



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Love in Action

**“It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on Sunday ... This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favorable moment to encounter the God we seek.” — POPE FRANCIS**

### Trade with Your Talent

✝ Today’s parable is easily understood, but for many, not so easily recognized or lived. We all, without exception, are gifted with sufficient to live as we are expected to.

To know the truth about life and people, we must learn the value of ourselves, and others. God tells me, if I know myself, I will know others. Our failure to appreciate ourselves for what we are makes it impossible to act as we should.

Jesus urged us to use our abilities and gifts to serve God. We must learn to trade them without reservation, and without fear of taking risks. The gifts that God has given us are not our own. We are entrusted to use them in purpose. As said repeatedly, God is the landowner and we are the workers. Blessings are to be applied, to grow and multiply in God’s honour and glory, not our own.

*Fr Gerry Keane, SJ*

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“**T**he poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want.”  
(Mark 14:7)

This is Jesus’ response to the comment by the disciples that the woman should “not waste” expensive ointment anointing Him. After all, it cost “more than a year’s wage, and could have been sold and the money given to the poor.” The Disciples did hold the Poor in their hearts, and Jesus would use this precious moment to instruct them further.

Here is a woman using a most precious gift to anoint the body of Jesus. Jesus did not reject the anointing. He instructed his disciples to also anoint His other body – the mystical body, the people whom he had come to bring salvation to. Hold the poor to your hearts. Love them. Show that love in action, as the woman did in touching the feet of Jesus. Her devotion to Jesus was shown in concrete action.

Love the poor, as Jesus did: heal the sick, cure the lepers, welcome the outcast and marginalized, touch them as this woman does, with her hands. Know that when you do to the least of these, you do it to Christ. Give the most precious of yourself to them. By the love you show to the poor, will the world know that you are a follower of Jesus.

The hallmark of those who follow Christ in this world, and into eternity with Him, are the ones who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned.

Pope Francis reminds us to show

love not in just words but in deeds. And he quotes St John Chrysostom: “If you want to honor the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked”.

The Unseen Poor are all around us, but hidden! They are like the lepers in Jesus’ days – pushed to and confined in the fringes of the land and society, so that ordinary people do not have to feel the discomfort of encountering them. Society would rather “sanitize their compassion” than touch that part of the Body of Christ.

Pope Francis continues in the words of St John Chrysostom: “...do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments and then, leaving the Church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness.”

*Fr Matthew Tan, SJ*



**Sunday 19 November 2017**

**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**Monday 20 November**

Liturgy of the day

**Tuesday 21 November**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday 22 November**

St Cecilia

**Thursday 23 November**

Bl Michael Augustine Pro, SJ,  
St Clement, St Columban

**Friday 24 November**

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

**Saturday 25 November**

Liturgy of the day

**Sunday 26 November**

Christ The King

## PARISH NEWS

**MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased this Friday, 24 November at 8pm at the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6pm mass. All are welcome.

### ADVENT / CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS

"The Anticipating Community" booklet of reflections for the season of Advent and Christmas is available for all families of the parish. Produced by Office for the New Evangelisation in English, Mandarin, Tamil and online copy at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources/advent-christmas-reflection-booklet-2017/>

### NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

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

### JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

All are welcome to this weekend's Jumble sale, Sunday 19



### GIFT TO JESUS

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 Mass at night. Please contact Nicholas@8201 8078 for more details.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND MASS

The 8.15 Family Choir invites all to join us for 5.30pm Christmas Eve Children's Pageant & Mass, or 8.15am Christmas Day Mass. Practices are every Thursday (8-10pm) starting 16 November. If you are interested, please say hi to us after the 8.15am Sunday mass, or contact Mike ([mikevinlim@gmail.com](mailto:mikevinlim@gmail.com) / 9151 5267).

