



GIFT OF True Wisdom



Today's first reading centers on wisdom, which is not something that most of us do well with: we move too fast, we concentrate on practical results, and we think primarily in terms of the here and now, and even when we believe that we are doing long-range thought (which is not the same as planning), that is not wisdom.

One of my education professors once told our class that "education is what remains behind when you forget everything that you have learned", and that idea points in the direction of wisdom. True wisdom is not knowledge, nor is it caniness nor craftiness, not the shrewdness that looks primarily at results, and does not look at all to the morality and sheer "rightness" of an action. It is not found in "bar talk" or what one hears on talk radio. Wisdom is not self-congratulatory, nor does it have anything of deceit or hypocrisy about it. And it is not the prudence of today's Gospel reading.

True wisdom is a penetration to the heart of reality, to what it means to be fully and truly human, to be a true success, to the nature of love, and to all such foundationally important things. It is real peace and joy, the slow, gentle and solid warmth that comes
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Psalm response: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

living constantly in the Lord's presence, and letting His values and vision slowly shape our own.

At root, wisdom is seeing the world in God and with the eyes of God. Wisdom is the Holy Spirit Itself, the presence and action of the Spirit. Now there is a very small problem in my saying that, insofar as there has been a whole area of Biblical studies centered on "Wisdom literature". These books include Wisdom, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Ecclesiasticus/Sirach, the Song of Songs, Job, and the Psalms. They are a reflection on life and its meaning, and sometimes a celebration of it, and the general consensus is that Wisdom is almost a person, as in today's first reading, and that person is Jesus.

My response would be that is only partially true: His mother was "filled with the Holy Spirit", and His father, Joseph, certainly showed signs of being gifted in the same way in his response to the four dreams described in the early chapters of Matthew. That in itself might not argue against that position, but Jesus Himself is filled with the Spirit from birth and in a special way again at His Baptism, and He sends that Spirit upon

us. Does it really matter whether these Scriptures refer exclusively to Jesus or to the Spirit?

And where is the Father in all of this? I don't know precisely, but I do know that the Trinity is a package deal, that we do not find any One of them without the other Two being actively present at the same time. It is God, the Trinity, who is wise and loving and powerful; assigning wisdom exclusively to one or the other of the Divine Persons as a quality or an identity is a moot question.

Most importantly, how do we get wisdom? We cannot buy it or study it, but an attitude of silence, of listening, reflection and waiting makes it possible for the Holy Spirit to reveal itself to us and to imbue our lives with Its presence. Like gravity or air, it is definitely present, something we rely on but take for granted, something that helps us find life. And wisdom comes to us only if we hunger for it, truly surrender to it, and accept it only as a gift of God, not the result of our own merit or effort.

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PARISH NEWS

MASS BOOKING FOR NOVEMBER

myCatholic.sg is open for **SECOND MASS BOOKINGS** for November on 10 November, 3.00pm. Parishioners can make their bookings for a second weekend Masses, subject to availability.

The seating capacity is 100 parishioners for weekday and weekend Masses. Starting from November, parishioners are able to book two weekend slots per month and one slot per weekday.

Mass timings for St Ignatius Church:

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm.

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 4.30pm and 6.00pm

Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Parking is ONLY at the King's Road basement car park.

Go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/> and our church Telegram channel for updates, guidelines to the resumption of Masses.

NO-SHOW FOR BOOKED MASS

If you are unable to attend the Mass that you had booked, please email csi.admin@catholic.org.sg with your name as in the registration, last four digits of IC, date & time of Mass.

ONE-TIME CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH

With effect from Saturday, 17 October at 0900 hrs, our Catholic faithful will be able to make a one-time change of their parish church via mycatholic.sg under their *myProfile* page.

In response to the many requests made, this now one-time option to register at a different church - will meet the various personal considerations of members of our community.

In order to qualify for the change of a parish church, please ensure that you meet the following criteria:

1. You do not have any upcoming bookings in your current parish church.
 2. Your previous booking was more than 14 days ago.
 3. You have not attended a Mass in person in the last 14 days in any church. This is an extra precaution to prevent potential cross-infection.
- Please note that after a change of a parish church has been made on mycatholic.sg, you will not be able to make a further switch to another church. At the moment, this is a one-time change.

For more information, please check with your respective churches or visit: mycatholic.sg or email: mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg

UPDATES ON THE MASS ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (MARS)

You can now cancel your Mass booking up to 48 hours before Mass begins.

