



## We are the Children of God

**S**ometimes it is good to look not at just the Gospel, but at the other Sunday readings, which are also the Word of God, and which we don't often pay enough attention to.

In our second reading for today, for example, John speaks about one of the most fundamental ideas and values in his theological vision – that we are the children of God. If we look at children in their development, we can see how much we love them in their smallness, their overall humility, and their eager readiness to grow and in how innocent they are, especially at first.

God feels that same sort of love for us, but with all the power and wisdom and constant attention of His divinity.

He constantly has His eye on us, not in judgement as much as in joy and delight, in pride and (almost) impatience to see us reach the potential He gifted each of us with. Think about that today and even repeat it to yourself as a mantra: “I am the child of God,” stressing the “child” aspect.

God is so absolutely beyond us in His infinity that we will always be the smallest of children, the most beloved and protected, even if – in our childlike innocence – we cannot see the depth, the power, and the rich simplicity of God's faithful and constant love for us and His very hope in us.

We can barely grasp that we are

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those cherished little ones, every one of us, so how can we do more than just begin to grasp who God is calling us to become and is helping us to grow into? He is smiling warmly as we first put ourselves more and more trustingly under His tutelage through the Spirit and we seek to thus grow into the image and likeness of Christ, our older brother.

Just like children, who begin to understand the love and care of their parents as they grow and who begin then to imitate their parents and take care of others, we will be progressively more like the Father and see Him as He is – and in the light of His loving gaze it will, day by day, become more our peace and our joy to live and act completely in and through our Father's love for each one of us and for all our brothers and sisters.

### REFLECTION

## Do I Listen to the Good Shepherd?

**+** What is so attractive about the Good Shepherd? For whom do you lay your life? Life and prayer are matters of the heart, not the head. The Gospel is not to be understood, but to be lived. Jesus gave his life on the cross for us. His care and love for us made salvation possible. Through his willingness to sacrifice that we are saved.

Christ as a dear friend and protector speaks and calls us to listen to his Word; to recognize that we may live our lives in troubles and mistakes.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd leads, cares, watches and protects, and is willing to die for us. It is for us to keep listening to his voice. It requires our full attention. Prayers help us to act what we truly believe. We follow him because we trust him.

In moments of silence that we hear the voice, Christ hasn't given up on us. In him we discover God's love, peace and security.

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## PARISH NEWS

**MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased is this Friday 27 April, 6.00pm at the main Church followed by prayers in Columbarium. All are welcome.

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### **JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS**

Saturday and Sunday, 23 and 24 June, 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund. **Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition.** NO bulky furniture, fax machines, TV and printers; video and cassette tapes and text books. Place your donations by 4 May at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Starting July 11, journey through the entire Bible with Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. Taking orders for participants' study kits now Wednesdays, 9.45am to 12 noon at Room SH-F, Level 2, Sacred Heart Hall. Whatsapp Viv @97852268 or Jo @81832273.

### **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>. Registration closes by 30 April 2018. Preparation sessions: Saturday 5, 12 & 19 May, 11.00am at Loyola Room  
Rehearsal: Friday 11 May, 7.30pm at main church  
Confirmation: Saturday 2 June, 2pm at main church

### **RCIA – Come and experience the fullness of life!**

A special invitation for inquirers of the Catholic faith and sponsors to join the next RCIA journey, beginning: Tuesday 3 July, for Sponsors and Facilitators, Tuesday 7 August, for Inquirers. Thereafter every Tuesday, 8-10pm, at St Ignatius Hall. For information, contact: Parish office: Angela (6466 0625) | RCIA: Sandra (9628-6472). Register Now at <https://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia> or scan the QR



### **RCIY**

Invite non-Catholic friends and family, aged 17-24, to RCIY and share the joy of the faith today.  
Saturday 14 July, welcome tea and info session, 4-6pm  
Saturday 21 and 28 July, First two sessions, 4-6pm  
Subsequent sessions every Tuesday from 7 August, 8-10pm  
Website: <https://tinyurl.com/stiggysrciy>  
Contact: Eliza (97247613) or Aaron (8228 3419)  
Email us: [rciy.ignatius@gmail.com](mailto:rciy.ignatius@gmail.com)

### **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).

### **CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT (CER) FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday 17 May, 7.15pm – 9.45pm at St Ignatius Hall. An evening of praise and worship, discussion and fellowship with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. A gathering for post-CER retreatants. Those from other parishes are also welcome. Dinner from 7.15pm – 7.45pm.

### **USED TV/DVD PLAYER NEEDED**

The CCD catechetical program needs donations of a gently used TV and DVD player. We require a 32" TV with HDMI capability. Contact Parish office: Angela (6466 0625).

### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY**

"Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended to the Father. Before he left, Jesus promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit. What is our experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives? All are welcome for Bible sharing on Acts 1:3-8. This Wednesday 25 April at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with dinner and end at 9.30pm.

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

### **NOURISH YOUR FAITH THIS EASTER**

The Daughters of St Paul will be visiting our parish next weekend 28/29 April with spiritual books, CDs, and DVDs to help us nourish our faith and grow closer to God during this Easter. As part of their fundraising efforts for a new convent, jade rosaries and rosary bracelets will be given as gifts for donations of \$20 and above. Please give the Sisters your generous support.

