



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Acts of Mercy

*“for I was hungry and you gave Me food;
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and you took Me in;
I was naked and you clothed Me;
I was sick and you visited Me;
I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

Matthew 25:31 – 40 reminds us of our response to the basic human needs of others.

Over the centuries, Christians have responded concretely to those suffering from a lack of basic needs. Indeed “works of mercy” are synonymous with the Catholic Church – in emulation of the merciful God, who out of mercy sent the Son, Jesus Christ, to bring Salvation to humankind.

Pope Saint John Paul II declared that “Jesus Christ taught that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but that he is also called ‘to practice mercy’ towards others.” (*Dives in misericordia*, 30 November 1980)

Jesus’ ministry, the healings and the miracles are “acts of mercy” to those who lack “good things” and wholeness. His whole life is an act of mercy.

To feed the hungry – Jesus fed the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21)

To give water to the thirsty – the gift of living water to the woman at the well (John 4:4-26)

To clothe the naked – restoring the dignity of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11)

To shelter the homeless – Jesus reaches out to the lepers, outcasts made to live on the fringe of society (Mark 1:40-43)

To visit the sick – Jesus visits and heals the mother-in-law of Peter (Luke 4:38-40), healing of the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12),

To visit the imprisoned, or ransom

the captive – freeing those “imprisoned” by all kinds of demons (Matthew 8:28-34).

To bury the dead – Jesus even raised the dead, the only son of the widow. (Luke 7:11-17)

Men and women prompted by this call “to practice mercy” have devoted their lives to specific causes. The Missionaries of Charity, the Little Sisters of the Poor, Canossian Daughters of Charity, Good Shepherd Sisters, Franciscans in the various orders are familiar to us. Others have chosen to do so as lay persons, inspired by the charisms and spiritualities of these (eg. Jesuit Refugee Service). At the heart of this is a human heart attuned with God’s.

It is Christian charity in action – to welcome the needs of others just as we



Sunday 29 October 2017

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Monday 30 October

Liturgy of the day

Tuesday 31 October

St Alphonsus Rodriguez, Rel, SJ

Wednesday 1 November

Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday 2 November

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Friday 3 November

Bl Rupert Mayer, SJ and St Martin de Porres

Saturday 4 November

St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 5 November

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

would like to have our own needs met. And, when the other is unable to meet such needs, we pitch in. For we are all part of the family of God.

“For the Lord hears the poor.”
Psalm 69:33

Fr Matthew Tan, SJ

What Do I Mean?

+ We find talk very easy, but we more often than not utter empty words. Do I really love God, or self, or neighbor? Does my heart or my head provide the answer?

Being conscious of God to others is true affection. If it is a genuine love, it must come from the heart, not from the mind. When I treat others, am I conscious of the truth that I am dealing with God?

Prayer is a sense of wonder, mystery and intensely real. Prayer is understanding what God finds in people,

who they really are. But often, we do not pray with such a belief. You don’t understand. Just believe.

By nature, we see things and love them, rather than loving things unseen. We need to be converted to the truth. By faith in Christ, we learn to love both the true God and the true man, and so to love neighbors bearing His image. Here alone is reality found. Becoming one with God, neighbor and self.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

PARISH NEWS

There will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for the poor next week.

ALL SAINTS' DAY – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass: Tuesday, 31 October: 6.00pm

Mass: Wednesday, 1 November: 7.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm

ALL SOULS' DAY – Thursday, 2 November: Masses as usual at 7.00am and 6.00pm

Prayer session at the Columbarium after 6.00pm Mass

NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

In the month of November, you can submit names of deceased relatives and friends and drop them in the box provided at the Place of Gathering. These names will be offered during weekend Masses in November.

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY is looking for new members. To sign up or for more information, please approach members who will be at the Place of Gathering after all this weekend's Masses. Or SMS/Whatsapp Chad Tan at 9675 6621.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 3 November, 8pm

There will be NO 6pm Mass on that day. Please come with your family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS AND CAROLLING

Blessings! The DVC Youth Choir warmly invites all youth and young adults to join us in celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at the Christmas Midnight Mass. Please contact Nicholas@8201 8078 for more details.

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 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 500 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

Primary 1 registration for 2018 opens from this Wednesday, 1 November. Limited spaces may be available for NEW registrations for other levels – subject to the existing enrolment and other conditions. All registrations will close on 30 November.

Registration ONLY on our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend/registration>

Existing youths and children in our programme need not register. Email stignatius.wecat@gmail.com if you have any queries.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Our community joins the Parish in observing ALL SAINTS' DAY this Wednesday, November 1, so there is no prayer meeting. We will resume following Wednesday, November 8.

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.

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"

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

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Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager



Joy of Sharing and Connecting



carried the toothbrushes to the poor children there.

