



1st Reading: Deut 11, 18. 26-28. 32

2nd Reading: Rom 3, 21-25a. 28

Gospel: Mt 7, 21-27

The Parish Priest Writes...

Cuthbert, our Parish sacristan, tells me that gauging from the number of hosts distributed each weekend over the last two years, our Parish community has **grown by 3,000 people!** Each weekend around 7,000 people receive Holy Communion! This means that if we include children and infants, our Parish community has grown to 7,500 or more! Next month, the MRT at Farrer Road is expected to begin operations, and in three to four years time our neighbour, D'Leedon which has about 1,800 units will draw in another 6,000 or more residents. Taking these factors into consideration in the coming two to three years, according to this trend, our Parish community may likely increase to around 9,000 parishioners! Fr Anthony Hutjes tells me that **Blessed Sacrament Church** too is experiencing an increase in number of parishioners.

Our St Ignatius Hall extension is very timely. In fact, on weekends, all the classrooms are already fully used! When God blesses us with such a large community, we should first of all **thank God for the growth** of our community. To have such a **"happy problem"** is truly a great blessing. One parishioner remarked, "Some churches in Europe would be overjoyed if they were to have an increase of 30 people for Sunday Masses."

Let us **continue to trust God** more fully that His Providence will continue to bless our community as we continue to **"Grow in God's Love and Ways."**

Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

A house built upon a rock does not have to do anything. By being what it ought to be, by including the materials that make it trustworthy and reliable, it fulfills its purpose. Somehow, it exudes assurance and has no need of words of protest to convince us of its reliability. Have I built the house of my Christian personality with the right materials - the will of my Father - an unquestioning acceptance of His designs for me void of "ifs" and "buts"? Or have I written my own recipe for life, preferring it to His will?

The will of God can easily be misconstrued and substituted by words of devotion and piety. I can cry Lord, Lord and yet be unknown by my Father. I would do well to look back over the Readings of recent Sundays and read in them what God wants of me - His will. This includes forgiveness of wrongs, loving enemies, letting my acceptance of all be like that of my Father, my tranquility and equilibrium where worry might prevail, my consigning of food and clothing to divine providence. I could also ask if such are the preoccupation of the "good" Christian. There is so much about my life that is the seeking of myself and so little of God. How can I be the salt of the earth unless I feed my savouring with divine presence? I must be close enough to God to catch this real influence. It is all about who I am, not what I do. If I want to know what to do, let me first seek the kingdom of God and all else will be added. I don't have to worry how.



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Youth Coordinator	:	Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)

* Mon – Thurs 9:00AM-6:00PM • Fri 12:00NN-8:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-1PM



Parish News

There will be RICE for the poor collection today.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2011 - From Wilderness to the Waters of Life

(Complimentary copy available at the Place of Gathering). The Gospel reading of the Samaritan woman on the third Sunday of Lent sets the theme for this year's Lenten Reflections. Like the Samaritan woman, we may have lost something important in ourselves through the trials of daily living and we ask, "What is the meaning of it all and who can show us the way?" As Christians we believe that there is no respite in the human journey until we learn to drink from the water that God gives us.

WEEKEND CATECHISM - Catechism for students attending local schools

- **REMINDER: Sec 2 Parents & Youth** are reminded to attend a gathering cum meeting/paraliturgy on *Sunday 6 Mar from 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm at the St. Ignatius Annex Hall.* Attendance is necessary to affirm all in our confirmation & post-confirmation journey. This will be *in-lieu of Sec 2 classes for weekend of 5/6 Mar.*
- **Term 1 :** Classes will be *as per normal for 12/13 March.* There will be *no catechism for the weekend of 19/20 March* for the Term 1 holidays.
- **Term 2:** *Classes will resume on 26/27 March* with meetings for all **Primary 6** parents that weekend during class times for Sat and Sun respectively.

For enquiries, email

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Parents of children born in 2005, 2006 and 2007 who would like to find out more about this early childhood faith formation programme are invited to attend a presentation on Sunday 6 Mar from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at the Atrium (St. Ignatius Extension, 2nd floor, beside the handicapped lift). Registrations for the weekday-only sessions will only be taken then.

For enquiries, email cgs.stignatius@gmail.com

STATION OF THE CROSS for Children by Liturgy of the Word for Children Ministry on Friday 11 Mar at 7.30 pm. All children and their families, friends are welcome

RCIA & RCIY Formation Registration forms are now available at the Place of Gathering. Please fill them and put them into the box provided. (Forms are also available at our Parish website: www.stignatius.org.sg). Bring your families and friends to join the sessions to enlighten non-Christians and Christian Protestant friends who wish to know more about our Catholic Christian faith. *All RCIA sessions* are given by **Fr Philip Heng,S.J.** You are each responsible for encouraging someone to become a Catholic. **EVANGELISE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH NOW!**

What's Coming Up?

