



FAITH IGNITE

BECCOT e-Newsletter

What Was I Made For?

Do the lyrics to Billie Eilish's song resonate in your heart? "What was I made for... what was I made for?"

Have you ever asked yourself what your role is in God's plan for your life and how are you going to fulfill it? And if you do accept the idea that God has a specific life purpose for you, have you ever wondered what the next step is He is calling you into?

At times we fail to reflect and consider what His plan is for us. Just like St Ignatius of Loyola, he never took the time to consider his future. However, while in bed healing from a cannon ball injury, he had time to think about his life and discover his purpose. From that moment on, he was a different man.

In hopes that it would guide others, he shares some steps he took to discover his purpose in life. Here is some of his advice based on a chapter titled "Making a Good Election," from his book of Spiritual Exercises.

1. Pick the right time to think about it
2. Imagine yourself in the future
3. Pray and ask for help from the people who know you best
4. Think about how the rest of your life is affected
5. Pretend you are another person giving advice to yourself
6. Imagine you are living your last moments

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GREETINGS

REV. FR. LAWRENCE NG, CDD
PARISH PRIEST

**My dear Parishioners,
Happy Feast Day to all of you !**

The month of July holds special significance for our parish as it marks the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, our patron saint, celebrated annually on the 31st of July.

Many of you may not know much about St Ignatius or appreciate the significance his “cannonball moment” and its impact on the Catholic church.

Ignatius or Inigo, as he was called by his family was the youngest of 13 children and from a noble and wealthy Spanish family. He was a military man known for his diplomatic missions before giving his heart to Jesus.

St Ignatius considered himself a pilgrim on a journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, he spent time in a cave, praying as much as seven hours a day, and recording his experiences, now known as the Spiritual Exercises.

With the theme “Salt of the Earth, Light of the World”, this year's celebration will focus on two sub themes: our commitment to caring for ecology & the elderly. Caring for our environment involves the joined effort and responsibility of both young and old in our community in preserving our earthly Home for future generations.

In the same month, we celebrate World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly which falls on the 28th of July. Pope Francis instituted this Day as he believes grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young.”

Hence, just like St Ignatius of Loyola, we are all companions in this journey of life and faith.

Our celebration commenced on the 30th of June with the unveiling of a newly refurbished statue of St Ignatius of Loyola after the evening Mass. The celebrations will close on the 3rd of August 2024 after a motor treasure hunt.



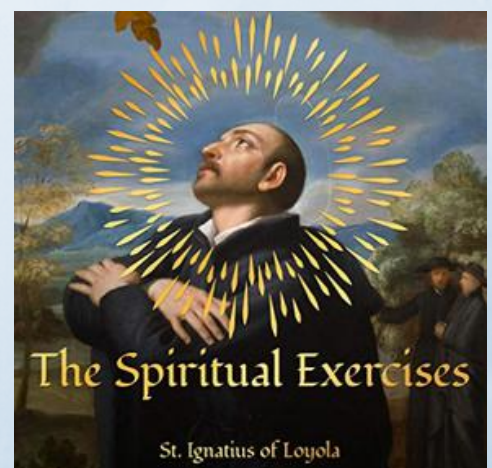
A lot of planning has been undertaken for this month long celebration. With God's blessing and cooperation from various ministries and groups, we have organised a musical, engaging workshops, community service opportunities & moments of spiritual experience – all aimed at allowing more people to know of St Ignatius as well as in strengthening our bonds & faith as Catholics.

My wish is for all parishioners to come together joyfully, to participate in all the different activities and the Triduum Masses held on the last week of July. God Bless all of you.



The Spiritual Exercises includes prayers and meditations developed by St Ignatius to help people deepen their relationship with God .

<https://jesuitseastois.org/spiritualexercises>



B.E.C. In Action

BEC TROPICANA ST JOSEPH



BEC Monthly Gathering

BEC SS4/4A ST MONICA



BECCOT Coffee Morning



Memorial Prayers of former BEC Secretary



Home Rosary

B.E.C. In Action

BEC AD ST FAUSTINA

BEC June Reflection Paper



BEC DK HOLY INFANT JESUS

BEC May Rosary

 **BEC Gathering & Rosary**



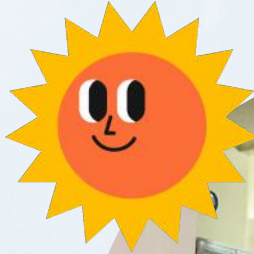
   




Outreach at the Chapel of the Holy Infant Jesus in conjunction with World Childrens' Day

