



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Mission and Discipleship

As we forgive those who sin against us

+ How can I personally act like the Pharisees and Herodians? There are two groups, one says Caesar is God, the other is for Jesus. The Jews did not accept Jesus so they accused him of not believing in God. They tried to prove he's against the government whose head is Caesar, again and again accusations flung at him.

Each person acts differently. It is upon ourselves to look into what we do to answer the questions. If I backstab others, how do I see what I am doing? Do I blame others or myself? Where is the injustice of blaming others in today's gospel? What was the law precisely?

It is clear and obvious. People took possession of the law, making it the frame for their worldly existence. It had grown to such proportions that it filled every branch of our lives, became the life of the nation. It was used to claim greatness and authority.

The false practice of religion is a practice of faith in a wrong power. Sin without the admission of sin. We acknowledge that we might be wrong and to forgive others, as faith tells us to. Jesus teaches us to be sensitive to a simple world of sin. To forgive is to be sensitive to the sinfulness of humanity. The struggle to return to God what is God's. A reminder that we belong to him, not to ourselves.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

For many of us, mission is associated with priests, religious and church workers bringing Christianity to foreign lands, courageous and holy individuals who venture into the unknown for the sake of Christ-missionary work reserved for these saintly people, while ordinary folks assist by donating material resources and offering spiritual support through prayer.

But Jesus commanded his followers to "go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creatures." (Mark 16:15) All disciples of Christ are called to share and con-

tinue in Jesus' redemptive mission. The Gospel has been entrusted to each of us, not only for our individual salvation, but also for us to share with others for their spiritual progress. We are the proclaimers of the Good News – evangelizers.

Evangelization is not a coercive process in which others are pressurized into becoming Christians, but rather one that is inviting, and allows others to freely receive the faith. Given the plurality of cultures and religions in Singapore, evangelization should never involve the use of polemical language that might cause tension among the different religious traditions. Overly aggressive posturing and speech may even work against our mission by alienating people and closing their hearts and minds to the Gospel. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI stressed, "The Church does not engage in proselytism, but grows by attraction."

According to Pope Francis, one of the most effective ways of communicating the Gospel message and revealing the person of Jesus is to be living witnesses to the Good News. In his 2013 address to catechists attending a congress in Rome, Pope Francis said: "Words come ... but witness comes first: people should see the Gospel, read the Gospel, in our lives."

Evangelization becomes more powerful when we also stand witness against the destructive forces of the world. To counter darkness, strife and division, faithful followers of Jesus show the world that we can live in light, love and communion with another. Bearing witness to Christ by living the Gospel lends greater authenticity and concreteness to his message.

To celebrate this year's Mission Sunday, we should continue to pray for the wellbeing of our missionaries and their work. We can also pray for ourselves to become more faithful disciples of Christ and authentic witnesses to his Gospel, in order to be more fervent missionaries of his Church.

Fr Jerome Leon, SJ



Sunday 22 October 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Monday 23 October

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 24 October

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 25 October

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 26 October

Liturgy of the days

Friday 27 October

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 28 October

Sts Simon and Jude

Sunday 29 October

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

PARISH NEWS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

COLLECTIONS from this weekend Masses 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/0B3P7zrCE2OlzaHFVaU5RWnZEN1E/view>

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased is on Friday, 25 August, 8pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6pm mass. All are welcome.

PRAYER AT THE COLUMBARIUM ON ALL SOULS DAY

Date: Thursday, 2 November

Time: After 6.00pm Mass

Venue: Columbarium, Church of St Ignatius

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.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday, 12 November at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 5 November, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Michelle (9633 8236) & Dennis Ng (9457 7772) or Bob (9767 3053) & Beth Bermundo (9648 5345).

2018 LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD REGISTRATION

LLOTG K1 (children born in 2013) online registration begins from this Sunday 15 October until 15 November. Registration: <https://goo.gl/ChpWbL> (case-sensitive).

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.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

2018 Registration Exercise for Primary 1 and new registrants for other levels will be conducted from 1 November till 30 November 2017. More information will be posted in the bulletin/website then.

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 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.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

The journey home. A sharing by a cradle Catholic who ventured away from the Church before finally responding to the Father's call and came home to the Catholic Church. This former banker and author decided to leave the corporate world and now immerses herself in graduate studies in Christian Theology and Spirituality. All are welcome this Wednesday, October 25, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with light dinner and end at 9.30pm.

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.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Albert Wee Soon Teck – 82 years old
Date of death: 16 October 2017

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.



ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday, 8 November, SH-02-E
Programme: "Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love" by Edward Sri
Session 3 – Real Freedom, Real Love
Written on the human heart is the law of self-giving: We find happiness only when we make our lives a gift to others. Learn how central aspects of Catholic morality – the virtues, grace, and the moral law – are all about helping us become the kind of people who make their lives "something beautiful for God"

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, 25 October, #02-06
Programme: The Bible and the Virgin Mary – Session 1

ZONE C DISTRICT 1

Thursday, 26 October, #2-05/06
Programme: Reflection and prayer on the Beatitude

ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday, 26 October, SH-E
Programme: Redemptive Suffering – Biblical Keys For Hope And Understanding". This is the title of a video talk by Jeff Cavins, well-known American Catholic evangelist.

