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Meeting Christ

Today's gospel story is the story of meeting Christ in my fellow men,

the story of human friendship. I like to read it and ponder it as if Christ did not "appear" on the scene, but rather insinuated His presence through the conversation of friends. After all, I trust I am among those blessed who have not seen, but believe.

Two crestfallen and bewildered companions are silenced by the dread happenings of recent days. Tangled, meaningless details have induced silent confusion. They finally find their tongues and together recount the events of the past few days. They begin to see and remember loss that escaped their

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notice; to recall "all" that had been told them. Things began to fall into place - clarity and simplicity prevailed. Life somehow took on a different character. The love of friendship began to open them up to the infinite. Christ became more and more part of the experience until finally, in the homeliness of a simple meal, God emerged and they knew.

We all have had glimpses, however fleeting, of such experience. But we fail to see God because we are unaccustomed to meeting Him in the everyday. The blessedness of believing, of experiencing without seeing, can be more frequently ours if we can look within and expect to meet Christ in one another.

Fr Gerry Keane, SJ

Road to Faith

What do we benefit from exams? Maybe your parents said, "If you get very good grades for your 'O' Levels, we will buy you ...". Whatever your parents might buy for you has no direct relation to the exam. Only the ability to further your studies has a direct relation to good grades. This was the analogy that the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to explain the goal of human life and life after death.

The ultimate goal for all Catholics is to love, do good and attain eternal life in heaven. We all believe in eternal life after death; eternal life in heaven as the result of living a good life in the present.

Why is this important? Like all humans, we should have an ultimate end goal. The exam is not an end in itself; neither are our lives an end in itself. There is a purpose for everything and failing to

see that would be like a headless chicken walking around.

This is reflected clearly in the Gospel. Two disciples are walking towards Emmaus, talking about what happened to Jesus. They know that Jesus died and



Sunday 30 April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Monday 1 May

St Joseph

Tuesday 2 May

St Athanasius

Wednesday 3 May

St Philip and St James

Thursday 4 May

Liturgy of the day

Friday 5 May

Liturgy of the day

Saturday 6 May

Liturgy of the day

Sunday 7 May

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

that His body has disappeared. So these two disciples are most likely thinking that their journey with Jesus is over and trying to figure out what it all means. Thus, failing to understand the purpose of the life of Jesus Christ.

But here is where things change for the two. Their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus is not the end, but the beginning. It is through this encounter that they realised the purpose of Jesus Christ and their purpose of being Jesus' disciples.

Just like these two disciples, we all have a journey to take. We can choose not to take it and that usually leads us down a path of feeling lost, unhappy or disappointed. We need to choose the path that leads us to discover more about ourselves and more about Christ. We need to realise the purpose of the life of Jesus Christ in order to realise our own purpose, our own vocation.

Gerard Robert

JESUIT NEWS

HEALING OUR RELATIONSHIPS: WALKING WITH THE PRODIGAL SON

This retreat integrates spirituality and psychology to heal our relationship with God, spouses, children, those who have hurt us, and ourselves when we feel not worthy of love as did the prodigal son.

Dates & Times: Friday, 26 May (7.30pm) - Sunday, 28 May 2017 (5pm)

Facilitator: Fr Matthew Linn, SJ

Fee: \$270 (non-AC), \$330 (AC)

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

Details: www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7358

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 Colin Tan SJ, Msgr Philip Heng SJ,

Fr Adrian Danker SJ, Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC Singapore),

a vibrant, faith-oriented ministry under Couples for Christ, is inviting YOUTHS aged 13 to 21 to join the YOUTH CAMP, a fun and spirit-filled event based on Christian teachings. Friday 16 - Sunday 18 June at Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42, Singapore 649368.

For more information, refer to poster at the bulletin board, or call/text the coordinators at 9101 2603 or 9009 6676.

LIVING OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

By Fr David Garcia, OP

Workshop to help groups build communities of support which may uphold and live the principles of Human Dignity in the different aspects of life through the lens of the Catholic Social Teachings. Saturday 6 May at 8.30am to 3pm in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Date: Saturday May 13

Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm (be seated by 4.45pm)

Feast Day Mass and Candlelight Procession with rosary recitation at St. Joseph's Church, 143 Victoria Street to commemorate the Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima.

ABILITIES BEYOND LIMITATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS (ABLE) a member of

Caritas Singapore, provides rehabilitation therapy, training and job support to help people who are physically challenged to return to sustainable employment. ABLE also offers home and centre based respite services to Family Caregivers and their Care Recipients.

Contact: Email: enquiries@able-sg.org

Tel: 65-6801 7460

Website: www.able-sg.org

WEEKLY

Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

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.

Catholic content online, login: www.FORMED.org, parish code: 4904ed

MONTHLY - in Main Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
Every 1st Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Followed by
Eucharistic Adoration

Children Eucharistic Adoration
Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

Memorial Mass
Every 4th Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Church Office
3rd floor (from King's Road) or behind Kingsmead Hall (Victoria Park Road)

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 and elderly

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners regardless of which hospital they are at. 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.

Entrance via 8 Victoria

Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence),
St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall,
Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian
Spirituality & Counselling