B.E.C. In Action

BEC SS3 ST CATHERINE



Rosary & Prayer Gathering



BEC SS2 ST FAUSTINA

Rosary during the Month of May



B.E.C. In Action

BEC SS7 ST MARK



Organisers of the BECCOT Coffee Morning 2024



Blessing of the Elderly



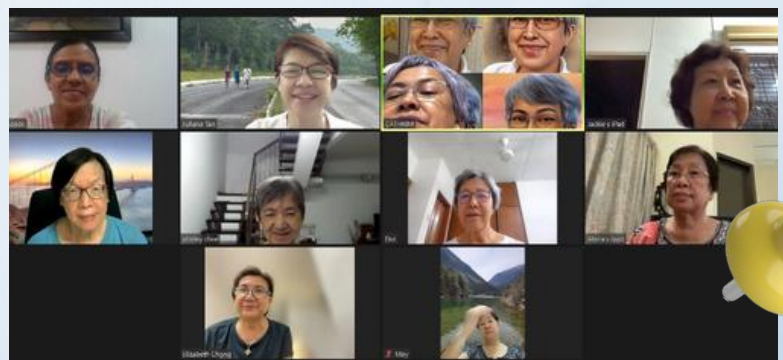
Prayer Gathering

BEC DU HOLY FAMILY

BEC Organised Marian Pilgrimage to Yogyakarta with Fr Andrew Wong CDD



Outreach to Ruban of Bangi



Memorial prayers for Monica Leong & Veronica Del Carman

B.E.C. In Action

BEC LILY OF THE VALLEY



Way of the Cross



BEC Prayer Gathering



BEC SS4D ST MICHAEL

A great turnout at the BEC Coffee Morning



Fellowship after a prayer gathering

B.E.C. In Action

BEC DJ ST HELENA

Lending a hand at the Dumpling Festival



Rosary Gathering

BEC SS7 ST ALPHONSUS LIGOURI



At a BEC member's wedding dinner where Archbishop Julian Leow was the presider at the mass

B.E.C. In Action

BEC SS2 ST AUGUSTINE



Rice Bowl Project -donated 2 bags of 10kg rice to PIHD



Rice Bowl Project - donated 2 bags of 10 kg rice to Ameera security guards



BEC Monthly gathering in May



BEC Monthly gathering in June

BEC SS24 ST MATTHEW AND ST LUKE



BEC June Prayer Gathering

B.E.C. In Action

BEC DJ ST VALENTINE & ST HELENA

Fellowship after the 24 hours prayer bouquet



Rosary at Alfred and Eileen's Home



Rosary at Ignatius Ho's home



Rosary at Our Lady's Statue , SIC followed by potluck



Rosary at Henry's & Francis's home

B.E.C. In Action

BEC TROPICANA MOTHER THERESA

Rosary Prayer Gathering in May



Serving lunch to 130
Myanmar children



Serving the
homeless at
Samaritan
Home



BEC Coordinating Team (BECCOT) in Action

HOME MASS & MOTHER MARY'S VISITATION

The 2-month BEC Home Mass along with the Mother Mary Visitation began on Thursday 4 April 2024.

Following the 6pm mass, all three priests gathered for a prayer before embarking on this journey.

We all had a spiritually enriching BEC Home Masses, celebrating and finding joy in our Risen Lord within our SIC BEC community.

May we connect with our Lord through Mother Mary and seek her intercessions and prayers on our behalf.

Mother Mary, Pray for Us. Amen.



BECCOT COFFEE MORNING

The morning of Sunday, 23rd of June saw 7 BECs coming together to support this year's BECCOT Coffee Morning.

Armed with enthusiasm, BEC members of all ages from SS7 St Mark, SS4/4A St Monica, SS4B/4C St Joseph, SS25 St Emmanuel, SS20 Holy Infant Jesus, Tropicana Mother Teresa and Ara Damansara St Faustina joined forces to provide food and drink items for the morning.

On the menu were delights such as Putu Mayam with Chicken Curry, Eurasian Debal ("Devil") Curry, Nasi Lemak, Mee Hoon, Tong Shui, an array of pastries, cakes and muffins, Nyonya kueh and Curry Puffs. And to wash it all down, there was Coffee, Milo, and a variety of packet drinks.

Teamwork, cooperation and camaraderie made it a good bonding opportunity for all who volunteered, and many went home with full tummies, smiles and a new friend or two.



SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

Testimony of Ivy Perera (BEC SS25 St Philip Minh), fellow pilgrim

Introduction: On June 6th 2024, I had the opportunity to participate in a Marian pilgrimage to Vietnam, organized by SIC BECCOT 2024. This journey was a deeply spiritual experience that brought me closer to my faith and the Catholic community.

Preparation: To prepare ourselves spiritually, as the journey requires physical endurance and spiritual readiness, daily rosary began from 1st May at a particular time until the day we left for Vietnam. Initially, it was challenging to adhere to the routine. But as time passed, my relationship with Mother Mary deepened, allowing me to truly feel her profound love for Jesus.

The Journey and Arrival: Our flight was delayed by 2.5 hours. Despite being tired and somewhat frustrated with some of us having only 1 to 2 hours of sleep, our spirits remained high. We began our journey with a blessing from our spiritual director, Father Lawrence Ng, CDD who reminded us of the spiritual significance of the trip.

The bus rides were filled with hymns, the rosary and shared testimonials, setting a spiritual tone for our pilgrimage. We began each day reciting the Lauds (morning prayer) followed by mass at the different churches and ending the evening with Vesper (evening prayer).



Places of Visit: La Vang Shrine where our Lady presented herself as Mother of God to the many Catholics who were taking refuge during the great persecution and suffering from sickness and hunger, Thien An Monastery, a tranquil church amid the forest, Redemptory Church, Tra Kieu Shrine dedicated to the Lady who helped Catholics fight against the Vuong movement, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Rooster Church and Phu Cam Cathedral. Each church has a distinct flavour and a story behind.

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

To enrich our understanding of the culture and history of Vietnam, we visited the Legendary Imperial Citadel where the Nguyen Dynasty governed from 1802 to 1945. We went to Ba Na hills and enjoyed the panorama view of Da Nang. We did a walk about tour of Hoi Ann to understand its cultural heritage.



Community and Fellowship: Being part of this pilgrimage group created a strong sense of fellowship. We shared meals, stories of faith, moments of reflection and supported each other. The communal aspect of the pilgrimage was a reminder of the strength that comes from being part of faith community. As highlighted by Father in his homily, the focus of the pilgrimage is not just on our relationship with God but also on our relationship with others. ‘Through Mary to Jesus’, we are reminded that, like Mary, we too can lead others to Jesus. Through the eyes of my fellow pilgrims, I experienced the warmth of their love and care.

