

1st Reading: Apocalypse 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## PARISH PRIEST WRITES

## Mencius' Mother

Some may remember the story of how, when the Chinese sage Mencius was a boy, his mother moved house three times. The first time they were living by a cemetery. And the impressionable child would imitate the wailing of the mourners. Thinking that this wasn't good for him, his mother decided to move. Settling near a slaughterhouse. But the boy took to mimicking the cries of the dying animals. Alarmed, his mother moved again. This time near a market-place. Which led the precocious kid to parrot the banter of the hawkers and their customers. Considering this detrimental to her son's development, the conscientious mother moved yet again. Finally ending up next to a school. Where Mencius absorbed the learning and mannerisms of the scholars. Eventually becoming a great teacher himself.

A moving story of a mother's love for her child. Expressed in a willingness to endure great inconvenience. Just to ensure a conducive environment for

her child's growth. It is for a similar reason that our parish is changing our weekend catechism schedule for primary school children. As announced last week, with effect from January next year, primary catechism sessions will be moved from Sunday morning to Saturday afternoon.

Quite apart from practical considerations, like possibly alleviating Sunday morning congestion in the carpark, the primary motivation for this change is pastoral. The aim being to foster more conducive conditions for the spiritual growth of our children. The problem with the current arrangement is that it presents young families with an enticing proposition. Instead of waiting for the children to finish catechism, and then going for Sunday Mass together as a family, why not go for Mass while the kids are at catechism? And then, after both Mass and catechism are over, simply pick up the little ones and leave. This saves time, of course. But the kids miss Mass.

Recognising the highly seductive nature of this temptation, we have decided to remove it. By changing the schedule. It will entail some inconvenience for parents and catechists alike. But if Mencius' mother could do it, shouldn't we try?

*Fr Christopher Soh, S.J.*

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

## Fire Within

✠ St Augustine writes, "O Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you". Our deepest desire is our longing for God.

Is Jesus burning in your heart? Jesus says, "I have come to bring fire to the earth". "Fire" or "πύρ" in Greek carries a figurative meaning

## PARISH GOAL

Finding God  
in Myself, in Others and  
All Situations for

God's

*Greater  
Glory*

## Spiritual – Personal

Developing a personal relationship with the Lord through a meaningful prayer life and the Eucharist.

## Communitarian

Building Christ-centred communities in neighbourhoods and through parish activities that are inclusive of the poor, other Christians and religions.

## Social Mission

Committing ourselves to have Christ-like preferential love and justice for the poor and needy.

"fire of God". God's Spirit (like a holy fire) enlightens and purifies so that believers can share more and more in His likeness".

Since the beginning of time, God has wanted man to be in union with Him, through the Covenants God makes with man, and ending with Jesus, the Ultimate Sacrifice through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Jesus was faithful throughout, bringing God's Kingdom to completion and fulfilment.

We have within us the Holy Fire from the day of our Baptism and through all the Sacraments we receive. Jesus is in all of us and as long as we follow Him as His disciples, He will be right beside us all the way. But we also need to reflect whether that fire is still burning, that desire for God.

*Gerard Robert*

*Parish Priest*

Fr Christopher Soh, S.J.

*Assistant Parish Priests*

Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, S.J.

Fr Matthew Tan, S.J.

*Parish Administrator*

Angela Kurnadi

*Parish Accountant*

Joyce Setiawan

*Operations Manager*

David Saw

*Sacristan*

Robert Ong

*Youth Coordinators*

Yvonne Chen/Gerard Robert

*Catechetical Director*

Jeremy Aloysius

*Communications Manager*

Therese Gian

## PARISH NEWS

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Friday, 19th August, 7:45 pm to 9:00 pm

Come experience God's presence and adore Him! Sing hymns, pray the Rosary, offer intercessory prayers and spend an intimate hour with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist!

### ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY

There will be a meeting for the parents of Altar Servers at 2:30 pm on Sunday, 21st August 2016 at the St Ignatius Hall. ALL PARENTS are requested to attend this meeting, where we hope to have the opportunity to engage with you and share our plans for the Ministry moving forward. Email [stignatiusaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:stignatiusaltarservers@gmail.com) / [Vanessa.tok@gmail.com](mailto:Vanessa.tok@gmail.com) to register.

### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Please note that, with effect from January 2017, there will be no primary level catechetical sessions on Sunday mornings. Classes currently held on Sunday mornings will be re-scheduled to Saturday afternoon, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Parents are kindly requested to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate this change. Please refer to the parish website for more information.

### INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 11th September at 3 pm.

All parents and godparents are expected to attend the briefing on Sunday 4th September, 3:00 pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a Saint's name for your child's baptism. For enquiries, contact Valerie (9189 3770) & Gerard Lee (9677 0078) or Michelle (9765 5065) & Lin Wein Khoo.

