



Do You Love Me?

The Irish backhanded wit and humour never fails to make me laugh. A man, Seamus, fell in love with a lassie and went to see her father to ask his permission to marry her. Her father, Kevin, from Cork grilled Seamus: “Do you have a job?” “Aye, I am a farmer. I have two hundred sheep and five hundred cows.” “Do you have a house?” “Aye, I have a big farm house and a tractor.” “Very well, so you want to be buried with my daughter?” Seamus was stunned by that question and quickly replied: “Aye, I

have enough land for a cemetery!”

When you fall in love, your world changes into an amazing place of possibilities and wonder. It is no longer a cold and hostile place of exile. You now think you can live forever and you can brave the storm and cross the seas and conquer the highest mountain in life. In fact, you are even willing to die for the one you love and be buried together! Nothing will stand in the way of love.

As Jesus enters into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday he comes face to face with his destiny. He knows how fleeting are the adoration and adulation of the crowd. Their loyalty is as fickle as the morning mist that appears and disappears with the heat of the day. Is he to take their superficial love for him as an excuse to punish them? Is he to accuse them of fickleness and moral laxity, and think that they are not deserving of his love and sacrifice? Is he to turn away from his destiny and hour of glory in fulfilling the will of God on account of our sins, skepticism and rejection? He reveals his genuine love, even when we have not loved him at the most crucial hour of his trial, abandoned and betrayed even by his closest friends and companions.

As I enter Holy Week, would I not be reconciled to God and be freed from my shame, my guilt and my anger? Do I want to be freed of my past — my pain, guilt and my pride? Jesus died to all of these burdens of our humanity. He was stripped of all his humanity and dignity to become nothing and treated as a criminal without any rights in order to give us everything. By doing so, he became for all who loved him and died with him the fountain of life as he shares with us all his rights being the Son of the Most High.

Can I say, “Lord, I want to be buried with you!” So that dying to myself, I may

REFLECTION

Jesus Triumphs

+ A palm is an emblem of triumph. Today’s feast is about welcoming Jesus, the humble king. He came on a donkey, not a horse, for all, rich or poor. With him, it is no question of the will to power. He enters Jerusalem as a humble sign of peace and greatness. How do we welcome Jesus?

Jesus’ following days in Jerusalem is indeed about to be struggle. But all he does is the fulfillment of his mission. Despite his suffering, Christ conquers evil in life. Christianity is our triumph because he conquers death. Jesus is the figure of victory. Jesus did nothing because he did not want to. The Jews’ accusations were all lies. He knows the truth – he is the truth. He kept his silence and was quiet because he knew he had to suffer. It is this divine reality that brings about what is meant to be.

As we approach Holy Week, we are called to welcome Jesus with open hearts and see others in him, and to the share the childlike joy to follow him.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

**Lent/Easter 2018
THE RECONCILING
COMMUNITY**

All activities are at the main Church unless stated otherwise

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 at 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

rise with you! That I die to the old Adam in me and rise to new life in Christ. We can find new meaning in these words: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal 2:20)

Fr Colin Tan, SJ

PARISH NEWS

Next week's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the poor.

CLOSURE OF ADORATION ROOM

The Adoration Room will be closed from 7.00pm on Wednesday and will reopen on Easter Sunday morning. When this season of Lent comes to a close, come participate in the Sacred Triduum that leads us to the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. Go to Page 3 on Sacred Triduum for details.

CLOSURE OF CHURCH CARPARK AT KING'S ROAD

The King's Road gate leading to the Drop-off Point and the Church basement carpark will be closed from 7.30pm for the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday, 31 March. The gate will only open at the end of the Easter Vigil Mass.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND on Maundy Thursday, 29 March, helps support the Church in the Holy Land. As Christians in the Middle East face challenging times, you will join Christians around the world to contribute funds to help conduct parish ministries, provide Catholic education, feed the poor, provide housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centres in the Holy Land.

PERSPECTIVE SESSIONS FROM RTE GROUP

– GOOD FRIDAY

Road To Emmaus is inviting all to a special session focusing on the Good Friday readings to help us prepare for the Easter Triduum. Monday 26 March, 7.45pm at the Annex Hall. If you are new to RTE, we welcome you to join us. If you need a reflection sheet, email road.to.emmaus.st.ignatius@gmail.com

CLOSURE OF OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, 30 March.

FIRST FRIDAY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

Friday, 6 April, 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.

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 Weyms Sanchez. Come and discover the dreams and hopes The Divine Mercy has for you!

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Please note that there will be NO CATECHETICAL SESSIONS next weekend of Saturday 31 March/Sunday 1 April, due to the Easter celebrations. Sessions resume on Saturday 7/ Sunday 8 April.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Pope Francis, at the Catholic Charismatic Renewal 50th anniversary last June referred to the Renewal as a "Perpetual Current of Grace" – an image of a river which brings life to people. God's sufficient sustaining grace meets every single challenge of our lives. Like the poor widow who gave everything she had (Mark 12:41). Do you think God let her go hungry that night? All are welcome this Wednesday March 28, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Adults who wish to receive Sacrament of Confirmation must attend the preparation sessions and rehearsal. Registration form at church office or <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/resources>

Preparation sessions: Saturday 5, 12 & 19 May, 11am at Loyola Room

Rehearsal: Friday 11 May, 7.30pm at main church

Confirmation: Saturday 2 June, 2pm at main church

PPC MEETING

Saturday 14 April, 9.15am to noon, St Ignatius Hall
A Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Saturday 14 April, 9.15am 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.

NEW LANE DIVERSION AT THE CHURCH LOBBY

For Drop-off & Pick Up Only!

No parking & waiting at all times.