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Schedule

9 March 2011 7 am, 6 pm, 7.30 pm

SPIRITUAL FORMATION for FORMATORS - DAY OF RECOLLECTION directed by **Fr Philip Heng,S.J.** for all in Faith Formation on Saturday 19 Mar from 9.30 am - 5.00 pm at the Attic of St Ignatius Hall extension. **All catechists/assts and coordinators from Weekend Catechism, CCD, CGS, RCIY, Leading Lil ones and Liturgy of the Word for Children** are strongly encouraged to attend this ministry retreat. Materials and Meals will be provided. Please **RSVP** to lk Hwa hoikhwa@yahoo.com.sg by **6 March 2011.**

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & PRAYER MEETING

No prayer meeting on Wednesday 9 Mar

KING'S ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD & TAN KIM CHENG

ROAD NG MEETING on Saturday, 12 Mar at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Hall, St. Ignatius Church

Singapore Red Cross Society – BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

on Sunday 13 Mar, 9am - 3pm at St. Ignatius Hall



Give Blood Give Life Though you may not know whose lives you've touched by donating blood, you may likely be saving another person's life. - The chance for another tomorrow.

Parish Ministries - APPEALS

TRAFFIC ASSISTANTS MINISTRY - An Urgent Plea

You will notice that while the cars in our Parish have increased significantly, our parking space unfortunately cannot be increased. We are in urgent need of **more volunteers to serve** as Traffic Assistants. The task at hand is only about 30 mins a weekend. Please contact Matthew Raj at Tel. 9667-6690 or email to braj@starhub.net.sg to join or find out more details.

The MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Recruiting new members. If you have a love for Sacred Scripture and have been gifted with the skills to proclaim well, you are invited to join the Lectors' Ministry. Join a team of dedicated lectors who are an integral part of the Mass.

For more information, please contact Genevieve Chye at genchye@gmail.com or lan de Vaz at iandevaz@hotmail.com



Something Ignatian to share....

Living a more Discerning Life (19) – Sense Jesus' Consoling Presence



Ad Maiorem
Dei Gloriam
For God's Greater Glory

As in Part 18 of our Ignatian Spirituality reflection exercises in this bulletin, let us continue our Ignatian contemplation to *get in touch with God more fully* in our daily living.

Exercise:

Begin by spending some moments *composing yourself*. First, sit up straight in a quiet sacred space of your home and then close your eyes . . . focus on your nostrils and be conscious of the precious air that you are breathing in . . . relish God's gift of life to you in each of your breath . . . Sense the presence of the *Holy Spirit within* you . . . loving and caring for you.

Recall a recent *painful event* in your life . . . see the person(s) and *imagine* vividly the scene where this experience happened. *Hear* the words spoken by the person(s) and yourself . . . *feel* once again what made it so painful and hurtful . . . *pause and get in touch* with the experiences.

Then, *imagine Jesus* standing/sitting beside you . . . *see Jesus looking you're your eyes* . . . He feels your pain because He loves you so much . . . [pause] allow *Jesus' compassion* for you to soothe your pain . . . and *renew your hope* in life . . . you now sense more deeply that you are *now not alone* . . . Jesus, your Loving Companion will never abandon you.

Try to *sense how the presence of Jesus* has *deepened your present consolation* . . . *look* at Jesus and *sense* His compassionate love more fully . . . *Speak* to Jesus from your heart . . . *ask* Him, "How can I allow Your compassion and love for me, to renew and strengthen me in my daily living?" . . . spend the next moments *listening* and *sensing* His presence in your heart . . . He is there sharing your pain . . . caring for you . . . loving you . . . your family . . . always.

End your contemplation by praying the "Our Father" that *God's Will* be done in your life and that you will live more fully in His ways.



St Ignatius of Loyola

Some thoughts to Ponder on . . .

Theme: Seeking for Perfection

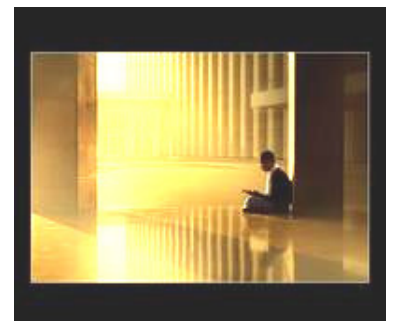
"You must be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
Mt 5:48

Quotations:

Holiness consists not in doing uncommon things, but in doing all common things with an uncommon fervour.
(Cardinal Manning)

God did not make people perfect. He made them pilgrims after perfection.
(Henry Ward Beecher)

It is only imperfection that complains of what is imperfect. The more perfect we are, the more gentle and quiet we become towards the defects of others.
(Fenelon)



The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.
(Chinese proverb)