Conclusion: This pilgrimage was a journey of spiritual renewal, personal growth and communal fellowship. The stories of faith and miracles associated with the different churches were inspiring and provided a deeper understanding of my faith. The apparition and words of Our Lady of La Vang-“ I heard your cries, and from this day on, all those who come to this place to pray would get their prayers heard and answered”- symbolize hope and perseverance, offering profound comfort and strength.



SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

Through Mary to Jesus:
Our Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of La Vang Shrine, Vietnam

Testimony of Les & Mills (BEC SS24 St Luke), fellow pilgrims

From June 6th to June 10th, 2024, forty-three (43) BEC members and parishioners from St. Ignatius Church, Petaling Jaya, led by the ever-energetic Reverend Father Lawrence Ng, embarked on an unforgettable journey to the revered 'Our Lady of La Vang Shrine' in Vietnam. The pilgrimage was organized by the SIC BECCOT 2024, led by Jo Lee and team.

Day 1: Patience is a Virtue (Especially When Flying)

The adventure began at the crack of dawn—or as we like to call it, "too early to be functional"—with a 6:30am check-in at KLIA2. The excitement was palpable, as Jo Lee briefed us on our itinerary and Fr Lawrence prayed and blessed us with holy water. Our spirits were slightly dampened as a technical glitch hit our aircraft and we had to change planes. A 2.5 hour delay later, we arrived in Da Nang at 1:45pm, just in time for a lavish seafood lunch with an ocean view. Nothing says welcome like fresh seafood and stunning scenery.

Our journey then took us on a scenic drive to Hué City. As we checked into the Moonlight Hotel, we quickly freshened up and changed for Mass on the hotel rooftop. In his homily, Fr Lawrence reminded us that our life on earth is a pilgrimage. He encouraged us to be observant and respectful to the local cultures, as to immerse ourselves in Vietnamese culture in the next few days. After the Eucharistic celebration, we proceeded to Y Thao Garden restaurant, housed in a traditional and lush green estate within Hué's Imperial City, for an artistic dining experience.



Mass at Moonlight Hotel rooftop (Hue City)

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

Day 2: La Vang and Holy Rainbows

Our next day started on the Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus and World Priests' Day. After a hearty breakfast, we set off for the Our Lady of La Vang Shrine. The morning laud on the bus ride, led by Father Lawrence, set a peaceful tone as we arrived just in time for the 10am Mass. We celebrated Mass, beside the shrine where Mother Mary appeared to the distressed Vietnamese back in the 18th century. ("La Vang" was a derivative of the Vietnamese word meaning "crying out"). In her apparition, our Lady promised the people of Vietnam, "I have heard your cries. From this day on, all those who come to this place to pray, would get their prayers heard and answered". As we recited the Holy Rosary at the shrine, we felt Our Lady's comforting presence, guiding and protecting us on our journey.



Our Lady of La Vang Shrine

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

After lunch, we took a historical tour around Citadel, the ancient Imperial City. As we left the Citadel later that day, the pilgrims and locals witnessed a rare and mysterious rainbow hue, shimmering at a large blue cloud emitting crepuscular rays.



The pilgrims interpreted this spectacular sight as a promise from God. The day concluded with a visit to Thien An Monastery, a Benedictine Order monastery nestled amidst tranquil pine forests. The local priest allowed us to touch relics of Vietnamese martyrs— a humbling and sacred experience that left us scrambling for sacramentals at the monastery gift shop.



Thien An Monastery (St Benedict Monastery)

Dinner was a cultural, historical and Vietnamese culinary experience at Cung Dinh Restaurant in Huế. We returned to our hotel and Father blessed the sacramentals purchased earlier from the Thien An Monastery.

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

Day 3: From Old Churches to Ba Na Hills

An early start as we checked out of the hotel to visit the Phu Cam Cathedral (Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral), one of Hue's largest and oldest churches. After Mass at Redemptory Church, we travelled to Hội An, enjoying picturesque stops along Lang Co Bay. While sipping Vietnamese coffee, we lapped in the splendid beauty of a calm, breathtaking view of Lap An Lagoon, a mirror reflection of clear blue skies and rolling hills.

The 2.5 hour journey was well worth it as we experienced the world's longest cable car ride, stunning views from Le Jardin, and the iconic Golden Bridge. The second cable car ride up to Ba Na Hills revealed a whimsical French village, complete with a faux church where Father Lawrence shared an inspiring excerpt from a book by CDD Founder Cardinal Celso Costantini, "Through Mary to Jesus".

"But how is one devoted to Mary? Sentiment is not enough, exterior practices are not enough for this devotion: the real, the substantial devotion to Mary lays in honouring Mary by copying in oneself the virtues of the holy Model.

To love Mary, to be devoted to her, means practicing her virtues."

Cardinal Celso Costantini



SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

At the Peak of Chua Mountain, standing at an impressive 1,487 meters above sea level, we marvelled at the panoramic views of Da Nang, feeling a deep sense of gratitude for God's creation.

After descending from the hills, we checked into Vin Hung Riverside Hotel in Hoi An. A relaxing dinner by the Thu Bồn river and a stroll through the night market wrapped up a day filled with spiritual and cultural enrichment.