### CCD REGISTRATION

The **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** is a faith formation programme for Catholic children, aged 6 to 13 years in international schools. Online registration for intake year 2016-2017 opens from 1st August – 31st August 2016. All students (new or returning) have to register.

✓ **REGISTRATION** accepted ONLINE ONLY, <http://www.stignatius.org.sg/Ministries/Faith-Formation/Catechetical-Ministry/CCD>

After submission of online registration, please submit the following to the Church office:

✓ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)** – a hard copy of baptism certificate & fee (by cheque)

✓ **NON-SACRAMENTAL GRADES** – fee by cheque with your child's name and grade on the back.

For Confirmation class, please submit required documentation and fee only at the Mandatory Parents Orientation Meeting, which will be held at the Annexe Hall (2nd Floor) on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7:00 pm

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

#### Growth in the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you, and then you will be my witnesses..." We are invited to grow in our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. What does

this growth involve, and what is our response? Come join us and share on *Growing in the Holy Spirit*. This Wednesday, August 17 at St Ignatius Hall, from 7:30 pm (with a light dinner) until 9:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### BAT'S BIBLE LECTURES ON HISTORICAL BOOKS BY MSGR AMBROSE VAZ

Msgr Ambrose Vaz will be conducting weekly Bible lectures on the books of Ruth, Jonah, Judith & Tobit. From 4th August to 10th November 2016, every Thursday evening 8 pm to 10 pm at St Ignatius Hall. Come and listen to a detailed account of these historical books and enjoy the living Word of God. No registration required. If you have any queries, please contact Henry Wu at [henrythwu@gmail.com](mailto:henrythwu@gmail.com) or Matthew Raj at [rajoypebe@gmail.com](mailto:rajoypebe@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased parishioners and family is on Friday, 26 August at 8:00 pm in the main Church. Please note that there will be NO 6:00 pm mass on that day. All are welcome.

## NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8:00 pm

### Zone A District 2

Wednesday, 17th August, 7:30 pm, 02-02  
Programme: "Risen"



### Zone A District 3

Wednesday, 17th August, 02-06  
Programme: SYMBOLON Session 6 – The Paschal Mystery

### Zone B District 3

Thursday, 25th August, #01-04  
Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God  
2) Healing of Memories – Inner Healing  
(VCD) Programme 7 By Rev. John H. Hampsch

### Zone C District 1

Friday, 19th August, SH-E  
Programme: SYMBOLON – How to live our faith (session 1)

### Zone C District 3 Group 1-3

Monday, 15th August, SH-E  
Programme: Contemplative living: Thomas Merton

### Zone D District 1

Friday, 19th August, #02-02  
Programme: "Reflection and discussion of Year of Mercy booklet – Compassion"

### Zone E District 2

Wednesday, 17th August, Kingsmead chapel adoration room  
Programme: Prayer and silent rosary marking Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Email [ernestsheep@gmail.com](mailto:ernestsheep@gmail.com) for details.

Youths from our parish have returned from Poland, where they immersed themselves in the MAGIS experience of finding GOD in all things and living out Ignatian spirituality, together with some 2,000 young people from around the world. Nineteen-year-old Ella Verley shares her encounter



# Within the MAGIS Circle



I had mixed feelings about the upcoming MAGIS-World Youth Day experience. I was both very excited with high expectations of my first MAGIS-WYD, and a bit nervous and worried about how it was going to be encountering so many people from different nations.

My MAGIS experiment was a four-day silent retreat at Sucha, in Poland. We had a structured daily schedule, which included daily Mass and adoration, a meeting with a spiritual director, and pockets of free time for self-meditation. Being my first silent retreat, I really enjoyed the overall experience. The tranquil nature of the chapels and surrounding environment drew me closer to the Lord and aided my meditations on the daily themes. In the evenings, we would end with the Examen, followed by the MAGIS circle. Each day there would be a different theme to meditate on, accompanied with a morning prayer. On the second day of the silent retreat, the theme of the day was "Cooperation". The

morning prayer was taken from Mt 2:1-5a, 7-12, and focused on the Wise Men from the East encountering King Herod, and paying homage to the newborn Jesus in the manger with Mary and Joseph. This day was the most profound for me. What struck me especially were the words "sensitivity" and "looking for Him in a very open way". This single word, this phrase, completely changed my relationship with God. I found that when I opened myself up to the Lord, I felt courageous, peaceful and no longer worried. The entire MAGIS experience immersed me into a place that I was unfamiliar with, but allowed me to leave with a sense of overall joy, faith and courage.

The WYD in Krakow was a great ending to the entire experience. I enjoyed attending Catechesis and Mass at the Mercy Centre, as well as the Papal Welcome and Opening Ceremony. Our experience can't be easily explained to someone; it has to be lived and felt for you to fully grasp the richness of it all.

