



Being Christian – Dare to be *Different*

REFLECTION

Finding God in the Breaking of Bread

✠ Jesus' encounter on the road to Emmaus with the disciples is simply to make himself known to everyone that his desire is to make us one with God. To feel the sacramental greatness of his love. The happiness in the breaking of bread and truly believing in the Eucharist, knowing what it really means. Of being present, active and conscious in the Holy Eucharist, in faith that I received the Holy God who strengthens me.

What is Christ's popular greeting? Peace. His desire to continue being with us, and to remain with us always. Why do others have to fear joy? Because of the feeling that they are being asked of something they do not want to give – belief and trust. Do you know what joy is? What makes you excited in life? We need to remember that the greatest joy is receiving the Eucharist, God and his love. The God who sees and hears, someone who comes to us, is with us, and speaks and acts.

FR GERRY KEANE, SJ

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Martin Luther King Jr realized how God is at the root of many disruptions and differences in the world. A Christian, for King, practices nonconformity, of being both mentally, intellectually strong to make independent thoughts and defend them publicly, while being compassionate and led by the heart in order to cherish and journey with the weak and poor.

King was fighting against a terrible perversion of knowledge, wisdom, and even faith. A perversion where values of old, such as well-being and being faithful, systematically hide and whitewash the suffering of the poor and marginalized.

The trap to being on the safe side is that safety is a virtue not easily denied. Unless one reflects on the way and life of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected from the dead. All the disciples could understand the crucifixion and the burial. Resurrection was not entirely new either, as there already had been accounts of persons raised from the dead by Jesus.

Why then did Jesus resurrected seem unfamiliar to them? The simple answer might be that Jesus was truly transformed, different, yet familiar enough when they were enlightened by him. Jesus' death and resurrection shows how differently God exists in this world, a difference that not only depends on faith, but intellect and love, as well as freedom.

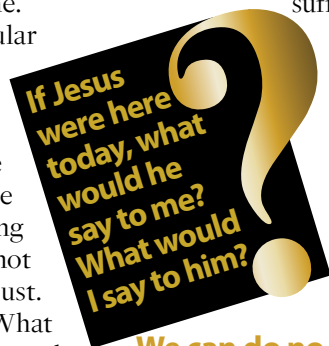
We need faith to envision a moral compass, but without intellect to be discerning of the truth of the matter, faith can be blind and self-serving. Intellect on its own is cold and calculative, yet such prowess is necessary even of Christians, if we are to serve God creatively. This creativeness is necessary in order to break the illusion and dichotomy of black-and-white choices that shepherd our daily lives.

Yet such creative energy and motivation can only originate from love of God and love of the neighbour. Nevertheless, all useless, if we did not have the freedom to choose to follow a path less travelled, of nonconformity, of being strong thinkers and movers capable of independence and also solidarity, driven by a heart for others.

As today's readings uphold, the way we know God is to keep his commandments. In order to uphold God's commandments, the Word of God remains God's revelation for all time and is one way of knowing God, and knowing his commandments. Knowing beyond just reading about Jesus' life, to knowing Jesus through reading about him, and getting to know Jesus by relating to him, and letting Jesus improbably and freely relate to us and enlighten us.

If Jesus were here today, what would he say to me? What would I say to him? We can do no worse than to bring our intellect, faith, love and freedom to bear upon knowing and listening to Jesus. With this little sacrifice, we foster a resurrection courage, to be transformed and be all that we can be as Christians, not only for ourselves but also for our loved ones and the world in need around us.

MICHEAL PHUNG, SJ



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PARISH NEWS

Next week's **COLLECTION** is for Good Shepherd Sunday.

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 20 April, 7.45-9pm at main Church.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2017 is available for your viewing at the notice boards.

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

Registration closes on 30 April 2018.

INFANT BAPTISMS SATURDAY 12 MAY, 3.00PM.

Parents and godparents are required to attend briefing on Sunday, 6 May, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Dennis (9457 7772) & Michelle Ng (9633 8236), or Ava (9618 0012) & Gerald Teo (9674 6820).

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Pope Francis referred to the CRC as a "Perpetual Current of Grace" – an image of a river which brings life to people – God's sufficient sustaining grace meeting 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 April 18, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Parenting enrichment programme by Magis Family Ministry and Marriage Encounter

Calling all parents with teens! Come join the Parenting Enrichment Programme held every Saturday, 10am-12noon, over 4 weeks from 21 April to 12 May at the St Ignatius Hall. Led by facilitators from Marriage Encounter who have successfully conducted these in other parishes. Positive Parenting covers topics such as Parent Expectations, Parent Image, Criticism and Discipline. Sessions are geared for parents with teens, but all parents are welcome. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ydbc9mlv> or the QR code here.



BE PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We encourage new parishioners and those who have yet to register who attend Masses regularly at St Ignatius Church to register with the Church Office. Being

registered as members gives you the privilege of using the church for weddings, Catechism Classes and funerals among other advantages.