Day 4: From 100-step climb to vibrant Silk Lanterns

Sunday took us to the Marian Shrine of the Lady of Trà Kiệu, where a 100-step climb rewarded us with a Mass celebration and Fr Lawrence's insightful homily. Fr Lawrence reminded us that just like Mary leading us to Jesus, we, too, can lead others to Jesus. That notion rang through our minds and touched our hearts, as we realized that we, too, should be like Mary, leading everyone we know towards Christ. After Mass, we said our goodbyes to Fr Lawrence who had to unexpectedly fly home to celebrate his grand-aunt's funeral.



Marian Shrine of the Lady of Tra Kieu

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

Our afternoon at Cam Thanh Coconut Village provided a delightful contrast, with river-bobbing rides in round bamboo-weaved baskets rowed by jovial locals. This experience reminded us of the importance of simplicity and harmony with nature.



Exploring Hội An, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was like stepping back in time. The historic Japanese Covered Bridge (under renovation), the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, and the Phung Hung Ancient House were some of the cultural treasures we admired. These visits deepened our appreciation for the enduring legacy of faith and

tradition. As night fell, the town transformed into a vibrant sea of colourful silk lanterns, a visual feast that perfectly capped off our day.

Day 5: Fond Farewells and a Sweet Surprise in KLIA2

Our last day in Vietnam saw us visiting the Our Lady of Sao Bien Shrine and the iconic Rooster Church in Da Nang. A pit-stop at a local supermarket allowed for some last-minute shopping before we made our way to the airport. During the bus ride, each pilgrim shared their spiritual journey, reflecting on how Mother Mary and Jesus had touched their hearts and transformed their lives over the past five days. As we arrived at Da Nang airport, a sincere, heartfelt “Thanksgiving Prayer After Pilgrimage” brought our journey to a full circle, recalling us of God’s abundant graces and blessings we have received throughout our trip. Upon arrival at KLIA2, Fr Lawrence surprised us at the arrival gate bearing gifts and a warm welcome home.

SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM



Reflecting on our pilgrimage, it was evident that the journey did more than bring us closer to Jesus through our Mary. The challenges we faced before, throughout and even after the trip (unexpected death of a grand-aunt, faulty aircraft, sick pilgrims, lost laptop, Covid) did not dampen our spirits, not even the slightest, as we placed our steadfast faith in God, that He will always lift us up in our distress.

The pilgrimage also united us as a community, strengthened our faith, and filled our hearts with gratitude at the unwavering devotion of the Vietnamese Catholics we have witnessed.

And thus, we returned home, faith renewed and spirits lifted, with photos and stories to share. Praise be to God!

After five days of holy pilgrimage, our souls are ablaze with divine energy, spiritually renewed and brimming with the Holy Spirit! Are we now ready to step forward to do HIS will? What is GOD calling us to do next? Are our hearts prepared to echo Mother Mary's courageous fiat and say YES to His divine plan?



SIC PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

HEAR IT FROM OUR YOUTHS

DANIEL



When I learned about Our Lady of La Vang, I realised the importance of trusting Our Lady in leading us back to Jesus. She inspired me to have an unshakable faith in Jesus, through the rosary and reciting the Hail Mary, she intercedes for my every need.

I pray more people will realise the importance of these devotions to Our Lady in their daily lives. Here's a quote from Our Lady from the 15 promises of the rosary:

“The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.”

SONIYAA



My name is Soniyaa Paullyn Nambiar and the youngest in the pilgrimage group. This pilgrimage was a fun and exciting experience for me as it was a good opportunity to step out of my comfort zone. I admit there were times when I felt lost and wanted to go home, mostly because of the food and the weather. But soon after, I came to a realisation that we came here, not to enjoy food, or feel cold all the time, but to experience the loving grace and blessings of our dear Mother Mary. Yes, we came here to sightsee and to have a good time too, but the main reason for this pilgrimage was to pray. And that's exactly what we did. And I'm glad for it. Thank you everyone and especially Father Lawrence for making this such an amazing experience for me. I will never forget it.



HERMIONE



The Marian Pilgrimage was definitely an unexpected one. Initially expecting it to be a mundane experience turned into a faith-filled and fun encounter, thanks to the friendliness and warmth of the fellow pilgrims. Every step under the hot sun and every drop of sweat felt worthwhile as we journeyed towards the churches and shrines, united in our shared goal of encountering God at the journey's end.



LAY LEADERS WEEKEND



SIC keeps Faith Alive for leaders

St Ignatius Church leaders kept their faith burning bright in a weekend moulding hearts together as one family moving in the same direction serving the greater glory of God.

Themed "Our Faith is Alive", the weekend attracted about 100 leaders from various ministries in the church helping each other to re-discover and to realign themselves toward a common goal for the church.

During the event, leaders developed positive relationships with one another through their sharing forging a stronger bond of friendship with people who were once strangers.

LAY LEADERS WEEKEND

“The three days were magical... some kind of magic happening. It was the relationship that I cherish most with the people there” said Lionel Wong, Coordinator of Tropicana Mother Theresa BEC.



Coordinator of St Alphonsus Ligouri BEC, Raymond Choo, added that “searching our hearts together let us see things clearer, removing barriers”.



Specially designed by Christie Associates for a myriad of people, the weekend was a discovery of self, learning to work as ‘We’ instead of ‘Me’, cultivating better perception of others through collaboration and better communication, giving feedback in a constructive manner and having a mindset of ‘Win-Win’ among others.



Chinese Youth Ministry Leader, Joachim Wong Chi Lik concurred that “the duration of each activity was arranged very well, none of them was too long or too short”.

