



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

## Making Rooms for Others

**W**alking along Orchard Road or in heartland town centres can be daunting and frustrating. It is like running through an obstacle course made up of people. As Singapore edges towards the target population of 6.9 million, the increased congestion in foot traffic is understandable. However, what is not understandable is the erosion of common courtesy and respect for public spaces.

Have you ever had to jump out of the way on the pavement because a cyclist or scooter rider is charging towards you at great speed? Their lack of awareness comes at the expense of the wellbeing of others. Their apparent callousness may even be dangerous. Public spaces are meant to be shared and negotiated in a polite manner. To behave otherwise is to place oneself above the greater good, and not behaving as a good neighbour.

Reflecting on God's "self-emptying" love, Cardinal Walter Kasper, in his book *Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life*, writes: "This *kenosis* (self-emptying) of God is the presupposition for the fact that God, who is infinite, can make room for creation." His point is that God loves us so much, that He "steps aside" and makes room for us to exist and to encounter Him in freedom. Indeed, if God's love is conveyed through "self-emptying" and by making room for the other, then shouldn't we respond in kind? We are caught up with responsibilities at work, errands to run, and the many other form of distractions. Instead of allowing these things to dominate our lives, shouldn't we find space in our hectic schedule and in our hearts to pray and commune with the Lord? It is precisely because our lives are swamped with activities that we need to intentionally make room for God.

One crucial aspect of our faith life is its social dimension. Human beings do not live alone, but in community. It is in the greater community that humans flourish. Jesus has reminded that as Christians, we are called to love God, and to express it through loving our neighbours. (Matthew 22:37-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:27) These two dimensions are inextricably linked. Just as we hope to make room in our hearts to encounter the



### #Do1THING

*"A single individual is enough  
for hope to exist. And that  
individual can be you."*

POPE FRANCIS

This Sunday 14 January is 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In response to Pope Francis' call for each one of us to act, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is launching a campaign called #Do1Thing. This campaign shows what ordinary people are doing to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate refugees in their communities. #Do1Thing features five videos, each of a single volunteer's simple act of offering friendship, or helping with a language class, one form of support, one day in a week.

Pope Francis says that if you can bring hope to one person, "then there will be another 'you', and another 'you', and it turns into an 'us'...when there is an 'us', there begins a revolution" — a revolution of compassion and tenderness.

Lord and nourish our spiritual lives, so too should we strive to make room for others. At the minimum, this entails showing concern for their welfare. Making room for others is a manifestation of humility, acknowledging one's dependence on God. By making space for God in our hearts, we too are able to see beyond our own needs, move aside and care for others; and by showing our concern for greater good, we too can develop a more generous heart to encounter God.

Fr Jerome Leon, SJ



**Sunday 14 January 2018**

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

**Monday 15 January 2018**

Liturgy of the Day

**Tuesday 16 January**

Liturgy of the Day

**Wednesday 17 January**

St Anthony

**Thursday 18 January**

Liturgy of the Day

**Friday 19 January**

Sts John Ogilvie SJ, Melchoir Grodziecki SJ,  
Mark Krizevcanin, canon, Stephen Pongrácz SJ,  
Bl James Salès SJ, Bl William Saullemouche SJ,  
Bl Ignatius de Azevedo and companions

**Saturday 20 January**

Liturgy of the Day

**Sunday 21 January**

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## PARISH NEWS

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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR COLUMBARIUM NICHE APPLICANTS

Parishioners who have booked:

\* family niche number: PM 0510, PM 0517, AB 0356 and JB 0252

\* community niche number: PM0145

\* memorial plaque number: AB 0746

Please contact Angela at church office 6466 0625 or email [administrator@stignatius.org.sg](mailto:administrator@stignatius.org.sg) as soon as possible for information required.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Sing hymns, offer Rosary and intercessory prayers, and spend an intimate hour with Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Friday, 19 January, 7.45-9pm at main Church.

### TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Resumes our bible study session for 2018 on Tuesday 16 January, 9.30am – 12noon.

### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE (YAB) STUDY GROUP

Find out how the early Christians lived as a church with other young adults following Jeff Cavins' study on Acts of the Apostles. From Sunday, 21 January, 10.30am to 12noon at Room 02-02. Contact Edris (9722 4023) or Sarah (8123 9629).

