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Lord Save Me!

Rip tide. A term that I learned to befriend. A danger that was a stranger to me. Once more, I cried, “Lord, save me!” How many times has our Lord heard me cry to Him, “Save me from this watery grave! I will do anything you want me to do!” (He must have had a smirk on his face and heard that desperate plea many times over from despairing souls whose promises were made, but never kept).

Would I die before my time...half-baked in my priestly vocation? Dying alone in a foreign land, away from my family and friends? The end of my vocation to be a Jesuit? A regret for getting into the seemingly innocuous sea for a swim. These thoughts were running wild in my mind as I tried to stay afloat.

A frantic cry, a desperate wave of the hand. A useless struggle to get to shore ... to dry land, to safety, to anywhere. Yet, the more I struggled, the further I was pulled from the shore till it seemed like it was the end of me! Water choked my breath and muscles drained from frantic strokes. Then as it were, a boy on a surfboard came to my rescue. He arrived like an angel! I clung to the surfboard for dear life. That perhaps, was the only time I was ever on a surfboard. **He was my hero!** God heard my prayer and I have a promise to keep.

It was in Newport beach in Sydney as a second year Jesuit Novice when I went out for a swim in 1989. As I look back, I am reminded of my own mortality, of my own brush with death ... yet again. (You may recall my desert encounter in Australia from an earlier article in the 18th February 2018 church bulletin). Perhaps, I have more than nine lives! From then on, whatever else that I have, whatever life that I would be given, from then on, my life belongs to God. My life is no longer my own. It has already been

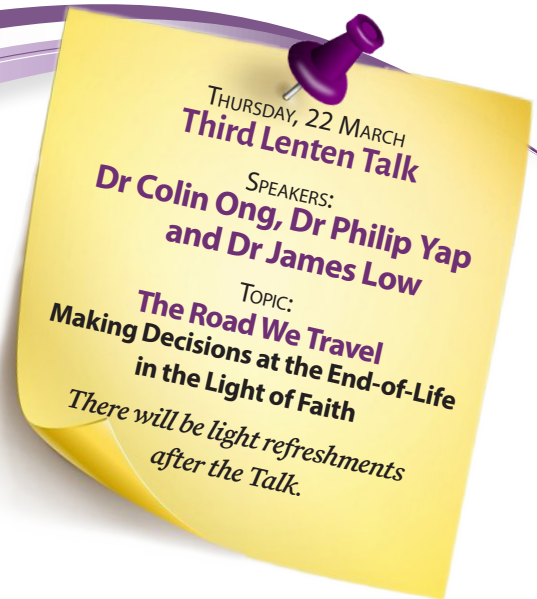
The Parish Priest of St Ignatius, the PPC and all in the Jesuit community wish Fr Gerry Keane and all Irish brothers and sisters in our parish family a Blessed Feast of St Patrick this Saturday 17 March.

bought and paid for.
How much did God pay for you?
How much are you worth in God's eyes?
How many times have you been saved by Jesus?

I invite you to resolutely enter into this last leg of Lent before the Holy week to be with Jesus. **Stay with Jesus. Cling to Jesus. Spend an hour with Him. Pray with Him!** “Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? (Jn 12:27).

Jesus knew his hour had come, it was an hour, not of shame, nor of fear, but faith and glory. It was the moment that he had been waiting for — to fulfil his destiny, to accomplish the work he had come to do — his father's will in saving us, every one of us. To snatch us from the jaws of death, danger and despair. To save us from the sting of the spiritual WASP. The WASP of: Worry, Anxiety, Shame and Pride. The WASP that used to paralyze us. Now that sting has been neutralized because we can dissolve it with the ointment of Faith. **We are saved by faith. “Go, your faith has saved you.” (Lk 7:50)** Jesus said this to the woman who was a sinner. In suffering and in faith, Jesus glorified God. We too, in suffering and faith must learn to glorify God in our lives, in all that we do and in all that we are. “It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.” May we hear this voice in our hearts – the voice of love calling us into God's friendship and life. **For when we cry out, “Lord, save me!” God responds!**

When? In HIS TIME! For His time is always perfect!



How? We may never know ... but surely, He will come surfing on the waves to reach and save us, and continue to ride alongside us even in the unexpected storm in life when we cry out to Him: Lord, save me!

Fr Colin Tan, SJ

REFLECTION

Trusting God in Our Lives

✝ Success? What is that for you? Does dying really mean living?