Elizabeth Jasmin Kaur, Coordinator of St. Monica SS4/4A BEC agreed that “...the impact of each activity was evident - thought provoking and made us evaluate our own leadership skills”.

LAY LEADERS WEEKEND

Although the session was more secular and corporate like, Rita Krishnan of BECAT opined that it “brought out the spirituality” through the common faith that they shared in Christ.

The activities and sharing also brought about an epiphany to some. For Reneboy of SS25 St Emmanuel who thought about quitting the post of Coordinator, came to realization that he is not alone in his BEC problems and that all the other leaders were also facing the same predicament. This brought about a better conviction for him to strive and work toward the betterment of his BEC.

At the evening mass on Friday, parish priest Fr Lawrence Ng, CDD, asked leaders to look within themselves. “If we search our hearts sincerely, we will surely find Jesus has kept his promises, that he will eventually bring us to the light ... to move together in the same direction as one family.”

Fr Lawrence thanked global leadership consultants Melvin Christie and Elizabeth Low, both SIC parishioners, for volunteering their team to conduct the aligning process.

The retreat, also attended by assistant parish priests Fr Martin Then, CDD, and Fr Thomas Koo, CDD, concluded with a Sunday mass, sending everyone out on a mission to bring to life the SIC pastoral plan.



FIRST AID WORKSHOP

The First Aid Workshop by St John's Ambulance, Malaysia, was held on the 1st & 4th of May 2024 from 9am to 5pm at the Costantini Community Centre. The workshop was mainly sponsored by SIC while a small fee was required from participants to cover miscellaneous expenses.

The need to train non-healthcare parishioners with knowledge of first aid was necessary for the recruitment to the St Ignatius Church (SIC) Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) initiated in May 2023. The purpose of MERT is to ensure a prompt, effective, and coordinated response to medical emergencies within the designated area, with the ultimate goal of saving lives and minimising the impact of emergencies on patients and staff.

Practical session consist of learning Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), dressings, bandaging, lifting and handling of casualty.



The workshop was attended by forty-two (42) participants who were mainly parishioners from the different ministries (i.e. BECCOT, BEC, RCIA, Liturgical, Sunday School, Hospitality, CCR, Altar Servers, and Family Life).

The course content covered the basic in first aid including first aid priorities, management of loss of consciousness, wounds and bleeding, shock, respiratory problems, bone and spinal injuries, injuries to soft tissues, burns and scalds, poisoning, shock and medical emergencies such as heart attack, stroke, glycaemic emergency and epilepsy.

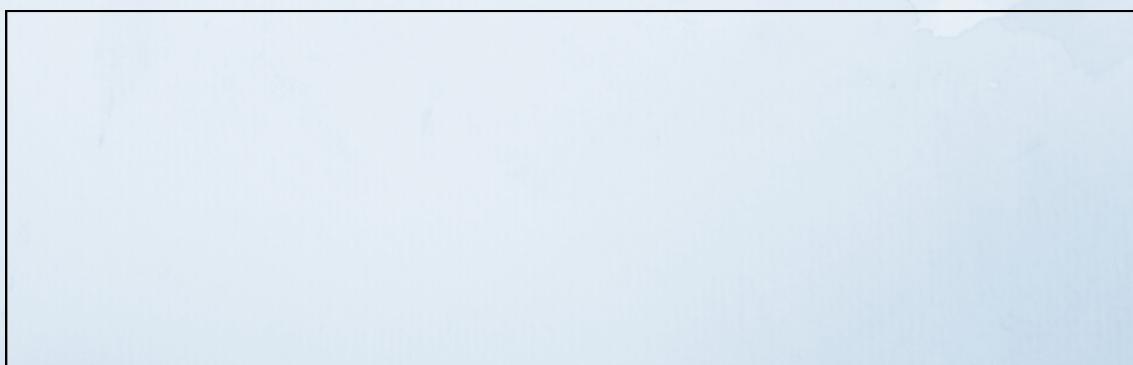
FIRST AID WORKSHOP



At the end of the workshop, participants were graded on the theory of first aid with a quiz of 40 multiple choice questions and a practical exam of performing CPR with the use of an AED. Participants were then given the Certificate of Competency which is valid for three (3) years from St. John's Ambulance upon completion of workshop.



The participants found the workshop to be excellent and of great benefit to them with half of them (50%) having confidence in performing first-aid when the need arises and also in recommending this course to other parishioners.



VOCATION SHARING BY BRO EVISDATEH PAUL



Celebrating Vocation Sunday (21/4/2024)



Holy Hour for Vocation Week
(18/4/2024)

Everyone has their own unique story in which they are the central character responsible for shaping their life's narrative. Whether choosing a path in consecrated life, marriage, or singlehood, we have a shared mission to spread the Good News to others.

Reflecting on my vocation has been a journey from my youth into adulthood, often stirring my heart and influencing my decision-making process about entering the priesthood.

Questions and uncertainties have clouded my thoughts about my calling. Am I suitable to be a priest? Am I capable? Only time will tell. Embracing and submitting to God's will is my only recourse. Whatever the future holds, I have no regrets because I have tried. Today, I am eager to share my path and experiences on the road to priesthood.



Celebrating World Consecrated Day (2/2/2024)

VOCATION SHARING BY BRO EVISDATEH PAUL

In 2006, at the age of 12 during a school motivation camp, I was asked by the speaker what my ambition was and without hesitation I unexpectedly declared my desire to become a priest. On hearing my reply, the speaker walked away to ask another student the same question.



