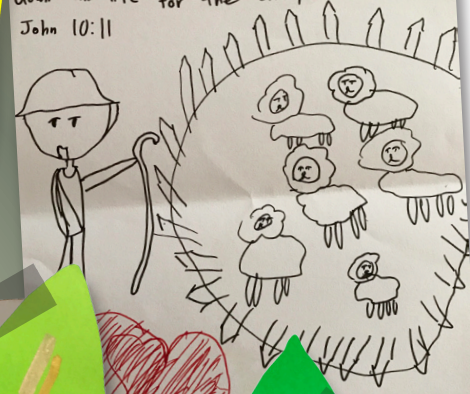


# One With Jesus

To prepare the children to receive the Blessed Sacrament for their first time, they spent time contemplating on the parable of the True Vine. Meditating about what they had previously learnt about Jesus made them think of how Jesus loves us all and wants to be one with us.

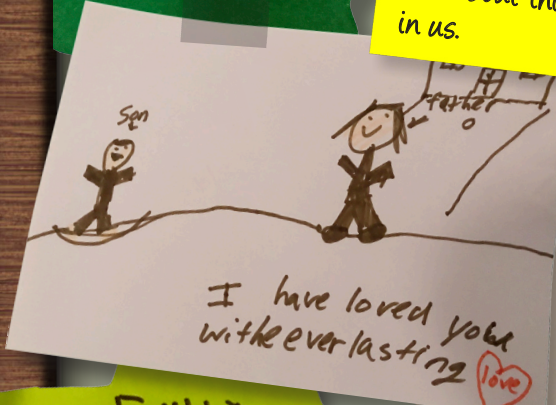
This process was slowly drawn out and after much discussion about how Jesus abides in us, they were then asked to write a response to Jesus, in particular, how they felt about this wonderful God who abides in us.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
John 10:11



I feel very thankful!!  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
(Luke 10:27)

Thankful



Awesome  
Awesome  
Awesome  
Chiara

generous  
Samuel

EXHILARATED

If I follow Jesus,

If I don't follow Jesus

It is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground the smallest of all seeds of earth, yet when it is sown, grows and becomes the greatest of seeds.



I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



Jesus will Help me bear fruits. The fruits is the love of God.

OVERJOYED



THE TRUE VINE

LOVE PEACE JOY

great



## JESUIT NEWS

### LITERARY IMAGINATION AND ST IGNATIUS' SPIRITUAL EXERCISES – PART 2: KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

Follow the progression of the Spiritual Exercises through selected literary works to gain deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ. Explore Jesus' birth, public life, death and resurrection, and finding God in all things. Date: Thursday, 5 October  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Contribution: \$50

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/DanKister>  
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, 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

### SHARE THE JOURNEY

Pope Francis will launch Share the Journey, Caritas Internationalis' global campaign, on Wednesday, September 27, at St Peter's Square. This is a 2-year campaign involving the confederation of 165 Caritas organisations around the world (Caritas Singapore and CHARIS in Singapore). Follow us on FB @CaritasSingapore and @CHARISSingapore for updates.

### LOVE IN THE CITY

Four events open to all, especially non-Catholics who wish to find out more about the Catholic faith. Organised by Office for the New Evangelisation. Saturday, 30 September

**Love is the Language** (Scriptural Art) 3pm-6pm, The Catholic Centre.

**Love is the Story** (Faith Sharing & Gregorian Chants) 3.15pm-4.30pm, Church of Sts Peter and Paul

**Love is the Inspiration** (Forum) 4.15pm-

5.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd  
**Love is the Song** (Concert) 8pm-10pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd  
Register: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

### RETROUVAILLE – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED & HURTING MARRIAGES

For couples committed to making their marriages work.  
Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October.  
For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6522 8750  
Registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

### MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Date: Saturday, 7 October  
Venue: Church of Sts. Peter and Paul.  
Time: 2.00pm Praise and Worship  
2.25pm to 4.00pm – Mass celebrated by Fr Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing.  
For enquiries, email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467.  
Organised by SACCRe and Praise@Work

### 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](http://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)