The effect was very moving. Parents and other parishioners embraced the project. They went, some with their children, to buy toothbrushes, finding a connection with the poor children in Cambodia. Perhaps, they found their humanity to “touch the poor”. It was not about dropping a few (cold)

Watching children at a kindergarten run by the Church in Takeo Province, Cambodia, brushing their teeth by the drain brought back memories of my own experience in that primary school routine. During my 2-year Regency in Cambodia, I saw children being taught the basics of dental hygiene in a country where hygiene is acutely lacking.

So, when some Singapore friends who were visiting Phnom Penh asked if I would accept a donation of toothbrushes and toothpastes, I said Yes. The donation was given to a group of Sisters to carry back from Phnom Penh to the poor children at the Thai-Cambodia border town of Poipet.

In 2015 when our Children Ministry thought about Children’s Day gifts for our kids, I suggested that our children in Singapore have many things, another Children Day’s gift would not mean much to them. Could we give our children the Joy of Giving to others in need: to learn that there are children elsewhere who they can celebrate Children’s Day with – but who have so much less? That’s how “Toothbrushes for Children in Cambodia” got started. Participants of ACTS-Cambodia

dollars into another donation box, but to “remember and hold the poor” in their hearts, making the effort to remember the poor when they went out to buy the toothbrushes. Then, each time they use a toothbrush they would remember the poor and find a connection with them.

Last year’s target was to collect 2,000 toothbrushes – 6,000 toothbrushes were finally received – enough for this year as well. Indeed, God blesses and multiplies when we respond to the needs of His poor.

This year, we encouraged the children to donate tubes of **toothpaste**: 2,500 to Battambang and 500 to Phnom Penh in Cambodia. And, another 800 to ACTS’ project in Cavita, Philippines. We just respond to the need, and let God bless our humble effort. We’re still on the way to collecting the 3,800 tubes of toothpaste needed.

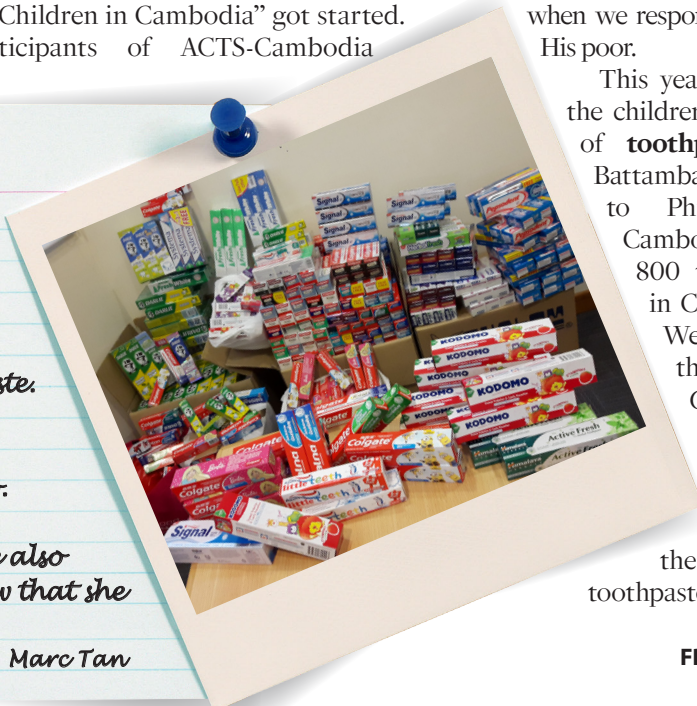
A tale of 2 children

Vikki in Singapore had seen a photograph of Vuthy in Cambodia and thought it would be great if Vuthy would be able to brush her teeth and enjoy the same fresh minty feeling that comes with using toothpaste.

Vikki grew up knowing about Jesus and how much he loved her, and she wanted Vuthy to feel loved by Jesus too.

So Vikki went with her Grandma to the supermarket to buy toothpaste. She also made a little gift tag to let Vuthy know that she was thinking about her in Singapore.

Marc Tan



FR MATTHEW TAN, SJ

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

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

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

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Saturday, 4 November

Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church)

2.00 pm - Praise and Worship

2.25 pm to 4.00 pm – Mass celebrated by

Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing.

For enquiries, email [praiseatworksg@](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com)

[yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467

Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

THE GOD OF MANY CHANCES: A PRAYER WEEKEND

by Sr. Linda Lizada and Team

This weekend programme invites participants to enter into a personal relationship with God who desires this relationship with us. It will include times for praying with suggested points, ways of remembering these moments and the means for habitually living in God's presence.

Date: 10-12 November 2017

Venue: Montfort Spirituality Centre

Time: Friday, 8:00pm to Sunday, 1:00pm

Contribution: \$250/person

Registration: 6565 2895, 9722 3148

Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com.

PIETA

Pieta is a support group run by bereaved parents for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. Any parent who has lost a child is invited to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. Every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8.

Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or

facebook: [https://m.facebook.com/](https://m.facebook.com/PietaSingapore)

PietaSingapore

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120, King's Road, Singapore
268172 or 8, Victoria Park Road,
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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,
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)