SIC Tamil speaking group 10th Anniversary
(4/5/2024)

Yet, despite the amused reactions and laughter around me, I wondered to myself why I had made that proclamation. Was it a mere jest?

During my secondary school years, thoughts of priesthood were infrequent as my thoughts were on getting married. Yet, after completing my SPM, the calling to priesthood resurfaced, evoking intense emotions and tears that left me overwhelmed.

I envisioned marrying at 25 years old and yet surprisingly at the age of 22 I entered the seminary; leaving behind a job and a girlfriend. I anticipated completing my studies and being ordained as a priest by my early 30s.

However, the Lord had different plans. After two years, I left the seminary; uncertain of my vocation and leaning towards a married life. Circumstance led me to return to the seminary in 2021 in spite of my reluctance, fear and self-doubt. And yet, here I am; currently undergoing pastoral training at St Ignatius Church in Petaling Jaya.



Deliverance Formation (10-14 Apr 2024)

VOCATION SHARING BY BRO EVISDATEH PAUL

My decision to pursue this pastoral experience stems from a persistent desire to understand the difficulties, challenges, opportunities and most importantly the joys of priesthood. I firmly believed that is God's chosen purpose and vocation for me.



SIC Gotong Royong (16/3/2024)



Wake visit @ Bentong (28/3/2024)

I humbly request your prayers for myself and all young individuals discerning their calling, that we may find strength in your support.

Let's also pray for more youth to heed the call to consecrated life and not be hindered to enter the seminary, as my parents supported me on this path.

Peace and blessings to you all.



KUBM Formation
(1/5/2024)

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



On 2nd of June, SIC had a combined celebration for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus and The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a 3.4km procession within the neighborhood of St. Ignatius Church. The procession was also the culmination of home Masses held in its 46 BECs from 4 April to 30th May 2024.

A total of 750 parishioners of all ages, abled bodied and those physically challenged, walked with reverence, following two well adorned carriages ferrying the Monstrance and statue of Mother Mary. Hymns and prayers were recited in English, Mandarin, Tamil and Bahasa Malaysia throughout the procession and after the Rosary was recited. Each station had specific prayer intentions and were recited in turn by Parish Priest Fr, Lawrence Ng, CDD, Fr Martin Then, CDD and Fr Thomas Koo, CDD.

Volunteers from the church's ministries pooled their talents, resources and time to ensure the success of the event from pre-planning, execution and post procession. Ministries involved included BECCOT (English & Mandarin), Liturgy, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Hospitality, EMOHC, Sunday School, Choir Groups, Rosary Groups and the Emergency Medic Team.

Fr. Lawrence Ng, CDD, thanked everyone for their dedication and participation from the time of the home Masses till the procession. After the final blessing, all participants were invited to a fellowship dinner in the community center.

The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Holy Mother Mary was definitely felt by those who took part in the procession. Read on for some testimonies



"I just had my heart atrial fibrillation cardiovascular surgery procedure recently but I still wanted to do my part. After praying, I followed the procession and all was well."

- Joshua Lee -

"It was a surreal feeling with pin drop silence in the middle of a housing estate when the priests proclaimed the Gospels. The motorists were very patient and waited for us without honking. Most of the people we passed by sensed it was something reverent and just watched us silently. "It was truly a spiritual experience, and we were so blessed with good weather."

-Tina Tay -

"The carriage carrying the Blessed Sacrament reminded me of Exodus 13:21-22." When RELA cleared the traffic or path, I thought of Moses stretching out his hand, dividing the water allowing his followers a safe passage."

-Savina Ng-

"So touched by a family's devotion where a family of 2 boys, Nathaniel and Benjamin, took part as Altar servers and their sister Emily served as one of the flower girls during the procession."

-Angeline Kam-

"After a third of the journey my legs started aching. I said a silent prayer to Mama Mary to help me as "I am walking with your son Jesus and your people to keep them safe. I trust in you." The spirit lifted me up and I completed the journey and my responsibility as a first- aider. Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

-Christine Suan-

"Leading up to the Corpus Christi procession, my thoughts were that the Eucharist is Jesus in Body and Blood. So the procession is really a walk with Jesus in person."

-Francis Kam-

"Due to the large crowd, many non-believers may open up to the wonderful faith we have."

-Alvin Ee-

"Upon returning to church, the beautiful continuous peeling of church bells felt like God welcoming us home"

-Angeline Kam-

DUMPLING FESTIVAL 2024

Our parish celebrated the Dumpling Festival, a Chinese cultural event on 1st June 2024 with the theme '*Let Us Rejoice in Christ and Celebrate the Dumpling Festival as One Family.*' The event was jointly organized by the Mandarin & English BEC groups together with the Mandarin Youth Apostolate. The aim of the event was to foster a greater sense of belonging and fellowship within the parish community.

By 9:00am, there was a hive of activity and the atmosphere was bustling with a joy as parents and children participated in the various activities. The bright and pleasant weather was an added blessing for the smooth progression of the event.

The Dumpling Festival received an enthusiastic response from parishioners and visitors with over 500 people attending the event with Archbishop Julian making an appearance later in the afternoon. The rice dumpling wrapping competition witnessed contestants showcasing their skills and competing enthusiastically with each other. The dumpling wrapping workshop provided participants with an opportunity to observe the proper techniques used and a means of learning the traditional art.

The children's craft workshop saw participants excitedly trying to make rice dumplings. Despite the long queues at the game booths, the children were in good spirits and participated joyfully. The food and beverage stalls attracted a positive response from the attendees as did the performance by the Family Life Ministry Singers.