### **RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD**

Carolina Tan Cheng Mai – 72 years old  
Date of death: 20 April 2018

## NCC NEWS

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

### **ZONE C DISTRICT 1**

Thursday 26 April #02-05/06  
Programme: The Face of Mercy

### **ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1**

Thursday 3 May, Contact [lennard.thean@gmail.com](mailto:lennard.thean@gmail.com)  
Programme: Revelation – Jeff Cavins

### **ZONE E DISTRICT 3**

Thursday 26 April, SH-02-E  
Programme: Praying, Meditating and Reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

# Come Home to St Ignatius



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**“W**e could say that the *family and the parish* are the two places where the communion of love, which finds its ultimate source in God, takes place. A Church truly, according to the Gospel, cannot but take the form of a *hospitable home*, with its doors open, always. Churches, parishes, institutions with closed doors must never be called churches, they should be called museums”  
– Pope Francis

As a parish family, we are all called, in Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan’s acronym “*to be more LIDA* (loving, inclusive, discerning and apostolic)”. Of course, Fr Colin was not just referring to the Jesuit community, or parishioners serving in ministries, the pastoral council and other groups, but each of us. This was the message driven home at our Parish Pastoral Council Meeting last Saturday, 14 April; the theme being, **At Home in St Ignatius**.

Like within the family, peace and harmony can only be enjoyed if every member of the family is dedicated to love, serve and support each other. The same applies to a dynamic parish community – where its members grow and mature in faith, and in turn, share the fruits with the wider community.

Fr Colin led us from the starting

point, **Paying attention to desire** (dreaming and sharing God’s dream). These are the questions to be pondered:  
**What is truest and deepest in my heart?**  
**How do I pay attention to God’s work in me – God’s Action?**  
**What do I pay attention to?**  
**The 4 Es of Experience, Encounter, Empowerment, Empathy**  
**Experience** of God’s Love  
**Encounter** of God’s action: Feelings  
**Empowered** by God, who is present and labours in all things  
**Empathy**: Do I allow God to act in, through and in spite of me?

In support of diverse needs, ministries within our parish are growing to provide safety nets for the elderly, the isolated, the sick, the poor, single or widowed parents struggling with special needs family members, or broken families. New Groups include D’fellowship (special needs, caregiver fatigue, dementia, Alzheimer’s), MFM (Magis Family Ministry), and the Green Project (Don’t write off something

as dead). There was a call for greater inter-ministry collaboration, renewal of leadership and membership, formation needs, integration of Ignatian Spirituality/Charism, and a stronger invitation to engage younger parishioners. According to a Census in 2007/2008, many young adults, aged 20-39 years, feel that they don’t belong to a single parish.

Pathways to becoming a more inclusive and welcoming parish included a deeper understanding of elder care for an ageing population who may have issues with getting to Church or receiving Holy Communion. Suggestions were to look into a Transport assistance scheme (possibly collaborate with Agape’s ABLE) and a Wheelchair ministry.

The recent Lenten talks on God moving in our lives, even in our suffering, touched a lot of hearts. If you feel the movement, ask yourself, what more can be done? What can I do?

At the same time, it is important that we recognize and understand that it is a challenge to discern which faith community or group to join. We are all called to respond to God’s love for us. We are to walk the talk and be a disciple. But if you are not sure where and how you can serve and play an active role within this family, do talk to any of our priests or approach greeters at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering after Masses.

Our parish also has NCC and SCC groups to allow for parishioners to support each other in faith and fellowship. If you wish to be part of any of these communities of faith or just need more information before making your decision, contact the church office or Bernard at [bernard@attitudeDS.com](mailto:bernard@attitudeDS.com) or 9450 7077. You can also leave your contact details at the Help Desk.

**BRIAN THIAN**

## 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](http://www.mas-jesuits.org) and [www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations](http://www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations). [www.malaysia.singapore](http://www.malaysia.singapore) for information. You can also contact Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at [mas-vocations@jesuits.net](mailto: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**

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

### CANCELLATION OF HEALING MASS@CHURCH OF STS PETER & PAUL

The Saturday, 5 May Mass with Prayers for Healing is CANCELLED. The next one will be on 2 June (Saturday). We apologise for the inconvenience. For enquiries, please email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467

### COME AWAY BEACH RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

From 26 to 29 May (4D3N), at Bintan Vacation in a meaningful way in this "play and pray" retreat designed to help grow and deepen our faith. Learning from the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, you will experience quiet prayer, daily discernment, self-care and a way of finding God in all things and time. Open to all from 21 to 40 years old. Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Registration/enquiries: [cenacle.missionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenacle.missionsingapore@gmail.com) or [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

### FAMILY CAMP organised by Archdiocesan Commission for the Family and Office for the New Evangelisation

Theme: Love or Lost?

Dates: 31 May to 3 June

Venue: Batam View Beach Resort

Cost: S\$350 per adult / teen, S\$200 per child (Includes accommodation, meals and transport)

### 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](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