



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Make Yourself at Home

A man of another faith, who met me recently in my office with his Catholic fiancée, out of curiosity asked: “*What is your day like as a priest?*” I smiled and said, “*Everyday is exciting and different. Never a dull moment!*” I went on to share that my day is filled with time for prayer in the morning, meetings, unexpected visits from parishioners, weddings, funerals, sick calls, daily masses, exercise and time to sleep. Of course on the last item, I told him, “I can have more!” (Then I was thinking to myself that maybe he was interested in becoming a Catholic priest.

Then I caught hold of myself, “Don’t be stupid, he is getting married and not even a Catholic yet!” Haha).

Indeed, there is never a dull moment in the life of Jesus in the gospel for this Sunday, as we see him in action and in calling his disciples to follow him — to be fishers of men in order to lead them to the fullness of life. When we work for Jesus, everyday is exciting, different and there is never a dull moment. Life can be lived fully — with faith, courage and zeal.

As I mark my third week here, I am beginning to recognize the immensity of being thrown into this fantastic parish of St Ignatius. It is so alive with so many wonderful parishioners, who are so generous with their time, energy, gifts and talents to make things happen. There are so many activities and groups doing all the hidden but happening work. As I “listen, learn and lead”, I am amazed by the sense of commitment, community, compassion and care that is present in everyone. This has been especially true and tested in times of grief and loss with many of our parishioners who have lost a beloved member of their family over the past 3 weeks. You won’t believe it but we have had four back to back funerals and this is so unseasonal like the weather!

So as I cast the leaves into the air, to see where the Holy Spirit is blowing, I sense a great need and hunger in our people for a deeper faith – a closer walk with Jesus – a desire for prayer and spirituality and a spirit of eagerness to belong to an active Christian community on fire with the Word of God, and bring others to know Jesus as a friend. So please help us make Jesus known and welcome our visitors and parishioners as well and make them feel at home with us. I encourage each one to at least get to meet a new parishioner and say hello and introduce yourself to them. Be at

The Good News of God

✝ The personal challenge of today’s gospel is how we may become worthy to behold the kingdom of God. To become Christian means to go to Christ on the strength of the Word alone. Trust and believe. That our part is simply to let go and give up the real sin we are guilty of.

Repentance is when we believe in ourselves and then we forgive. We have to make up for our mistakes. Acknowledging ourselves, confidence in our own purity of attitude and faithful character are all acts of contrition.

Only from the depth of a great faith is it possible to obey. Jesus simply commands us to follow him. One must completely and immediately participate with God in his works. The invitation to a new life, to be converted.

The Good News is that you are worthy as you are, and you are loved just as you are.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ



Sunday 21 January 2018

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Monday 22 January 2018

St Vincent

Tuesday 23 January

Liturgy of the Day

Wednesday 24 January

St Francis de Sales

Thursday 25 January

The conversion of St Paul

Friday 26 January

Sts Timothy and Titus

Saturday 27 January

Liturgy of the Day

Sunday 28 January

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

home with Jesus and everyone in our parish. We hope ours is a “**LIDA** not LIDO community”— one that is “**Loving, Inclusive, Discerning and Apostolic!**”

Hence, we will launch the “thematic masses” starting in February and every first Sunday of each month with **8.15am Children’s Mass**, **12.15pm Youth Mass**, and **6pm Saturday Sunset Family Mass**. This is to encourage greater participation of the children, the youth and the families in our Liturgy so that they can take ownership of the mass and make themselves and all others feel at home in St Ignatius Church. Let’s not be envious, but be envied. Share your gifts and talents with us. “*Envy is an ignorance of, or a lack of belief in one’s own gifts.*” – Jean Vanier.

So smile and eagerly share with me when the next time I meet you and ask you, “What are your gift/talents?” May you be blessed always and make yourself at home here!