Fear less, hope more; Eat less, chew more;
Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say more:
Hate less, love more; and all good things will be yours.
(Swedish proverb)



Prayers & Devotions

WEEKLY:

Intercessory Prayers

Tuesdays, 2.30 pm at
Prayer Room (Sacred Heart Hall)

Gentle Light

Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 noon at
Prayer Room (Sacred Heart Hall)
Thursdays, 10 am – 12 noon at
Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

Charismatic Renewal & Prayer Group Meetings

Wednesdays, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall

Christian Meditation

Fridays, 2.30 pm at St Francis Xavier
Chapel (Kingsmead Hall)

Rosary in Church (Monday to Friday)

After 7am Mass
5.25 pm - 5.45 pm before 6 pm Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion

Every Fridays, 6.30pm in Church after
the 6pm Mass (except 1st Friday Mass)

MONTHLY:

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every FIRST Friday, 8pm (NO 6pm Mass)

Sunday Masses

Sat : 6pm
Sun: 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am,
12noon & 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 7am & 6pm; Sat: 7am

Confessions

Every Friday and Saturday at 5.40pm
Every Sunday Mass - 20mins before
Mass begin

Infant Baptisms

On the 2nd Sunday of each month
at 4pm. Registration forms from the
Church office

Weddings

Couples must make yourselves
known to the priest 6 months ahead
before booking the church

Church Office

At the Attic, 3rd floor (at the back of
the church building)

Entrance via, 8 Victoria Park Road

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

Columbarium Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday: 7 am – 7 pm;
Public Holiday: Closed

Inigo Bookstore King's Rd Entrance

Monday to Thurs: 9.00am to 1.30pm
Friday: 1:00 – 5:00pm
Sat: 9:00am-12 noon; 4pm-6pm
Sun: 8:30am-1:30pm; 5.30-6pm;
7-7:20pm



GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE AND WAYS...



The logo in the shape of a **Fish** as a symbol of **Christ**. It is swimming upwards and at its centre is a **Cross**. These symbolises the **Christ-centered dynamic growth** of the Parish Community in God's love and ways.

The stylized fish logo has a big 'S' for an upper body ending with the tail; the cross at the centre of the fish forms the 'I' and the letter 'I' on the far right of the fish stands for "Ignatius." Thus, the fish designed with the letters "St I" are the initials for "St Ignatius".

Our Parish community's **Christ-centered focus** is lived out through integrating the **Ignatian charism** of "finding God in myself, others and all situations for God's Greater Glory; as embodied in our Parish Goal.

Further Reflection on Logo:
The Cross has four shades of colours: the bottom two colours **red** (left) and **blue** (right), could symbolise Christ's shedding of **blood** and **water** respectively.

These **four colours** could also symbolise how Ignatian Spirituality is the living out of the **Four Gospels**.

PARISH GOAL

"Finding God in Myself,
Others and All Situations for
God's Greater Glory"

Living the Goal through
Ignatian Spirituality –
3 Dimensions:

1. Spiritual – Personal and Vocational:

Developing a Personal Relationship with the Lord through a meaningful Prayer Life and growing in the holiness of one's vocation.

2. Communitarian (7 "larger families"):

Building Christ-centred communities through parish activities, outreach to Christian friends and those of other beliefs, and especially in Eucharistic celebrations.

3. Social Mission:

Committing ourselves to the justice and care of the poor and needy of our society, and the world around us.

Archdiocesan News

INTER-RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION (IRO) ANNUAL OBSERVANCE DAY

in conjunction with World Water Day at Marina Barrage on Sun, 20 Mar (8.00am-12.30 pm)

Activities include: Taijiquan, kite-flying, exhibitions, fellowship and many more

All are welcome (esp. if you are new to our parish, join us at an interreligious event)

Transport to Marina Barrage from Catholic Welfare Services Building - 55 Waterloo Street.

For registration, email iredsingapore@gmail.com or iro_adm@yahoo.com.sg or

call 9756-0239/6744-8617

CHOICE WEEKEND on 25-27 March

"It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." [Mother Teresa]

Visit www.choice.org.sg or email choicewk@singnet.com.sg

For enquiries, please contact Albert at Tel. 9046-2297 or Madelene at Tel. 9685-9416

Jesuit News

FORGIVING LOVE OF GOD - A directed retreat

This 2-day residential silent retreat is for those who want to communicate with God through mental prayer with the Bible under individual spiritual direction to discover the forgiving love of God. Retreat Directors: CISC Spiritual Directors

Dates: Friday 18 March (8 pm) to Sunday 20 March (6 pm)

Closing date: 8 March

Contribution: \$70 (non-aircon); \$120 (aircon)

Please register early via email cisc2664@gmail.com or call: 6467-6072

Website: <http://www.catholic.org.sg/cisc>

Jesuit Community at Kingsmead Hall Tel: 6466 3225

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