*Salve Regina Orchestra will be accompanying both masses. String/woodwind musicians (approximately Grade 5 ability) are invited to join us. Rehearsals: Sundays, 10am-1pm, from 19 November. For information, contact [ooi.claire@gmail.com](mailto:ooi.claire@gmail.com) by Friday 10 November.*

### COMFORT AND JOY

An evening of food, Fellowship and Carols by the Family Choir. Saturday 30 December, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall and St Ignatius Hall.

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Gather friends and family for the Welcoming Ministry's annual Advent Wreath making. Saturday, 2 December 3-5pm. \$50 per wreath with net proceeds to social mission fund. Contact Lynette at [Lynette@me@gmail.com](mailto:Lynette@me@gmail.com). Places run out fast. Please leave payment at church office with contact details by Monday 13 November.

November, 8.30am to 12.30pm at St Ignatius Hall. In aid of the Parish Social Mission Fund.

### WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) COMES TO ST IGNATIUS

Sunday 26 November to Saturday 2 December Sojourners' Companions invites all to WOGP to learn how to pray with Scripture and develop a closer relationship with the Lord. \$30/participant. Register: [www.sojourners.sg/about\\_WoGP.html](http://www.sojourners.sg/about_WoGP.html) Enquires: [wogp@sojourners.sg](mailto:wogp@sojourners.sg) or call Suzanne Leong at 9697 7800.

### 2018 LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD REGISTRATION

LLOTG K2 (children born in 2012) online registration begins next Sunday 26 November until 10 December. Registration: <https://goo.gl/FbN3vN> (case-sensitive).

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Primary 1 registration is now open. Limited spaces may be available for NEW registrations for other levels – subject to the existing enrolment and other conditions. Children already in our programme need not register again. All registrations will close on 30 November and done strictly through our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend/registration>. Email [stignatius.wecat@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.wecat@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Bible Sharing on Psalm 139 :1-4, 13-14, 23-24 and allow God's Word to light our path as we end this liturgical year and enter the season of Advent. All are welcome this Wednesday, November 22, at St Ignatius Hall. And bring a friend. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please claim your lost PERSONAL EFFECTS found in the church. Check with Angela at the church office, Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm. Or Email: [administrator@stignatius.org.sg](mailto:administrator@stignatius.org.sg), Tel: 6466 0625. Unclaimed items will be donated to Social Mission fund after 6 months.

## NCC NEWS

### Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm. NCC YEAR-END THANKSGIVING MASS

All NCC members and parishioners are invited to thanksgiving and fellowship. Mass to thank the Lord for His blessings over the past year will be celebrated. Saturday, 9 December, 9.30am at Annex Hall followed by a lunch fellowship. Contact church office for details.

### ZONE C DISTRICT 3 GRP 1-3

Monday, 20 November, Loyola room, 7.30pm Programme: Bridges to Contemplative living with Thomas Merton

### KINGS/QUEENS ROAD

Saturday, 25 November Programme: Planning session for 2018 and reflection on Advent

# Gift of Education



In July, parishioners from the Church of St. Ignatius responded generously to an appeal by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) to raise \$85,000 in support of refugee education and pastoral care in Thailand and Indonesia.

Imagine the sound of children playing and shouting in a school playground; the bell ringing when class is about to begin. For many asylum seekers and refugees in Bangkok, it has been a long time since they have heard these sounds. Some have never heard them.

In urban areas like Bangkok, access to education is a serious issue for asylum seekers, refugee children and young adults. The Urban Education Project in Thailand was founded to promote resilience among refugees and asylum seekers.

Thailand is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention. Its policies do not distinguish between the asylum seeking/refugee population and other undocumented migrants. Refugees and asylum seekers in Thailand are considered illegal residents. Parents fear arrest if they escort their child to school. As a result, education is inaccessible for many children and young adults.

Moreover, not all these children have access to Thailand's education due to the language barriers and lack of resources. Indeed, teenagers aged 15 to 17 still seem to fall through the cracks as they find themselves unable to integrate into the Thai public schools, where they are often placed in the lower grade levels due to their poor proficiency of the Thai language.