### SAT ROCKERS

Embark on a journey through the entire Bible with the ever-popular 24-part Bible Timeline of God's love for His People as key people, places and events of the Bible unfold and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of salvation. Starting 20 January, 1.30 pm at #02-02. Contact: Magdalene at 9152 8227 or [svdp88@gmail.com](mailto:svdp88@gmail.com) Pre-registration is required.

**LISTENING TO GOD BIBLE STUDY GROUP** resumes on Saturday, 3 February, from 1.30 – 3.00 pm. Come join us for Jeff Cavins' The Bible Timeline which takes us on an adventure through the Old and New Testaments bringing alive the many familiar people, places and events in salvation history. Contact: Elaine (9679 2876) or Juliana (9739 7088).

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

To experience Life in the Spirit is to live in God's Current of Grace. It guides, enlightens and empowers us in many surprising ways. Are we open to Him as Mary and Elizabeth were? Bible Sharing this Wednesday 17 January on the beautiful encounter between Mary and Elizabeth in Luke 39-45. All are Welcome at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with food fellowship and end at 9.30pm.

The PPC Exco, parish staff and parishioners of St Ignatius Church congratulate Fr Leslie Raj SJ, his family and the Jesuit community on his 25th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood. May God bless Fr Leslie and all our Jesuits abundantly.



### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

All parents have been informed regarding the new registrations for 2018. Please also note the Parents' Meeting is at 8.00pm on the following dates at St Ignatius Hall:

\* P1 – Friday, 19 Jan

\* S1 – Thursday, 18 Jan

\* P2/P3 – Monday, 15 Jan

\* S3 – Friday, 26 Jan

\* P6 – Monday, 22 Jan

Catechetical sessions will resume on Saturday, 3/ Sunday, 4 February.

### SYMPOSIUM ON "LIVING THE JOY OF LOVE IN OUR FAMILIES"

The newly formed Family Life Ministry is organising a symposium to help us learn how to live the joy of love within our families. Saturday, 20 January, 9am to 1pm at St Ignatius Hall.

Moderated by Fr Charles Sim SJ PhD, a panel of mixed faith, single parents and Catholic couples will discuss "Family: **Becoming God's Greatest Masterpiece**".

Fr. Adrian Danker SJ PhD moderates a panel of educationists, parents and young adults to discuss "Finding God In Singapore's Education System".

*Registration is required for catering of food and beverage.*

Register at:



or enter URL:  
<https://goo.gl/6tCor5>

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

### ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday 17 January, #02-06

Programme : 1) The Bible and the Virgin Mary – Lesson 3  
The Wedding at Cana/The Garden in Eden

### ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 18 January, #01-04

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

### ZONE C DISTRICT 3

Monday 15 January, 7.30pm, 64 Duchess Avenue  
Programme: Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner

Fr Colin Tan, 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

# Communing with God

**Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling. That's quite a mouthful, but it is a name that accurately reflects what we at the Centre do.**

*So what is Kingsmead Centre again?*

Kingsmead Centre is one of the primary apostolates of the Jesuits in Singapore, and is located at 8 Victoria Park Road, behind the Church of St Ignatius. The site we are at was once a students' hostel, before it became what it is today in 1990 (that explains the 30 single rooms!). Kingsmead Centre offers various programmes such as retreats, workshops and talks on Ignatian spirituality and psycho-spiritual wellness, in addition to Spiritual Direction and Counselling services.

*What's Spiritual Direction?*

Spiritual direction focuses on your prayer life and spiritual questions – your deep longings, sacred experiences, and your response to what is holy and meaningful in your life journey. These are the things your spiritual director will help you to unravel, so as to grow in your relationship with God.

Meet-ups tend to be monthly, so that the time together is a gentle “check-in” around experiences that have either drawn you closer to God or felt more like obstacles on your path. These sessions generally are for around 45 minutes.

*Who are the Spiritual Directors and Counsellors? Are they priests?*

Our Spiritual Direction and Counselling teams comprise the Jesuit team and laypersons, who are trained in the spiritual direction and counselling. All of them have the relevant qualifications and experience to help you.