The Dumpling Festival turned out to be a successful event. The fun and varied activities provided those in attendance a better understanding and an avenue to immerse themselves in this unique cultural experience. It also created a greater awareness and highlighted the significance of the Dumpling Festival. By the time the event ended at 1:00pm, parishioners and visitors had experienced a joyful and meaningful celebration in thanksgiving to our Lord.





MANDARIN SPEAKING GROUP

2024 SIC 端午节

主内庆端午，与粽齐共舞

本次端午节活动是由本堂中英基信团联办，华文组公青协办的中华文化庆典。主题是“主内庆端午，与‘粽’齐共舞”。旨在加强教友的归属感、亲密感，促进家庭成员的融洽。活动当天，教堂热闹非凡，充满欢乐的气氛。活动从上午9点开始，到下午1点结束。当天天气晴朗，气温适宜，为活动的顺利推展提供了良好的条件。

本次活动得到了广大教友的积极响应，共有500多人参与。裹粽比赛气氛热烈，选手们拿出看家本领，比拼手艺；教授裹粽技巧的现场，教友们认真学习；儿童手工制作坊人头攒动，孩子们创意十足，制作出一个个精美的粽子；游戏摊位前排起了长队，大家心情高亢；售卖摊位的各种粽子、食品和饮料也吸引了教友们的选购。此外，FLM表演歌唱时，掌声不断，欢声笑语四起...

总的来说，此次端午节活动达到了预期的目的。而，丰富多彩的活动，让教友们更了解和体验端午节的习俗和文化内涵。大家在主内共同度过了一个欢乐而有意义的端午节。

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美嘉园圣德兰基信团 Taman Megah St Teresa BEC

TTDI公园户外活动 ~ 17/6/24

看，我们 Taman Megah BEC 的家人玩得多愉快啊！

这是COVID 19疫情爆发至今的第一次户外活动。大家趁哈芝节假日到TTDI公园走走,做健身操,晒晒太阳,吃吃喝喝,聊东聊西,欣赏公园里青翠的植物和活泼快乐的人们,联络感情...

我们感谢天主：祂今天给我们的样样都好！



MANDARIN SPEAKING GROUP

圣道明基信团 Damansara St Dominic BEC



这个五月份是我们基信团最热闹的一个月份，三号我们有圣母月的家庭聚会，感谢Matthew与Catherine夫妇愿意开放门户及盛情的款待，也感谢邓英伟神父为我们主祭了这台家庭弥撒，让我们的聚会达到了共融的高峰。12号是我们期待及凑备已久的早餐义卖会，这义卖会对我们的基信团来说是意义非凡的一个活动，因为老中青都参与了这个活动，而且大家除了各司其职以外，我们也发挥了守望相助的精神，虽然发生了一些小插曲，但很快的事情就得到了解决，大家都很有默契，而且还有一些没有负责食物的教友们也自动自发的来协助我们。最后活动圆满结束，我们非常高兴达到了我们预期的目标，但我们更惊喜的是，在整个过程中我们都可以感受到天主圣神的临在，使我们全体参与者都在他内共融。感谢赞美主。阿门。



MANDARIN SPEAKING GROUP

✝ 殡葬服侍培训：“彼此服务走出丧亲的痛”



死亡是迈向天国之路的一道门。尽管死亡给丧亲者带来痛苦，但对天主教徒而言，它是一件可以坦然面对的人生大事。

八打灵圣依纳爵堂中文组基信团核心委员会（BECCOT）于2024年6月22日举办了一场殡葬侍奉培训。培训旨在让信友了解教会的丧葬礼仪和祷文，并以服务精神彼此扶持，不仅陪伴丧亲者，也慰藉亡者灵魂，促进诸圣相通功内的共融。

今年3月，黄大华神父曾讲解死亡准备和殡葬弥撒程序。这次培训中，黄神父为30多位基信团员及教友讲解临终、亡者及追思祈祷，并厘清一些迷思。培训中，黄神父解答了大家的疑问，如天主教在殡葬过程中的忌讳？，是否需在灵堂摆放亡者喜爱的食品？，起棺时需回避吗？等。通过神父的耐心解说和大家的讨论，这些疑问得到了解答。

此外，中文礼仪组的游永祥弟兄讲解了殡葬弥撒中领经员、读经员及投影片播放员的工作内容，让大家更清楚流程与须知。

培训尾声，黄神父安排大家参加一台殡葬弥撒，让受训者更了解礼仪细节，如重新编排家属座位，使瞻仰遗容过程更为流畅，同时兼顾慰问家属的情感交流。

在这场弥撒中，受训者获得了实习机会，或取经于领经员，或接受亲善组指导，或学习操作投影片设备。

整个培训在三小时内完成。剩下的任务是通过多参与、多服务、多交流，共同砥砺前行，从实际操练中熟悉各种服务要项，以爱传爱，在需要时传递温暖。

BAHASA MALAYSIA SPEAKING GROUP

SAMBUTAN HARI PASKAH DAN FELLOWSHIP PADA MISA BAHASA APRIL 2024

Sambutan Hari Paskah yang dianjurkan pada Misa Bahasa 07th April 2024 dan juga jatuh pada Hari Minggu Kerahiman Ilahi. Pelbagai aktiviti diadakan untuk memeriahkan lagi sambutan di samping membantu untuk lebih memahami maksud Paskah dikalangan umat termasuklah pertandingan kuiz, menghias telur, pertandingan mewarna bagi kanak-kanak dan sudah tentu, makan makan bersama. Kumpulan ahli koir KUBM yang menyumbangkan suara mereka dalam sambutan misa.



