



Building a Community of Harmony

What idols have you carved out for yourself? Growing up, I was driven by passionate curiosity. Once, as I was becoming fascinated with the notion of a budding scientist in me, I put together a device made up of random electronic parts and connecting wires. I plugged my new creation into a power socket to see my scientific achievement at work. It glowed and brought a smile to my face, shortly before a minor explosion ensued. It tripped the fuse box, landing the entire house into darkness. People at home were not the least amused with my precocious scientific feat. The little failed experiment, however, made me all the more resilient in wanting to discover how things are wired to each other in nature in order to function properly.

One cannot put things together concocted according to one's own whims and fancies and needs. Idols are carved out of our experiences in which things are wired wrongly, made up of false connections that create life-

traps, a pattern of thinking or judging or behaving that short-circuits the fuse box constantly and lands your entire house into darkness. And, the idol beneath our thinking which we cannot see is more radicalized than the molten calf worshipped in broad daylight, because when the idol opens its eyes in order to see, it makes us wire things to each other wrongly in a manner which appeases the real fear or rage or vengefulness, which must remain hidden. It takes a lot of mental, physical and spiritual energy to keep things together wrongly against their natural flow, or when the connections we are making between things are foolish or weak. We generate fanciful connections and enforce rigid behaviors, because our idols are breathing.

Jesus knew the self-oppressive manner in which people were holding things together through the carved-out idols pumping their hearts, like the den of thieves in the middle of the temple. They had turned God's free relationship into some

deeply hidden unperceivable and unnatural self-centered gain by demonizing guilt and shame, and spiritualizing it in order to exploit the vulnerabilities of others.

But, idols are rather resistant. When you try to undo an idol, people often have outbursts of aggression and anger. It is like an explosion of energy which burns the fuse box and turns the entire house dark, exposing the fact that there was never genuine harmony and light there to begin with. When building community, we must be weary of putting things together erroneously, or they will explode at some point, because things cannot be held together in an unnatural way - through a short-circuiting impulsive spirituality of concealed darkness. The idol unleashes pent up forces; God harmonizes into growing freedom.

Lord, help us gather things together in a manner which enlightens the eye, and that rejoices the heart, and refreshes the soul.

FR RAVI MICHAEL LOUIS, SJ



Lent 2021

A Season of Renewal and Preparation



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after the 7pm Mass
Parishioners will need to have a valid Mass booking to attend.



Laudato Si' Lenten Reflection

Come and join us for a guided meditative walk around our Parish garden and reflect on how you can make a difference in caring for our common home.

Every Saturday during Lent: **27 February, 6,13, 20 and 27 March at 6pm.** To register, WhatsApp/ text Angela at 9664 2094.

For those who would like to do the meditative walk on your own, please scan the QR code to access the Lenten Reflection booklet and follow the sketch map.



Lenten Talk Series

Join us for a series of Lenten talks on **17, 18 and 19 March, 8pm - 9.30pm via Zoom.**

Day 1 - Sin and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled with God*

Day 2 - Conflict and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled with one another*

Day 3 - Vocation and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled for Mission*

Register at bit.ly/stigslententriduumtalk21



Lent Reconciliation Service

Confessions will be available during Lent on the following dates:

Date	Time
Monday, 22 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	3pm to 5pm
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Wednesday, 24 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Thursday, 25 March 2021	3pm to 5pm
Thursday, 25 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Friday, 26 March 2021	8pm to 10pm

Book a slot at calendly.com/youthoffice/confession



Lenten Fast for the Poor

Enrich your Lenten fast by donating the cost you save from fasting to the **Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) at St Ignatius.** In doing so, you'll be helping in their mission and outreach to the poor and needy.

You may make these donations via PayNow to **UEN T08CC4052A.** Indicate "Lenten Fast" as the reference.

Please refer to the Parish website for the latest updates on the full Lenten Programme.

PARISH NEWS

MARCH MASS BOOKINGS

Stage 3 Mass bookings opens on **9 March at 3pm** via myCatholic.sg. Parishioners will be able to book **ONE weekend Mass** and up to **FIVE weekday Masses** at each stage, subject to availability.

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

All parishioners attending Mass are to use the **TRACETOGETHER app or token** to perform SafeEntry check-ins. Please continue to bring your NRIC/Work Permit to verify your Mass booking before you can be admitted to the Church Hall.

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

Go to stignatius.org.sg and our church Telegram channel for updates, guidelines to the resumption of Masses.

CANCELLATION FOR BOOKED MASS

The cancellation cut-off time for Mass bookings has been **reduced from 48hrs to 24hrs as of 1 February.** If you are unable to attend a Mass you have booked, please cancel your booking early so that another parishioner may take your place.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with

Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Please go to stignatius.org.sg/home/

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Join us this **Wednesday, 10 March, 8pm** as Fr Stanley Goh, SJ goes deeper on the matter of discernment and shares St Ignatius' writings and advice to those who are discerning. Email us at cpg.cosi@gmail.com for more details.

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 March bookings, please book at bit.ly/stigscolumbariumMar2021

If you need help in booking, please call the church office at 6466 0625 (Pauline/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS 9675 6621.

Safety volunteers aged **70 or below** needed for a new visiting session, **5-5.45pm on all Sundays.** Please message 9675 6621 if you are able to help. Thank you!

KINGSMEAD NEWS

JOB VACANCY: Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling is looking for an **ADMINISTRATOR.** Please send your application and resume, including present and expected salary to kingsmead.recruitment@gmail.com

For details of the job description and other requirements, please go to www.kingsmeadcentre.sg

Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CARITAS SINGAPORE - CHARITIES WEEK 2021

The season of Lent is the time when the Caritas Singapore conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign - Charities Week 2021. Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of Caritas to journey with low-income families, youth-at-risk, people with physical disabilities, and mental health issues.

Do pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. *All Donations are eligible for 250% Tax Deduction*

CATHOLIC200SG PUBLICATION

Calling writers of all ages! We invite you to write a poem, short story or article about Catholics and Catholicism for the Catholic200SG publication. Submissions may reflect on the last 200 years or ponder what the next 200 years will bring.

For more information go to <http://bit.ly/3e7ndxP>

CATHOLIC200SG: FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

A showcase of Catholic musical talent, a celebration of the diversity of music in Singapore. All Catholic individuals and groups are invited to submit music videos of covers or original works by **31 May 2021.**

For enquiries and submission guidelines go to catholic200.sg/catholic200sgfestival/ or email music200@catholic.org.sg

CHANCERY NOTICE: "MARIA DIVINE MERCY"

The Chancery has received reports of the distribution of devotional objects and items associated with the Maria Divine Mercy group. The devotionals include a prayer card, scapular of the "Seal of the Living God", and a list of messages concerning these items.

A previous notice has been issued on November 2015. Many of the self-proclaimed seer's texts are in contradiction with Catholic teachings and several dioceses around the world have issued notices against her. The faithful are reminded that these false teachings and associated devotional items **should not** be promoted or distributed.

JESUS FOR EVERYONE

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings the good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns' - Isaiah 52:7

You are invited to further the good news of the Lord in 2021. What can you do? How will you do it?



Tell others about Jesus.

Check out this short video and share it with your family and friends. <https://youtu.be/HwSWQ1HyGsA>

LENT REFLECTION BOOKLET 2021

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet: *"The Word, Source of Life"* to journey with you throughout Lent. They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. Download at bit.ly/Lenten2021

Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet are available at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel

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