*Are there any fees or contributions involved?*

Yes, there are. We suggest a contribution of \$30 per session for spiritual direction, and \$80 per session for counselling. These stipends go to the spiritual directors and counsellors. That said, we welcome all who need these services; we do not turn anyone away because of financial reasons.

*What about retreats? How do these work?*

We welcome individuals to make retreats just about anytime in the year, subject to availability (we have group bookings or programmes organised on some days). Retreats at our Centre are in the Ignatian style, so it's meant to be silent, save for when a retreatant meets his/her spiritual director.

We also have “programmed retreats”, which are basically retreats that we organise and have a facilitator to lead. Some have input sessions and are more semi-silent in nature.

*Won't I get bored in the silence?!*

Maybe, but our hope is that every retreatant is able to befriend the silence, and by disconnecting from all the noise of the world, he/she is able to listen to himself/herself and God better.

We often hear retreatants saying that this communing or “holidaying” with God is very restful. You can go for walks too, whether around the estate or to the Botanic Gardens.

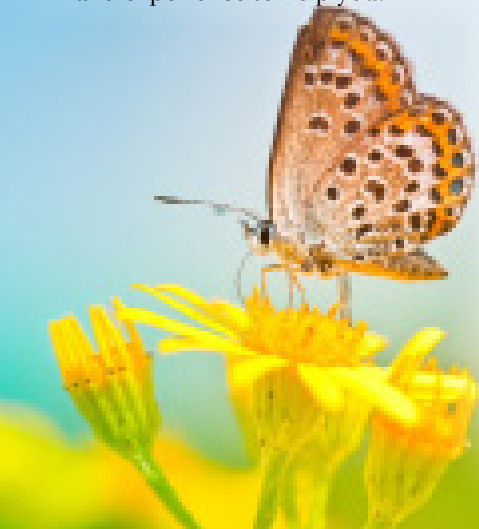
*What about food? Will I eat well? (this is one of the most asked questions)*

Simple meals are provided for retreats. We don't promise degustation menus or elaborate meals. We do have a pantry stocked with snacks (eg biscuits, cereal), fruits, instant noodles and various instant drinks.

Most importantly, we hope you will be nourished by God spiritually. (Our vision is to be a living spiritual spring for all seeking the love of God.)

*For more information, visit [www.kingsmeadcentre.sg](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg) or email us: [cisc2664@gmail.com](mailto:cisc2664@gmail.com)*

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## ◉ 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: 1 February (Thursday), 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Facilitators: Francis See and Aileen Yap

Contribution: \$30

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

**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 Leslie Raj, 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**

### **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.**

## ◉ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018**

Gather with Christian friends for prayer,  
reflections, songs and  
fellowship to promote unity. 8 to 9pm.

**18 January** – Covenant Community  
Methodist Church (11 Blackmore Drive,  
S599986)

**19 January** – Mar Thoma Syrian Church  
(29 Jalan Keli, S577933)

**23 January** – St Andrew's Cathedral  
(Nave, 11 St Andrew's Rd S178959)

**24 January** – The Salvation Army Balestier  
Corps (126 Balestier Rd, S329681)

**25 January** – Church of the Transfiguration  
(51 Punggol Central S828725)

Organised by Archdiocesan Catholic  
Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED)  
and Host Churches

### **CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS – FAITH ON FILM**

An evening of film, food and fellowship.  
Freedom Writers is a film where a young  
teacher inspires at-risk students and  
makes a transformation in their lives.  
Reflections and sharings will be led by

the team from the Kingsmead Centre for  
Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling.

27 January (Saturday), 5pm to 9pm, at  
Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-  
changing weekends for married couples.  
By transforming the way husband and wife  
communicate, it forges greater intimacy  
and a closer relationship. Slots are still  
open for the next ME Weekend from 2-4  
February. E-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or  
visit [www.mesg.org](http://www.mesg.org)

**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](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com)  
or facebook: [https://m.facebook.com/  
PietaSingapore](https://m.facebook.com/PietaSingapore)

#### **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

##### **Eucharistic Adoration by Generation CHRIST!**

##### **Children Eucharistic Adoration**

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

##### **Memorial Mass**

Every 4th Friday, 6pm