The 12 NCC and SCC groups within our parish allow for parishioners to support each other in faith and fellowship. If you wish to be part of any of these communities of faith, contact the church office or Bernard at bernard@attitudeDS.com or 9450 7077. You can also leave your contact at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering. All, whether young or old, are welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER to collect all your belongings after Mass. We have received many items left behind daily.

HEART STRINGS 2018

St Joseph's Institution is hosting the charity concert Heartstrings 2018, on Saturday 26 May, 7pm to 9pm, at SJI. Proceeds are in aid of beneficiaries, Beautiful Mind Charity and SPD (formerly called Serving People with Disabilities). The line up includes award-winning musician, Samuel Lim, who conquered his Goliath to achieve his dream, despite having acid poured down his throat 18 years ago, when he was a baby, which completely destroyed his vocal and swallowing ability. Tickets at \$20 from the booth at the Place of Gathering.

RIP NEWS– RISEN IN THE LORD

Michael Chan Ying Choy – 79 years old

Date of death: 5 April 2018

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 2 (ST. AUGUSTINIANS)

Wednesday April 18, #02-02, 7.45pm, Sacred Heart Hall
Programme: Award-winning movie: *Of Gods & Men*

ZONE A DISTRICT 3

Wednesday 18 April, 7.30pm, 58 Swiss View, #01-03, S288061

Programme: Mass celebration cum potluck dinner

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 19 April, #01-04

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

ZONE C DISTRICT 3

Monday 16 April, 7.30-9.30pm, Loyola room
Programme: Lectio Divina

ZONE D DISTRICT 1

Friday April 20, SH-E

Programme: Topic on Easter and the Resurrection

KINGS/QUEENS ROAD GROUP

Saturday, April 21, @51 Kings Road
Programme: "The Father's Love"

“Death Cafés” have sprung up in a few places; individuals spend their time in these cafés to talk about their understanding, thoughts, dreams, fears, and other areas of death. Some cafés are decorated like a funeral parlor with a casket in the middle, inviting customers to lie inside the coffin for a few minutes, trying out what it feels like when the coffin door closes on them, when their journey on earth ends. Humans are both intrigued by and afraid of death.

In our culture, the topic of death is often considered as morbid and taboo as if when we talk about death, we invite it to come sooner. We avoid thinking about it, which is only natural; after all, humans have strong self-preservation and survival instincts. We desire to live well and long, to accomplish what we set out to do, to spend time with our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Many, however, readily admit that their fear is often caused by the dread of the unknown – something unseen, unfathomable, incomprehensible, and beyond our control.

We may have learnt firsthand, that, when one faces mortality – of self or loved ones – the perspective of life changes. Individuals who have suffered critical illnesses or had a brush with death are often transformed. Their priority in life shifts; they find new meaning, no longer taking life for granted, because

every day, every minute, every second is now a precious gift. Such souls show such courage and acceptance, that they make us wonder and marvel at the source of their strength.

Some of these brave souls are faithful Christians, who remember Jesus’ loving assurance: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16); Do not let your heart be troubled... In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:1-3); I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you (John 14:18); Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid (John 14:27).” They hold on to the promise of eternal life, of Jesus waiting for them in His Father’s house. He who has paved the way and shown them what to expect when they leave this life and move on to the next. These brave souls find their strength and hope in our Lord Jesus.

But what about the rest of us, who may not have had critical illnesses or a close encounter with mortality? There is a lesser known tradition within the Catholic Church for us to practice with – the practice of the remembrance of death. “In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin” (Sirach 7:36). Those who often

contemplate death have a taste of what awaits them in the end. And they live with that ending in mind.