You may edit your name, date of birth and mobile number on the MARS profile page. However to edit your NRIC or



JUBILEE DOOR OF GRACE

Please go to

[https://stignatius.org.sg/home/
what-s-happening/upcoming-events](https://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/upcoming-events)

to watch a video address by St Ignatius Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan, SJ on the Jubilee Door of Grace and the Papal Indulgence for our Jubilee Year, in celebration of 60 years as a Jesuit parish in Singapore.

email address, you will need to email mycatholic@catholic.org.sg directly.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.00pm

Please go to <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

Tuesday and Thursday, 6.00pm. Presided by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, and 6.00pm.

Please note that livestreams will only be available during

Mass time and will not be accessible after the Mass.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ.

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PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS

The church office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm, strictly by appointment only. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Communications via telephone, email and Telegram

will be as usual. The King's Road church gate will remain closed until further notice.

CONFESSION is available by appointment only. Please call the church office (Angela/Suzie) at 6466 0625 or email church@stignatius.org.sg

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES 2ND REFLECTION SERIES – All are invited to a night of prayer, reflections on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, sharing and focusing on the "Word" spoke of the Wheel of Living a Christ-Centred Life. This Wednesday 11 November, at 8pm. Email cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS REFLECTION E-BOOKLETS

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet available in English, Chinese and Tamil to journey with you throughout Advent and Christmas. The reflection themes are "The Coming Word" and "Word Among Us" respectively. Download e-booklet at bit.ly/AdventChristmas2020 Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on Monday 8pm, beginning from 23 November at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel

LISTENING TO GOD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

is embarking on a 3-year program titled "Bible Pilgrimage 2023" to read the entire Bible. Programme outline and materials are adapted from Fr Bobby Emprayil's "Bible By Pentecost 2021" with his consent. Contact Elaine 9679 2876 or Richard 9781 7228.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Sundays, 9.00am-9.45am, 11.00am-11.45am, and 1.00pm-1.45pm; and Saturdays, 5.00pm-5.45pm.

For Sundays, make your bookings at <https://forms.gle/o3b1KN1nLS5d9zNf7> and for Saturdays at <https://forms.gle/fj76SLpxtUAdV3Sv6> Only 30 visitors are allowed per session, so please do not visit unless your booking is confirmed by the parish through phone call or WhatsApp. If you need help in booking, please call the church office 6466 0625 (Angela/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/SMS 9675 6621.

Looking for volunteers (below 60 years old, registered at St. Ignatius with MARS, and not already volunteering at weekday or weekend Masses) to help with safety measures at the Columbarium on Saturdays and Sundays. Please WhatsApp 9675 6621.



Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ Assistant Parish Priest
Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Suzie Wee Parish Accountant ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Natalie Ang Youth Coordinator ★ Susan Thian Catechetical Coordinator
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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC WELFARE SERVICES (CWS) EMMANUEL SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Application Deadline is now extended to 16 November 2020.

We are still seeking those who desire a second chance for a brighter future through further education, but have encountered adversity and are in need of financial assistance. This program includes a mandatory personalised mentoring programme so that there is someone assigned to accompany them in their education journey and support them through their issues. If you are interested additional information can be found at <https://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/ESCE.html>.

INFANCY NARRATIVES

By Msgr Ambrose Vaz via ZOOM.

Course description: The Infancy Narratives found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke focus on the accounts of Jesus' life as a child. The root of these stories is the experience of hope found in the birth of Jesus and the examples of surrender and service embodied in his parents, Joseph and Mary. This is a story of longing and seeking, as demonstrated by the Magi searching for the redemption offered by the birth of a new king. Ultimately, Jesus' life and message is a story for today, one that speaks to the restlessness of the human heart searching for the sole truth which alone leads to profound joy.

4 Tuesday mornings:

10 November – 1 December, 9.30am-11.30am.
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y49bgpu9>



4 Tuesday evenings:

10 November – 1 December, 8.00pm-10.00pm.
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y49bgpu9>

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Love offerings may be made through PayNow: UEN T08CC4023DBA1
Bank Transfer: UOB A/C No. 451-300-686-6
Cheque: made out to Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate
Mail to 2 Highland Road, #03- 17, Singapore 549102



ASSISI HOSPICE is bringing you the E-Edition of its well-loved annual event – ASSISI FUN DAY! Shop at www.assisifunday.sg from 5 to 15 November, from over 35 e-stalls offering food and products. Every dollar spent will go towards providing care for patients with terminal illnesses. Go to www.assisifunday.sg NOW to start winning vouchers by playing the Pancake Game.