BAHASA MALAYSIA SPEAKING GROUP

LAY LEADERS' RETREAT 2024 DAN JAMUAN PERPISAHAN AHLI KUBM



Seramai 3 orang wakil daripada KUBM SIC telah dihantar untuk menyertai Lay Leader Retreat yang telah diadakan di Port Dickson pada tahun ini.

Mary, Esther dan Benedette bergambar dengan Bro. Evis pada salah satu hari petang yang santai.

Disamping memperoleh ilmu kepimpinan daripada pihak penganjur, mereka juga berpeluang untuk berinteraksi dengan ketua-ketua dari pelayanan lain di SIC sekaligus merapatkan lagi hubungan silaturahim yang sudah sedia ada.



Di samping itu, acara makan-makan perpisahan kepada dua orang ahli KUBM iaitu Faustina dan Belinda yang berpindah keluar dari pelayanan KUBM SIC. Semoga berjaya dan Tuhan Memberkati kepada kamu berdua!

BAHASA MALAYSIA SPEAKING GROUP

RETRET FORMASI KUBM 2024

Tema Retret Formasi KUBM 2024 pada kali ini ialah, 'Kita adalah garam bumi dan terang dunia' Mat 5:13-14. Berjaya menarik seramai 50 orang peserta yang terdiri daripada umat-umat KUBM daripada gereja lain di seluruh Selangor dan juga Kuala Lumpur. Pihak komiti retret bersama-sama bekerja keras bagi memastikan setiap program yang dirancang berjaya dijalankan.



Pn Rita dan Bro. Evis dijemput sebagai penceramah bagi retret kali ini dan sekaligus membantu untuk membakar semangat para umat dalam pelayanan masing-masing.

Bersama-sama, para peserta membuat Janji Pelayanan yang membentuk satu pokok. Seiring dengan Yesus sebagai tubuh dan umat sebagai anggotaNya. Juga menghantar maksud kepada setiap peserta, tidak kira walau apapun pelayanan, besar kecil, semuanya sama penting dalam satu gereja.



TAMIL SPEAKING GROUP



The Tamil speaking group of St Ignatius Church celebrated their 10th year anniversary cum Easter on the 4th of May 2024 at the St Ignatius Church Rooftop. As Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life, it was fitting that this momentous milestone was celebrated together. Approximately 135 people attended the joyous celebration, including our Parish Priests.



TAMIL SPEAKING GROUP

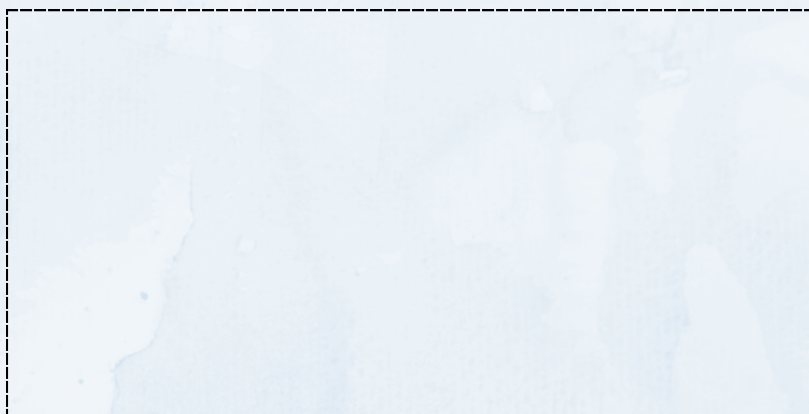
The Tamil speaking group have been supporting their community with BEC Gatherings, Rosary and Blessing of the Sick within their BEC, reaching to those in need and bringing Catholics together as a community of God.



Finally, they participated in the recitation of the Rosary and multilingual choir in the procession for Corpus Christi.

It was a blessing to give public witness to our Catholic faith and to manifest their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH FEAST DAY ACTIVITIES



This year's Parish Feast, themed "Salt of the Earth, Light of the World," features a month-long journey guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church and Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Inspired by St. Ignatius' call to be "light of the world," we aim to illuminate the path towards a more compassionate and sustainable future.

Through a series of talks, activities, and reflections, we will explore the two great commissions of our faith: caring for God's creation (Care For Ecology) and honouring our fellow beings (Care For Elderly).

WEEK 01 - 02
6 - 14 JULY 2024

CARE FOR ECOLOGY
"We are Stewards of God's Creation" (1 Peter 4:10)

WEEK 03 - 04
15 - 31 JULY 2024

CARE FOR ELDERLY
"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf Psalm 71:9)



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PARISH FEAST DAY ACTIVITIES

Care For Ecology

6 July

Laudato Si' & Laudate Deum: A Call To Action By Our Holy Father



6 July

Inspire Young People Camp



7 July

Pesta Kaamatan, Gawai & Panen (KAGAPE)



13 July

Recycling Sorting Education & Activity



14 July

Plastic Waste Recycling - Building of Eco-Bricks



Care For The Elderly

19 July

Workshop on Ignatian Spiritual Exercises



19 July

The Spiritual Exercises Of St Ignatius Loyola - A Rock Oratorio



27 July

DEPARTURE : A Pilgrim From Earth To Heaven



27 July

Tea Time Dance & Games



31 July

FEAST DAY MASS OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



3 Aug

Motor Treasure Hunt



PRAYER OF ST IGNATIUS

Prayer of St. Ignatius (*Suscipe*)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding
and my entire will, all I have and
call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I
return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and grace,
that is enough for me.

—*St. Ignatius of Loyola*



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