Fr Colin Tan, SJ

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased parishioners and family will be on Friday, 26 January at **6.00pm** instead of the usual 8.00pm at the main Church. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday 2 February. Candles will be blessed at the 7.00am Mass and at the First Friday, 8.00pm Mass. Please place your labelled candles on the table at the Place of Gathering, and remember to collect them after Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY- SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday 2 February, 8.00pm
Please note that there will be NO 6.00pm Mass. Come with family and friends to renew your consecration to the Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Saturday, 3 February. Blessing of the throat at 7.00am and 6.00pm Mass.

DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE

Due to the Lunar New Year festivities on Friday 16 February, you will not need to fast and abstain from eating meat. However, fasting and abstinence will be observed as usual on Ash Wednesday 14 February.

WANTED: MEN'S CLOTHES

Our parish's Society of St Vincent De Paul is asking for donations of men's clothes for migrant workers at Little India. Shirts/T-shirts: Asian Sizes S, M and L; Pants waist sizes 27-36 inches. Place donations in boxes outside Room 01-13 (beside St Ignatius Hall, Annex Building). Enquiries: Magdalene at 9152 8227.

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 as soon as possible for information required.

SALVE REGINA ORCHESTRA is inviting string/woodwind musicians aged 10 and above (including adults) to accompany the Easter Mass. Rehearsals begin Sunday 25 February. For information, contact ooi.claire@gmail.com.

ROAD TO EMMAUS SESSIONS 2018

Let the Word of God burn within your hearts (Luke 24:32). This parish-wide Bible program helps us Break the Word of the weekend Liturgies, so as enable us to apply its truths

and meanings in our daily lives. Begins from Monday 22 January, 7.45pm at Annexe Hall. Every Monday night (except during school holidays and public holidays) until November. Newcomers and all are welcome. Contact Raymond at road.to.emmaus.st.ignatius@gmail.com

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

Walking in the spirit... In the new year! Things, people around us move and change, but our God is always with us. Come, find out how to keep God first in our lives. All are welcome this Wednesday 24 January. Light Fellowship dinner starts at 7.30pm. Ends 9.30pm.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Please also note the Parents' Meeting is at 8.00pm on the following dates at St Ignatius Hall:

* S3 – Friday, 26 Jan * P6 – Monday, 22 Jan
Catechetical sessions will resume on Saturday, 3/ Sunday, 4 February.

RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Ruth Tam Kwai Leen – 86 years old
Date of death: 14 January 2018

Francis Yap Chwee Tee – 91 years old
Date of death: 15 January 2018

Andrew Lee Yee Chun – 73 years old
Date of death: 18 January 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 18 January, #01-04

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

ZONE C DISTRICT 1

Thursday 25 January, 15, Kingsmead Road

Programme: Mass and fellowship over finger food

ZONE D DISTRICT 2

Wednesday 7 February, 7.30pm, #02-06

Programme: The Parables of Jesus

ZONE E DISTRICT 3

Thursday 25 January, SH-E

Programme: NCC – An Introspection

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



More photos and videos at:
www.stignatius.org.sg
and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKzOSaYBwKO>



As Fr Leslie Raj SJ celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination last weekend, we, the family of St Ignatius, continue to pray for Fr Les and support him, and all Jesuits and priests, in their Ministry to the people of God.

Communities @ St Ignatius

Photos: Peter Kay

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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.

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)

All parishioners are encouraged to
support the Christian Unity Prayer Week.
The St Ignatius CRC group will attend
Tuesday 23 January at St. Andrew's
Cathedral and Thursday 25 January at
Church of Transfiguration. **Call Stephanie
Yap at 9116 6898 for car-pool transport.**
Pick up at 7.15pm @ Black Table

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

All are invited to celebrate and pray
for people of the consecrated life on
the World Day of Consecrated Life.
Mass at 6.30pm, Friday 2 February at St
Alphonsus (Novena) Church. There will

be a tour before and dinner reception
after mass.

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

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Saturday 3 February, at Church of Sts.
Peter and Paul (main church)
2.00pm – Praise and Worship
2.20pm-4.00pm – 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. Organised
by Praise@Work and supported by
SACCRE. All are welcome and no
registration is needed.

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