



# CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

If you have met Jesus today, would you recognize him? Would you believe that he is there?

He stands attentively waiting for you to come in — opening the door for you as you walked by, oblivious to his presence. **Keeper of the gate he is.** A bellboy of sorts, who smiles at you when you are too pre-occupied with your own thoughts and coiffured hair.

Maybe, he takes you to your destination even when you do not see him in the driver's seat of the train or bus as you hopped on and off safely in a hurry without ever greeting and acknowledging him. **Uber driver of sorts he is.** Still he drives on, to pick up another grateful/ungrateful passenger on the way.

Perhaps he is the chef who cooks a meal for you when you are hungry as you eat without saying "Thank you". **Master chef of sorts he is.** He knows you are hungry and famished. "Take and eat of it ..." Are our eyes opened to the divinity that hides itself?

"No servant is greater than his master ..." If this is how the Pharisees treated the Master, what more do we, mere servants, expect? To serve others is to make Jesus present in our world even when we are not recognized, acknowledged or rewarded. "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be ..." (Jn 12:26). **A divinity that hides itself also reveals itself when we serve with love and humility.** That moment of revelation and surprise is when we receive a smile from a stranger, a child, a dying man or woman — from Christ who winks at us behind the door.

How am I called to touch lives as Jesus touched the leper in this Sunday's gospel? In the past month, I have been touched by many people who are serving in different capacities in St Ignatius Church. I feel like the leper who was looking for Jesus and wanting to be healed of my fears, doubts and shame and Jesus comes to me and stretches out his hands: "Of course I want

## Divinity that Hides Itself

to." His love, his care, his compassion was never in doubt. I was the one doubting and hiding my true self from others.

Leprosy was a dreaded disease that ostracized a person both socially and religiously in those days. It was a social stigma. Maybe there are some who still feel this way — parents with a child with special needs, people with a different sexual orientation, children who are from the lower social strata of society, migrant workers, and the elderly who are ill with cancer, dementia or bed-ridden and isolated.

How can I reach out to touch their lives and do something small but significant? Visit them this Chinese New Year? Give them a small Ang Pow? Talk to them to hear their life's story? Or say a prayer for them? Or read to them the gospel of the day?

Who in my community is cut off? Who feels isolated? Or feels neglected? There are many people especially the elderly and sick, children with special needs, families with ageing parents who are ill, those who have left the church. They need to be touched. Can you say, "Of course I want to ..."

We are badly in need of more hands to reach out to them. There are ministries in the Church but they too need renewal, they also need new members to give them a helping hand. **If you want to be the hand of Christ** — come and sign up at the help desk or at the church office or talk to anyone who is in any of these ministries.



**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

**Monday 12 February 2018**

Liturgy of the Day

**Tuesday 13 February**

Liturgy of the Day

**Wednesday 14 February**

Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 15 February**

Liturgy of the Day

**Friday 16 February**

Liturgy of the Day

**Saturday 17 February**

Liturgy of the Day

**Sunday 18 February**

First Sunday of Lent

May I leave you with this poem that "begins in delight and ends in wisdom." (Robert Frost).

### Street Corner Christ

*I saw Christ to-day  
At a street corner stand,  
In the rags of a beggar he stood  
He held ballads in his hand.*

*He was crying out: - "Two for a penny  
Will anyone buy  
The finest ballads ever made  
From the stuff of joy?"*

*But the blind and deaf went past  
Knowing only there  
An uncouth ballad-seller  
With tail-matted hair.*

*And I whom men call fool  
His ballads bought,  
Found him whom the pieties  
Have vainly sought.*

**Patrick Kavanagh**

**Fr Colin Tan, SJ**

## PARISH NEWS

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

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Chinese New Year public holiday on Friday, 16 and Saturday, 17 February.

### MASSES DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR

Friday, 16 February: 8.15am, 10.15am and 6.00pm

Saturday, 17 February: 7am and 6.00pm

Distribution of Mandarin oranges only Friday.

**No Eucharistic Adoration for Children** on Friday 16 February. The next session is on Friday 16 March.

### DISPENSATION FROM FAST & 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 is observed as usual on Ash Wednesday 14 February.

You can drop last year's **PALM LEAVES** in the basket near the vestry room. Last day of collection is this weekend.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, 14 February, 7.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm. It is a day of fast and abstinence.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

After 7.00am Mass and at 5.30pm before Evening Mass

At 7.30pm on 2 March for first Friday Mass

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Church of St Ignatius: Monday 19 March, 8.00pm at the main Church. As this is a communal celebration, we invite all to remain for the closing prayer and blessing at 9.30pm.

### LENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

"The Repenting Community", a reflection booklet for Lent by ONE, is now available in English, Mandarin and Tamil. Take a copy of the booklet for your family and prayer groups. Online version at: <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>

### GLUTEN FREE

The parish is looking into ways to accommodate people with gluten intolerance who cannot receive wheat-based communion wafers. To help us with planning, we invite parishioners who are gluten intolerant to leave their contact details at the help desk or parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** on Sunday 11 March 2017 at 3.00 pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday 4 March, 3.00 pm at La Storta Room. Registration

forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child's baptism. Contact Valerie (9026 6170) & BC Chong or Ching Farn (9388 7132) & Paul Tang.

