



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

*"Mercy" said Pope Francis to GC 36 "is not an abstraction but a lifestyle consisting in concrete gestures rather than mere words. How do we manifest mercy in our lives?"*

As a culmination of the Prayer Awareness Display, parishioners are invited to join a special reflection after mass at **6.40pm on Tuesday, 17 October** on these words of Pope Francis and what they mean in our own Faith journey and in the face of our suffering Rohingya brethren. Please come as a community to pray in solidarity with our marginalized sisters and brothers. The prayer session will end with Benediction.

## Hospitality to Strangers

**H**ospitality to strangers is more than just a Christian concept. It's the cultural norm, a chief social virtue and a moral expectation for the people of the Biblical world.

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers. The hospitality they extended to the three men turned out to be hospitality to angels, who would announce the fulfilment of God's promise. Sarah, in her old age would (finally) have a son.

In our society, we cannot imagine just opening our homes to strangers to stay. That's understandable in our urban cities with hotels that offer lodging and food courts offering food.

*So, what is Hospitality to stranger for us, today?*

At the core of Hospitality is the need of "the other". In the desert-like terrain of biblical times, human settlements were sparse; the wilderness spelled hunger, thirst, exposure to the heat of day and cold of night, and danger from wild animals. To be human is to respond to the basic needs of any human person in need of food, shelter, clothing. While not acutely felt in Singapore, such are grave needs in many other parts of the world. Just read the newspapers or the social media to know where these are. More

than to know is to respond in biblical hospitality to the plight of others.

In the late-1970s, Jesuit Father General Pedro Arrupe rallied Jesuits from around the world to respond in Hospitality to refugees unleashed by the violence of the Vietnam War. Jesuit Refugee Service was born! The work continues today, wherever there are refugees and displaced persons, responding to new and bigger waves of refugees. Some are close to us again, but we may not encounter them as we did in the 1980's in the Refugee Camp in Sembawang. But we can still respond in biblical Hospitality to them.

*Fr Matthew Tan, SJ*

## Fairness of God

**+** Today's gospel conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. God can do what he likes with his riches. Some people are rich enough, others are poor. Some of us think we're treated unfairly. But we got what reward was agreed on. God gave us enough to be good.

God is not bound by our justice, which is human law. He acts out of love, not what we deserve. He is not obliged by any law. He is completely free. No law – except love, which does not measure, but gives and creates. God gives us the freedom to run our life – not once, but many times we keep failing him.

If God treated us with justice alone we would be without his love, which is what it's all about. We would be inhuman acting on justice alone. As long as you cling to justice you will never be guiltless of injustice. True justice can only be obtained from above, higher than itself.



**Sunday 8 October 2017**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

**Monday 9 October**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 10 October**

Liturgy of the day

**Wednesday 11 October**

Liturgy of the day

**Thursday 12 October**

Bl John Bezym, SJ

**Friday 13 October**

Liturgy of the day

**Saturday 14 October**

Liturgy of the day

**Sunday 15 October**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Only goodness that is produced by love will it be sure.

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*

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## PARISH NEWS

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

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**COLLECTIONS** from all masses on the weekend of 21/22 October will be for the spread of the Gospel.

NCCs, SCCs, ministries, groups and individuals are encouraged to use the *Mission Is Love* booklet with four reflection sessions. Also available online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3P7zrCE2OIzaHFVaU5RWnZEN1E/view>.

To celebrate **CHILDREN'S DAY**, families with children are encouraged to attend 8:15am Mass this Sunday, 8 October.

### CHILDREN'S DAY GIFT OF TOOTHPASTE

ACTS Cambodia invites the children of St Ignatius to celebrate Children's Day by sharing a tube of toothpaste with a child in Cambodia. Toothpaste will be given to 2,500 children in Battambang Province and 3,000 children in Phnom Penh. Any brand of 150g-175g toothpaste that contains fluoride. Hand your gift to your Catechist during Weekend Catechism, CCD, Children's Liturgy, Leading Little Ones or CGS session or leave in boxes at Place of Gathering, Catechetical office or parish office. Until 29 October.

### A CALL TO PRAYER FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO MYANMAR'S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Parishioners are called to unite in prayer for a successful and peaceful resolution to the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. A Prayer Awareness Display has been set up

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.



### ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday, 11 October, #SH-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

Wednesday, 25 October, # 02-06

Programme: The Bible and the Virgin Mary – Session 1

### ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 19 October, #01-04

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

### ZONE D DISTRICT 1

Friday, 20 October, SH-E

Programme: Scriptural Rosary

by the Jesuit Refugee Service at the Place of Gathering. Visit the Display to reflect on the scale of untold human pain and suffering – shattered lives increasingly hidden in obscurity and forgotten as media coverage eases up. Do pin your written prayers on the Display. The prayers will be offered up at Masses on this weekend and 22 October.

### 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.

### 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 welcome donations of Christmas decorations, handbags, toiletries, clothes, books (but not textbooks), toys, household and electrical appliances, artificial flowers, curtains, bed linen. All in good, clean and working condition. NO bulky items – furniture, fax machines, TV, printers, video players. Place your donations by 5 November at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

When we open our heart to Christ, the Holy Spirit will transform us. And our new life will free us from the law of sin and death to one of life and peace. Join us in bible sharing on Romans 8:5-11. All are welcome this Wednesday, October 11 at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with light dinner and end at 9.30pm.

### RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Lucy Wan Sai Cheong – 84 years old

Date of death: 30 September 2017

### PLEASE RETURN OUR CHURCH'S UMBRELLAS

If you have borrowed our church's umbrellas, please return them so that they can be made available for future use.

## JESUIT NEWS

### A FATHER'S MISSION

Calling fathers to reclaim their mission as fathers as God intended – to be the link between heaven and earth, between God and his children.

Date: Thursday, 12 October 2017

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Facilitator: Clement Ong

Contribution: \$30

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/dadmission>

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)

# The Eucharist and The Refugee

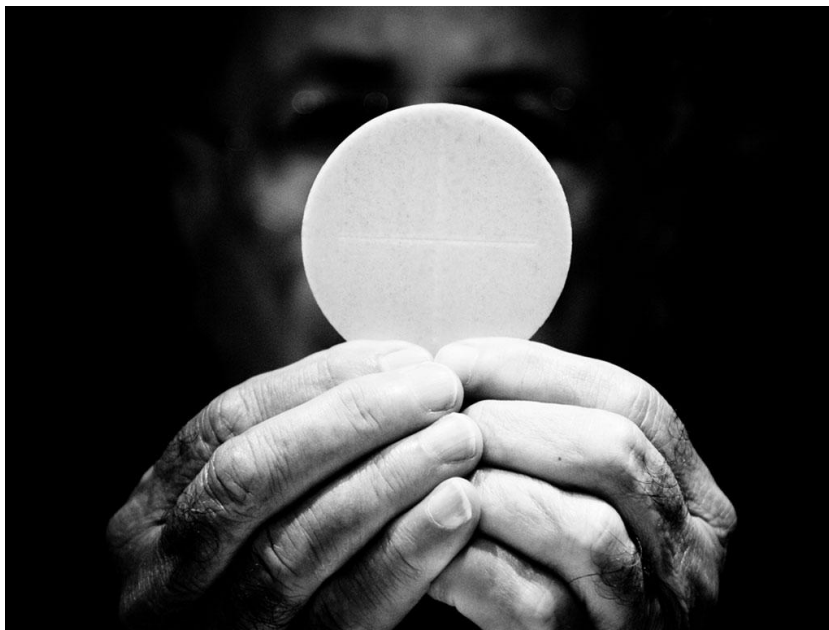
**O**n the Feast of Corpus Christi on 20 June, Pope Francis reminded the world to listen to the stories of grief and hope told by refugees: it is in these personal encounters that fear and distorted ideologies are banished, and bridges are built.

Pope Francis reiterated that our response to refugees should be articulated in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote, integrate. I was struck for the first time by how these verbs express, and are rooted in, a profoundly Eucharistic theology.

Pope Francis noted that the Church is gathered around the Eucharist, and that Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist in the same way that he approached the two dismayed disciples at Emmaus who had just seen all their hopes and dreams destroyed. We often make the mistake of thinking that it is the we who do something at the Eucharist: we “attend” Mass, we “prepare” the liturgy, we “make” a good celebration. In fact, it is not that we gather, or that we initiate the Eucharistic celebration: it is the Lord who takes the initiative. Jesus gathers us in, and makes himself present to us in our isolation, fear, and self-centredness. It is Jesus, present and alive in the Eucharist, who does something to us. He welcomes us, and in that loving hospitality we are made aware that we are not alone.