This is a trial run for the next two weekends to test and fine tune this road system, to ease congestion at the Drop-off and Pickup Points at the church lobby. Do observe the road sign, and if the person is not at the pickup point, you are required to drive off and turn in again. If you have feedback, email davidrobertsaw39@gmail.com

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Christina Ong Kim Lian – 88 years old

Date of death: 17 March 2018

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

Sacred Triduum

“The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.” These three days are honoured in one ritual.

To aid your full, active and meaningful participation, here are some moments and movements of the rites and practices explained.

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm

The Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens and Holy Chrism, blessed by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass will be received and placed in the Ambry at the Reception of the Holy Oils.

The traditional *Washing of the Feet* takes place after the Homily.

The Collection for the Holy Land is during the Offertory.

At the end of mass, the Blessed Sacrament, will be transferred to the *Place of Repose*. The Place will be appropriately adorned for silent adoration. As the transfer is not a procession, only the priests and the servers accompany the Blessed Sacrament and the rest of the assembly remain kneeling. The choir sings the *Pange Lingua*, concluding with the *Tantum Ergo*.

All are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday Morning Prayer and Meditation Theme: A Bruised Reed Bending in the Wind 7.00am – 8.00am Way of the Cross 9.00am Passion Service 12noon, 3.00pm and 6.00pm

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord has three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, The Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion.

At the first part of the service, The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the (Ten) Solemn Intercessions. The Cantor will sing the Invitation and the Priest sings or says the prayer after. All remain standing throughout.

As you gather for the Service of the

Lord’s Passion, you will notice the veiled Cross. At the Showing of the Holy Cross, the priest sings and the assembly responds with “Come, let us adore.”

Given the large assembly at each of our Passion Services, the priest, clergy, lectors and altar servers adore the Cross, while the choir sings *Stabat Mater* (Lt. the sorrowful mother stood). The entire assembly will continue to kneel in silence for a while to adore the Cross. With this the second part of the service ends.

In the third part, the collection for the parish is taken up immediately after communion.

After the Prayer over the People by the priest, all genuflect to the Cross and depart in silence.

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer and Meditation Theme: The Tomb of Life and Hope 7.00am – 8.00am

The Church waits at the Lord’s tomb, meditating on his Passion and Death, awaiting His Resurrection. All remains bare, empty, quiet in anticipation of the elaborate celebration and joyous period at the Vigil that will prevail for fifty days.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Vigil 8.00pm (Saturday Night)

Led by the Light of Christ, the assembly takes its place for the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*). The Liturgy of the Word follows.

The Elect will be baptised, confirmed and several will be received

into the Catholic faith. Baptism will take place in Water of Life at the Place of Baptism, and the newly-baptised will receive the Body of Christ as they approach the Altar.

All these rites, where the Sacraments are celebrated, will take place along the Liturgical Avenue. This is a unique design in our church especially for these Easter rituals. The Liturgical Avenue is demarcated by the greenish-grey tile that begins at the Place of Reconciliation, through the Place of Baptism and to the Sanctuary where we find the Table of the Bread of Life, the Ambo, Presider’s Chair and the Tabernacle.

The Liturgical Avenue provides the place for the elect and their godparents to take their places during the singing of the Litany of Saints for the Blessing of the Water, the Profession of Faith and the Baptism itself. It gives the opportunity for godparents to come forward in front of the congregation for the Presentation of a Lighted Candle to their godchild, giving way for each person present to hold a lighted candle for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

The re-configuration of the seating—facing the Liturgical Avenue—for Easter Sunday helps us participate fully in these rites and recalls our own calling to the faith through the sacraments. Together, we become one family of Christ, and will remain so.

Easter Day Masses 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm & 6.00pm (Sunday)

On Easter Sunday, we gather before the Light of Christ, are sprinkled with the Water of Life and we renew our Baptismal Promises. As Easter Sunday, which began with the Vigil, continues through the Easter Day masses, the seating arrangements flanking the Liturgical Avenue will remain. In this way the entire parish experiences one celebration that began with those reborn in Baptism and called to the table of the Lord, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again. On this Day, we come to be blessed around the Baptistery and receive the Body broken for us.

As there will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 8.15 and 10.15 masses, children (with their parents) may be seated on the mats placed at the Liturgical Avenue for these two masses.

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 11 April, SH-02-E

Programme: "Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love" by Edward Sri. Session 6 – "I disagree" doesn't mean "I hate you"

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 19 April, #01-04

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

JESUIT NEWS

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for information. You can also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

FINDING GOD THROUGH WRITING

Spend a day to connect with God

through writing and journalling. Learn to explore and express your innermost thoughts and feelings through activities and writing exercises, and gain a deeper understanding of self and your relationship with God and others.

Date: Saturday, 19 May 2018

Time: 10am - 4.30pm

Contribution: \$80 (inclusive of lunch and refreshments)

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DON'T FORGET: YOUR CHARITIES

WEEK 2018 donation will provide much needed funding to support our Catholic Charities and Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore, to serve over 50,000 beneficiaries – the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, and persons living with HIV / AIDS. Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. Your donation will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent.

HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT: A WEEKEND RETREAT

Is God's love for you in your head or your heart? This retreat helps you to grow in the conviction of God's love. Examine images of self and God, and become more aware of any obstacles to God's love, so that you can free yourself to fall

in love with God. Presented by spiritual directors at Montfort Centre.

Date: 20 - 22 April.

Contribution: \$300.

Details/Registration: anthony@montfortcentre.org or 9631 1943.

Registrations close 13 April.

CHOICE

Come away for a Choice Weekend – it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date: 27 - 29 April (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary (9790 0537) or

Francesca (9710 9680)

Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8

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; 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