The true nature of faith is forever. Will that belief ever die? Questions can always arise and trouble us. As long as our faith never dies – we will truly know God. Jesus teaches us to act and behave in what we know to be good and what God asks of us in life. To live accordingly by believing in the future and trusting Him in our lives. Appreciating what is good and beautiful, believing in loving, living a true Christian life is to realise what life is.

Desiring to see Jesus is believing that all has come to an end; to accept death as it is. If you refuse to see death – you refuse to see Jesus. He was never afraid of dying. Avoiding death is avoiding life. The degree of fear to die is the same fear to fully live, entrusting all that we are and all that we have to God.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased parishioners and family this Friday 23 March, 6.00pm at the main Church. All are welcome.

In view of our Lenten Talk programme, **BIBLE STUDY** on Acts of the Apostles by Msgr Ambrose Vaz on Thursday, 22 March is changed to Friday 23 March at Annexe Hall, 8.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

"In different ways and to varying degrees we are all wounded. We ALL thirst for God's Mercy," St John Paul 2 says. "Apart from the mercy of God there is no other Source of Hope for mankind."

All are invited to the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday 30 March, 10.15am, St. Ignatius Hall. Sessions will be conducted by Frs Colin Tan, Agustinus Tanudjaja, Jerome Leon, Gregory Tan and Fr Wyrms. Come and discover the dreams and hopes The Divine Mercy has for you!

LENT BOARDS

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a sign of your commitment, you may use the materials provided at the Place of Gathering to post your penitential intentions.

WEST DISTRICT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

All services start at 8.00pm.

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

Tuesday 20 March **Church of St Mary of the Angels**

Wednesday 21 March **Church of the Holy Cross**

Thursday 22 March **Church of St Francis of Assisi**

Friday 23 March **Church of Blessed Sacrament**

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER

All are welcome for food, fellowship and fun at our 7th annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinner.

Date: Friday, 23 March

Time: 6.30 - 8pm

Place: Church of St. Ignatius, Sacred Heart Hall canteen

Due to limited seats, tickets must be pre-purchased.

Tickets: \$15 per ticket / \$12 for ages 9 and below

Purchase tickets: Parish Office (6466 0625) weekdays

Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm: after Saturday/

Sunday Masses; after CCD classes Tuesday/Thursday

Buffet dinner: Hoe Brothers Catering featuring fried and baked fish, french fries, mashed potatoes, salad, steamed broccoli, brownies, apple crumble and drinks.

INFANT BAPTISMS Sunday 1 April, 3.00pm.

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 25 March, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's

Lent/Easter 2018

THE RECONCILING COMMUNITY

All activities are at the main Church unless stated otherwise

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent from 23 February to 23 March. After 7.00am Mass and 30 minutes before 6.00pm Mass

Fish Fry Friday

23 March, 6.15pm
Sacred Heart Hall canteen

Lenten Talks 7.45pm – 9.30pm

Thursday, 22 March
Speakers: Dr Colin Ong, Dr Philip Yap and Dr James Low
Topic: **The Road We Travel:** Making Decisions at the End-of-Life in the Light of Faith

Penitential Service

Monday, 8.00pm, 19 March
Church of St Ignatius

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion with the blessing of Palms on Saturday, 24 March, 6.00pm. Sunday, 25 March, 6.45am, 8.15am (with Children's procession) 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

LENTEN TRIDUUM PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper
29 March, 7.30pm

Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight

Pilgrimage of Light for Youth and Young Adults at 8.30pm

11.00pm – 12midnight

Tenebrae

The Hour of Holy Darkness

Good Friday of

The Lord's Passion

30 March (NO 7.00am and 6.00pm Masses)

7.00am – 8.00am

Prayers and Meditation

Theme: **A Bruised Reed Bending in the Wind**

Stations of the Cross at 9.00am

Good Friday Liturgy 12noon, 3.00pm and 6.00pm

Holy Saturday

31 March (NO 7.00am and 6.00pm Masses)

7.00am – 8.00am

Prayers and Meditation

Theme: **The Tomb of Life and Hope**

Easter Vigil with Mass and RCIA baptism at 8.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