Connecting with God

Not too long ago, I went through a period where I found it quite difficult to pray. More specifically, a certain way I was used to praying seemed to not “work” as well anymore. And that translated to me feeling less motivated to pray, because it seemed like God no longer wanted to talk to me, or that I was doing something wrong.

Then one day, like a scientist discovering a new theory, I realised once more that change is a constant, in any relationship, including the one God and I share. At that moment I felt like Einstein, with a realisation of nuclear proportions in tow.

The truth is though, I had learnt that reality before. I had even shared it with others before! But sometimes the things we know – in life, and the spiritual life – we need to re-learn again. And record it somewhere so we remember.

Speaking of remembering, I vividly recall a particular conversation with a relative a few years ago. I asked her how she was doing, especially in her marriage (the Holy Spirit seemed to prompt me to be this specific), and her reply hit me like a ton of bricks. She said: “I feel that he (her husband) has not changed. He’s the same man I’ve known all these years. He does the same things, tells the same jokes, all that. (insert reflective pause here) But I’ve changed. You know?”

I knew where she was coming from, but had never thought about relationships that way. Of how parties change and evolve through space and time, and the challenge is for both to adapt to one another, to stay

committed and communicating.

Isn’t that true, even with our relationships with God? Of mine?

So what has happened since that realisation, I hear you ask? Well, since then, I have been trying to “tune in” to God, to see if He’s trying to reach me in different ways. Besides, we do have a God whom we can find in all things (thanks for the tip, Ignatius!). I have found that God sneaks up to me differently, and is inviting me to connect and communicate with Him differently too. Praying differently, using a variety of methods, trying out different spaces, at different times of the day. It’s like dating. And I’m falling head over heels in love again.

Or to quote my favourite Journey song, Faithfully, I’m experiencing “the joy of re-discovering” God. (I hope you can sense me smiling as I write this, because I am.)

And so my prayer for you today is that we continue to seek God, even when it seems like He’s not replying or that our approaches or methods are wrong. If we are faithful in seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33), I am sure our ever-faithful God honours that, and will reach out to us. Maybe in different ways.

In other words, may we fall in love with God over and over again, and stay in love. Now, now, I have got all of that down in my journal. I’m going to call this my Theory of Relative-ity.

JESUIT NEWS

CONNECTED COUPLES, STAY COMMITTED

This talk is for individuals and couples who would like to explore and discover how to maintain a close and loving relationship with loved ones amidst the distractions of daily life. Understand the stages of the marital relationship and avoid disillusionment to reach the authentic love stage.

Date & Time: 14 November 2017 (Tuesday), 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Facilitator: Lissy Ann Puno

Contribution: \$30

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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.**

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE (ACCIRD)

1) Panel & Discussion on "Death"

24 October, 7.45pm-9.45pm

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex
Building Level 3.

Details: [https://www.catholic.sg/event/
accird-interreligious-panel-discussion-
3rd-series-death-24-oct/](https://www.catholic.sg/event/accird-interreligious-panel-discussion-3rd-series-death-24-oct/)

2) Learning Trip to Kong Meng San Phor

Kark See Monastery,

28 October, 10am-12pm

Visit will consist of (i) tour and
explanation of premises (ii) presentation
and dialogue on basic tenets

of Buddhism. Participants must attend a
prior formation session on 26 October,
7.45pm-9.15pm at the Cathedral of the
Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level
3 as preparation.

Register name, parish/organisation and

contact number by 24 Oct at [gerald.
accird@catholic.org.sg](mailto:gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg)

Details: [https://www.catholic.sg/event/
accird-interreligious-dialogue-learning-trip-
kong-meng-san-phor-kark-see-monastery/](https://www.catholic.sg/event/accird-interreligious-dialogue-learning-trip-kong-meng-san-phor-kark-see-monastery/)

VERBUM DEI COMMUNITY is organising
a scripture-based day of recollection for
young adults.

Theme: You are willed, loved and necessary

Date & : Saturday, 4 November

Time: 9am-5.30pm

Venue: Verbum Dei House, 4 Sommerville
Road. Singapore 358228

Fee: \$50 (incl. lunch, snacks, materials)

Register at [https://goo.gl/forms/
HlozLm-
1hLZzBoLlf1](https://goo.gl/forms/HlozLm-1hLZzBoLlf1)

CHOICE WEEKEND

Date: 24 - 26 November (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)

WEEKLY

Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and
Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm,
except first and last Fridays of the month

Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall
Adoration Room, Level 2

Catholic content online, login:

www.FORMED.org; parish code: 4904ed

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.

Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier
Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

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)