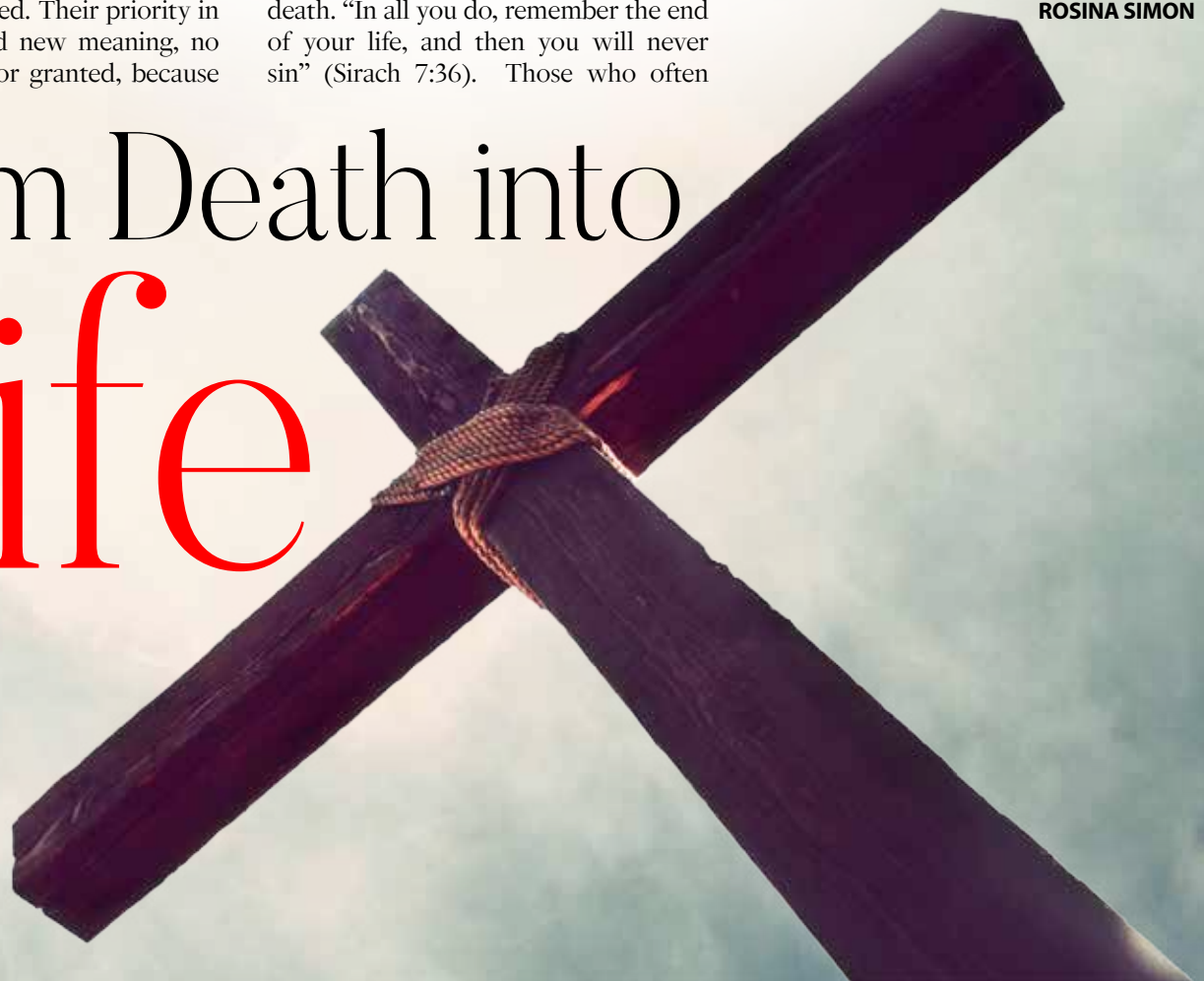
We are in Easter season, and there is no better time to ponder about this. The Church has prepared us throughout the Liturgical seasons. In Lent, we journey with the Lord through His struggle, suffering, and death. In Easter, we remember and celebrate His resurrection. Death has been conquered by His resurrection. We have been redeemed from death. Lent and Easter are but a continuum: the resurrection of our Lord brings new meanings to His death. And to ours. It gives us a glimpse of life after death: where death ends, a new life begins. At Easter, we are reminded again of this wonderful gift.

Every Sunday, we sing “We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your resurrection, until You come again.” Perhaps we should also proclaim our death – to our self and to the world – and profess our resurrection in Him and with Him. When the ending is clear, fear evaporates. Dread melts away, for Love has defeated death, and Light prevails against darkness.

We begin with the end in mind, as the end is the beginning. We came to the world as a child of God; when we draw our last breath, may we return joyfully to our Father’s house.

ROSINA SIMON

From Death into Life



JESUIT NEWS

CONNECTED PARENTS, THRIVING KIDS

Learn how to connect with your children to express understanding, validation and affirmation for who they are becoming. Build their confidence, and maintain motivation by safeguarding healthy self-esteem. Date: Thursday 17 May
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Contribution: \$30

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

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 Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225

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Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HOPE IN THE CITY 2018

Saturday 21 April, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building, Level 3
Experience Hope through stories, dance, art, and sharing! Listen to testimonies of how people found hope in Jesus Christ in challenging situations. Bring a friend so that all may encounter Jesus Christ, the Hope of the world.

LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD RETREAT

5 days 4 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. Come away and allow yourselves to be encountered by the Lord! Programme includes daily Eucharistic celebration, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, praise & worship, and spiritual counselling.
Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence

Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation
Dates: 25 to 29 May
Venue: Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia
Cost: S\$ 200 (Includes Accommodation, Meals, Transport)
Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation
To register visit: www.one.org.sg/events

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the Word of God. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on **Tuesday 24 April, 7.30pm** at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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)

Visiting Hours (Columbarium)

Open daily from 6.30 am to 8.00 pm (including weekends & Public Holidays)
Memorial Mass at the Main Church every 4th Friday, 6.00 pm for all deceased parishioners and families, followed by prayers in Columbarium.

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