(NO Confessions) 1 April 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

Novena to The Divine Mercy

Friday, 30 March at 10.15am,

Saturday, 31 March and

Sunday, 1 April at 3.00pm at St Ignatius Hall

Monday, 2 April to Thursday,

5 April after 6.00pm Mass

Friday, 6 April at 7.00pm

Saturday, 7 April at 3.00pm

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 8 April 12.15pm Mass

All petitions will be offered at this Mass.

name for your child. Contact Valeria (9026 6170) & BC Chong, or Ching Farn (9388 7132) & Paul Tang.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

We are currently on our Term 1 break. Sessions begin for Term 2 on the weekend of 24/25 March.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

God is the ultimate Healer of our brokenness. All are welcome this Wednesday 21 March to a sharing on our Healing God, followed by a Healing service. At St Ignatius Hall, fellowship at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm.

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



PMC (Person with Mobility Challenge) seats in the main church are reserved for the elderly and the handicapped, who require communion to be brought to their seats. Generally, one caregiver may be seated in the aisle seat next to their PMC. All seats are first come first served. Please inform the greeter if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

Touch of Christ

As a parish that welcomes all into our community, it is a blessing, says parish priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ, to have the elderly and the ill among us. Fr Colin was the main celebrant of the Anointing Mass for the elderly and the sick on Saturday 10 February to commemorate World Sick Day, he noted in his homily that as we care for them and treat them with respect, they in turn have much to teach us in the ways of Christ.

Organised by the Pastoral Care Ministry (PaCES), an ambulance service was also made available for those who needed it. At the church entrance, participants who wanted anointing were given tags to distinguish them from those who just wanted a blessing. Among the participants



were wheelchair bound elderly who depended heavily on caregivers and family, cancer patients and the ill.

Anointing with holy oil and blessing of the sick was carried out by five priests of the Parish and a visiting priest. It was a grace-filled moment as they moved quietly among the various parishioners to pray over them. Mass was followed by a tea reception and fellowship at the Place of Gathering.

The Pastoral Care members, some of whom have been serving for more than 10 years, are grateful for the support given by everyone. If you would



like to help or find out more about this ministry, contact:
 Gwinnie Lee: 9842 0218
 email: gwinniecglee@gmail.com
 Julia Quek: 9697 1863,
 Chen May Lin: 9630 6140
 or email: margaret.loong@gmail.com

ANNABELLE LEONG

PARISH NEWS

PPC MEETING

Saturday 14 April, 915am to noon, St Ignatius Hall
A Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Saturday 14 April, 915am to noon at the St Ignatius Hall. All Ministry, NCC, SCC and other Church group leaders, their core team members, parish staff, and representatives of foreign resident groups are cordially invited to the meeting to discuss matters relating to the parish, including present and future plans.

Register at administrator@stignatius.org.sg for catering and planning purposes. Ministry and parish groups are asked to refrain from organising activities on that day to allow for greater participation at the meeting.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Easter program April 4 - May 23: Jeff Cavins' "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life". 9.45am to 12 noon. SMS Viv @9785 2268 or Jo @8183 2273.

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.

JESUIT NEWS

HOW TO MAKE STRESS YOUR FRIEND

Based on research by Dr. Kelly McGonigle, learn how the handling of stress can either shorten or extend our life span.

Facilitator: Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ

Date/Time: Wednesday, 30 May/7.30pm - 9.30pm

Contribution: \$50

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/MattLinn18>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

RECRUITMENT FOR BETHANY EAST

The upcoming clergy retirement residence Bethany East (Siglap) is seeking staff for the following paid positions: nursing aide, housekeeper, and cook.

If interested, please email your full resume and expected salary to chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg by 25 March 2018.

Volunteering opportunities are also available for clergy eldercare in the Archdiocese. If interested, volunteer forms are available at all parish offices. Please note that volunteer positions are unpaid.

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS NICHOLAS CHIA 80TH BIRTHDAY

The Archdiocese of Singapore will be

celebrating the 80th Birthday of Msgr. Nicholas Chia with a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 7 April, 10:30am at the Church of the Holy Cross, Clementi Road. All are invited. Reception buffet for invited guests only.

ACT TALKS IN APRIL: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

1. TOB 1: Creation (7 April)
2. TOB 2: Redemption (14 April)
3. TOB 3: Marriage (21 April)
4. TOB 4: Law of Life (28 April)
Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm
Venue: Risen Christ Church Auditorium, Toa Payoh
FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at www.catholic.org/act
Call 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew)

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

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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