FR MATTHEW TAN, SJ

*The impact on the youths, of seeing youths from all over the world gathered together to celebrate the One, Catholic Faith, was tremendous! The universality of the Faith was experienced especially in the Mass. Whatever the language it was celebrated in, every Catholic could fully participate. The greatest depth came from the MAGIS Program where some 2000 youths from around the world came together to share living out Ignatian Spirituality. The MAGIS "Experiments" with the daily scripture, reflection "Magis Circle" sharings and EXAMEN opened their eyes to how relevant Ignatian spirituality, of "Finding God in all things", is to living out the Christian Faith.*



## JESUIT NEWS

### KINGSMEAD CENTRE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & COUNSELLING COUPLE RETREAT – BUILDING A STRONG MARRIAGE

Saturday, 20th August (9am–9pm) and Sunday, 21st August (9 am–1 pm).

A stay-out retreat led by Fr Pham Hung, SJ, designed to help couples focus on building trust and communication in their marriage. Topics covered include intimacy, reconciliation, and the mission to love.

Fee: \$300/person or \$500/couple (inclusive of lunch, dinner and tea breaks).

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/kingsmeadregistration>

Enquiries: [www.kingsmeadcentre.sg](http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg); Tel: 6467 6072 or email [kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmead.enquiries@gmail.com)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### TALK: ON BEING CATHOLIC AND SINGAPOREAN

Speakers: Nick Chui and Dominic Cooray

What does it mean to be a Catholic in today's society? Join us as we delve into the Christian theological tradition to explore what it means to be a faithful Catholic as well as a patriotic citizen.

Date and time: 17th August; 7:30 pm–9:00 pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street – Conference Room (inside canteen)

To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com)

**ABILITIES BEYOND LIMITATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS (ABLE)**, a member of Caritas, Singapore, provides rehabilitation therapy, training and job support to enable physically challenged clients return to suitable and sustainable employment. ABLE also offers respite services to family caregivers and their physically challenged care recipients. More details at [www.able-sg.org](http://www.able-sg.org) or email: [enquires@able-sg.org](mailto:enquires@able-sg.org)

### CANA FILM FESTIVAL 2016 (SEPTEMBER 7TH – 13TH 2016)

CANA invites you to kick start our FilmFest with a premiere movie *FRANCISCO: EL PADRE JORGE* – a wonderful movie on our dear Pope Francis. Date: 7th September 2016, 7 pm, Vivocity Golden Village, Max Theatre. Donation tickets at \$100 for Agape Village + Cenacle Mission. Then ensues four exciting days of a plethora of movies that will entertain, provoke and help us reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching. Check out the programme schedule on <http://www.canafilmfest.com/>. Tickets can be purchased online @ <https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/19358/8b2d/> or call us at Cana 63384080.

### Church Office

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

### Sunday Masses

Saturday : 6:00 pm

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 12:15 pm and 6:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

### Confessions

Every Friday & Saturday: 5:40 pm

Every Sunday Mass: 20mins before Mass begins

### Infant Baptism (each month)

Briefing for parents & godparents

(compulsory): 1st Sunday, 3:00 pm

Baptism: 2nd Sunday, 3:00 pm sharp

Registration forms 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

Monday to Saturday: 6:30 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday: 6:30 am – 8:00 pm

Public Holiday: Closed

### Inigo Bookstore

Open 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)

### Jesuit Regional Curia

Tel: 6469 7356

Fr Colin Tan SJ, Fr James Tan SJ

### Kingsmead Hall

Jesuit Community

Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerard Keane SJ,

Fr Gerald Tseng SJ,

Msgr Philip Heng SJ,

Fr Leslie Raj SJ,

Fr Charles Sim SJ,

Fr Adrian Danker SJ,

Sch Don Basil Kannangara SJ

**Kingsmead Centre Tel: 6467 6072**

**Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022**

### WEEKLY

#### Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2:30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

#### Gentle Light

Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12noon in St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead)  
Thursday, 10:00 am – 12noon in Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

#### Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7:00 am Mass & Monday to Friday 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm before 6:00 pm Mass

#### Christian Meditation

Friday, 2:30 pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

#### Divine Mercy Devotion

2nd, 3rd, 5th Friday after 6:00 pm Mass;  
4th Friday at 7:20 pm before Memorial Mass in Main Church.

#### MONTHLY – in Main Church

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every FIRST Friday, 8:00 pm (No 6:00pm Mass). Followed by **Generation CHRIST! Eucharistic Adoration**

#### Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every THIRD Friday, 7:45 pm

#### Memorial Mass

Every FOURTH Friday, 8:00 pm (No 6:00 pm Mass)

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