**LLOTG 2018 PROGRAM FOR K1 AND K2** begins from Saturday 24 February.

K1: 4.00pm to 5.30pm and K2: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

**NO Catechetical** sessions next weekend on Saturday 17/ Sunday 18 February as it's Chinese New Year. Sessions resume the following weekend Saturday 24/Sunday 25 February.

Parents of Sec 4 youths are reminded of the Parents Meeting on Friday 23 February, 8.00pm to 9.30pm at St Ignatius Hall.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

No prayer meeting this Wednesday February 14 as it's Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten journey. Let us do some "spring-cleaning" for our hearts, our spiritual house. CRC resumes on February 21.

### 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.

### RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Edward Tock Peng Chong – 83 years old

Date of death: 2 February 2018

Albert Chew Eng Wah – 78 years old

Date of death: 4 February 2018

Anne Maria MacFadden – 60 years old

Date of death: 7 February 2018

## NCC NEWS

**Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.**

### ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Friday 23 February, 7.30pm at Temasek Club, Grand Dragon Phoenix Restaurant

Programme: CNY Celebration/Fellowship Dinner

### ZONE D DISTRICT 1

Friday 22 February, SH-E

Programme: Stations of the cross & Reflection

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



# Moved by the Spirit

**Over the weekend of 27 to 28 January, Grade 8 students of our CCD program experienced a powerfully moving confirmation retreat.**

## ACATS FACILITATOR

*Just on the first day, I could see the renewal in the confirmands' hearts as they opened up to the gift of the Holy Spirit through Reconciliation and Praise and Worship. Within a few hours, they were learning more and more about God and their own unique relationship with Him. I could see how they ended the day feeling closer to God and I was blessed to be a witness to their transformation.*

Following a funny but powerful skit, we watched Gerard pick up bags that weigh him down and burden his soul. As he struggled to rid of them himself, he learned that he only hurt others in the process. We were prompted to reflect on the things we carry and learned that Jesus is the only One who can offer us peace and rest ... I think that the kids were really exposed to the amazing wonders of the Holy Spirit and the ways we can continue to be a child of Christ and reflect Him through ourselves. Though several

initially viewed the retreat as a dreaded 24 hours without their phones, I think that each and every child was touched in a unique and unforgettable way.

## CONFIRMAND 2018

*"This retreat really helped me strengthen my relationship with God. I was also really glad that I could experience this in the company of my friends. My favourite session was definitely Praise and Worship. I have never experienced this before and really enjoyed it because the DVC did such a great job. The words of the songs were so meaningful."*

*"I got to learn so much more about myself, about God, and about the people around me. The most memorable experience for me was the praying over – it was a very powerful experience. I was overcome by tears!"*

## PARENT'S RESPONSES

*"My child had a very personal experience at the Retreat, and says doubts about God's love have vanished. Praise God!"*

*"My son came home exhausted and really touched by the experience. He said he reflected a lot. He really missed us and wanted to tell us that he loved us so much."*



*"The retreat brought my child's faith journey to a new height, experiencing calmness after Confession and the Praying Over session. My child now feels a better connection to God."*

*"... truly blessed to be part of such a great church family"*

*"... a wonderful experience for our children. They are fortunate to have a parish so welcoming and caring."*

## CATECHIST'S RESPONSE

*"Praise the Lord for truly being with us every moment of this retreat and doing mighty works with our young confirmands. We have a good, good Father, and we are all so loved by Him!"*



## ◉ JESUIT NEWS

### HOLY HOUR ON DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has declared 23 February 2018 a day of prayer and fasting for peace given the many ongoing conflicts throughout the world, particularly those in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. In the wake of this, Kingsmead Centre will be holding a Holy Hour on that day. This time of Eucharistic adoration and benediction is open to all.

Date/Time: Friday, 23 February 2018/11.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Kingsmead Centre

**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**

## ◉ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### RETURNED! – A TESTIMONY EVENT BY LANDINGS

Friday, 23 February, 7.30am at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building, Level 3 Hall

We invite anyone interested either as a returning Catholic or as a welcoming participant. Please register for this event at [return@landings.org.sg](mailto:return@landings.org.sg)

### LIVE THE GOSPEL IN THE WORLD

Caritas Singapore's Workshop on Catholic Social Teaching introduces the social teachings to participants with the time to reflect and share on how the understanding and application of these teachings can strengthen their faith and put their faith in action in their daily lives. Lecturer is Rev. Fr David Garcia, OP.

Date/Time: Saturday, 3 March/ 9.30am to 4pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh

Information and registration at [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org)

Email: [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org).

### THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT)

#### Talks in March

3 March – The Theology of the Body (Andrew Kong)

10 March – A Brief Introduction to Canon Law (Rev Fr Adrian Yeo)

17 March – Why Be Catholic ? (Andrew Kong)

24 March – The Bible Alone Theory (Kelvin Chia)

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: Risen Christ Church Auditorium, Toa Payoh

Details and Registration: [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act)

Call 9649 3893 for enquiries (Andrew). FREE, All are Welcome.

### 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 elderly and homebound

Please contact the parish office  
if help is needed for parishioners  
hospitalised (regardless of hospital).  
In emergencies, 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 Friday 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, 8.00pm (No 6.00pm Mass)  
Followed by

#### Eucharistic Adoration by Generation CHRIST!

#### Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

#### Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 6.00pm, followed by  
prayers in Columbarium