As a result, they tend to be excluded from education during their formative years in Bangkok. This raises concerns about their protection and psychosocial well-being. Making matters worse, is the fact that there is no support for their formal and non-formal education when they become adults.

JRS believes that education is a life-saving intervention for children and young adults who are forcibly displaced from their homes. JRS is on the ground organizing educational activities to heal trauma, promote human dignity, and build skills.

JRS has always placed an emphasis on ensuring that the most vulnerable have access to education, regardless of their circumstances. That is why JRS Thailand launched the Urban Education Project for Refugees in January 2017. Its main focus is to assist those who are excluded from existing educational services in Thailand.

The Project provides skills training, including language and vocational courses. These are offered to youth, with



a special focus on unaccompanied minors who depend upon themselves for daily survival. The JRS recognizes that they are particularly vulnerable.

A young woman named Fatima\*, who was interviewed for this article, is typical of many students in the Project. She has been a refugee in Bangkok for many years. With the support of the JRS, Fatima is learning English, Thai and sewing.

“My favorite class is English. English is very helpful to communicate with people. It’s the second year that I’m learning English. I would like to continue studying it after the end of the program.”

Fatima is motivated to learn languages. Speaking Thai provides a bridge to integration into Thai society. Knowing Thai is a way to create a relationship and to get to know the local community in a friendly way. Fatima is also eager to learn English as she is awaiting relocation to a third country.

In addition to the study of languages, she is enrolled in a sewing class. It is one of the vocational training classes offered by the Project along with computers, hairdressing and beauty salon training.

“I like the sewing class. I have to be very precise with the measurements. I already made a veil, a skirt and a top. If I had my own machine, I could use my skills to earn money.”

We also met Ms Suma\*, the English teacher of the UEP. She shared with us her views on teaching. “I like teaching in this project. Teaching here has given me the opportunity to meet with people from different nationalities who have diverse cultures and backgrounds. Before working for this project, I did not know much about the refugees, or the reasons why they came here. Now that I have met them, I know how curious they are and how eager to learn more. I want to support them in their life through teaching English. I want to help them, in the way that I can.”

Today, more than 75 million children and young people have their education disrupted or destroyed by emergencies and prolonged crises. With access to a quality education, individuals like Fatima can better fulfill their potential and fully contribute to the growth, strength and stability of the world.

**ELPHIE GALLAND**  
Regional Advocacy Officer  
JRS – Asia Pacific

*\*Names have been changed to protect identity.*



## ◉ JESUIT NEWS

### **CRAFT OF RELATIONSHIP: CONNECTING IN LOVE**

Learn about the 5 Love Languages (Gary Chapman), the Stages of Love (Pat Love), and Emotional Connection/Disconnections (Sue Johnson).

Date & Time: Thursday, 14 December 2017, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitators: Francis See & Aileen Yap  
Contribution: \$30

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

### **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**

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

## ◉ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Saturday, 2 December

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

**AMPLIFY COMMUNITY** at the Catholic Spirituality Centre invites young adults (18 to 25 years) to the annual AWAKEN conversion experience retreat. Come experience the unconditional love of God, 14 to 17 December. Details at <http://www.csctr.net/awaken>

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Next English weekend 1 December (Friday) to 3 December (Sunday)*

Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples by transforming the way husband and

wife communicate, forging greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build strong marital foundations as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie 9670 5390, e-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.org)

### **CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD (CLG)**

Pro Bono Mediation – You can resolve your disputes without going to Court. An accredited Mediator can assist disputants to enter into a legally enforceable Settlement Agreement, which provides a win-win situation for both sides. The service is free, for eligible applicants. Please email the CLG at [admin@clgsingapore.com](mailto:admin@clgsingapore.com), or call the Pro Bono hotline at 6516 4279 or our CLG administrator at 6801 7494.

### **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,  
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](http://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)