The Eucharist is real food that “sustains one on the way to the Promised Land.” Jesus gives us his flesh to “make the world live”, and Pope Francis describes Jesus as the “supportive presence” that nourishes and comforts us. In a world where hope can seem elusive, and where violence and fear can threaten to overwhelm our humanity,

**Parishioners of St Ignatius are called to reflect on the refugee crisis happening around us. We are reminded that we need to welcome, protect, promote and integrate all of God’s children**



**We are leaven for the world, sent out to love one another just as Jesus has loved us.**

Jesus protects us on our pilgrim way.

The Eucharist is ever and always a dynamic event of gathering in and sending out: the Church is welcomed and sustained so that it may be missioned. As Pope Francis said, “in the Eucharist, Jesus offers Himself as spiritual strength to help us put His commandment into practice.” We are leaven for the world, sent out to love one another just as Jesus has loved us. We are not just receivers in the Eucharist: by feeding us, Jesus enables us to become actors ourselves in the great plan that God has for his creation. Jesus promotes our growth and our participation in God’s active desire for

the world’s flourishing.

Pope Francis prayed that we might rediscover the beauty of the Eucharist, which nourishes us so that we might live in communion with God and with our sisters and brothers. It can be tempting to regard the Eucharist as simply a kind of identity-marker for Christians, or a reward for the virtuous. We forget that when Jesus looked out at the men gathered around him on the night

before he died, he knew that they were weak and fearful, and that they would all abandon him. His response to their betrayal was to offer them communion and forgiveness: take, eat, remember, act. The bread is broken for, the wine is poured out for – us to build “hospitable communities open to the needs of all, especially of the most frail, poor and needy persons.”

In the Eucharist, Jesus integrates us into community and into communion: no one is excluded from the love of God.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus welcomes, protects,

promotes, and integrates us into His body: nourished by the body of Christ, we become the body of Christ. We in our turn then become ourselves bread broken for the world: we are sent to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate all the many children of God whom we encounter, and particularly those who are described by Pope Francis as “the most frail, poor, and needy persons”. To respond to the needs and cries of the refugee is to live the Eucharist.

**FR ALOYSIUS MOWE, SJ  
JRS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF  
ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CATHEDRAL OUR LADY OF FATIMA – CENTENNIAL CLOSING CELEBRATION

All are welcome to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd's Closing Mass for the Centennial Celebration this Friday 13 October, at 7.30 pm. Followed by Candlelight Procession of Our Lady of Fatima statue, Rosary (different languages each decade), Healing Session with Blessings of Blessed Sacrament, and Centennial Celebration Supper. Presider: Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Rector.

### APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available at Place of Gathering. You can send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Contact Victoria Lim at 6337-4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for information.

### CHRIST@WORK 2017 CONFERENCE

Saturday, 18 November 2017, 8.30 am to 6.30 pm (concludes with Sunset Mass), at the Performing Arts Centre, Catholic Junior College. This conference, with the theme "Spiritual Leadership@Work" aims to bring together working adults who often have to reconcile the challenges and the difficult dichotomy between working in the corporate world and living a Christ-

centered Catholic life.

Tickets priced at \$60 can be purchased from the conference. website <http://www.christatworkconference.com/> or from the CBN members stationed at the Church entrances after mass this Sunday. For more enquiries, please contact Raymond Verghese at 9228 4463 or email: [admin@cbn.sg](mailto:admin@cbn.sg)

### PIETA MEMORIAL MASS FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED

Friday, 10 November 2017 at 7.00pm (venue tba) [www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events)

The child bereavement support group PIETA is organising a Memorial Mass for children who have died (including unborn and adult children). Parents, families and friends are welcome to celebrate the gift of their children. If you wish to name your child during this mass, REGISTER via email with your Name, Telephone and Email details before 15 October at [pieta.Singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.Singapore@gmail.com).

### CLARITY'S MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH TALK

For expectant mothers on mood swings during pregnancy and postnatal period. Conducted by Ong Li Lian, Senior Case Manager, KKH. 18 November, 10am – 12pm at 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8, Level 3. Fees: \$15 (early bird registration before 11 October) and \$20. Closing date: 11 November. To register: <http://tinyurl.com/ybcc3u47>. Enquires: 68017467/6 or [registration@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:registration@clarity-singapore.org)

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Fr Christopher Soh SJ, Fr James Tan SJ

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

### Church Office

120, King's Road, Singapore  
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**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)