



1st Reading: Gen 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5, 12-19 (or 12.17-19)

Gospel: Mt 4, 1-11

The Parish Priest Writes... Lenten begins

Ash Wednesday's Gospel of St Matthew begins the Lenten season by stressing our need for **giving alms**, **prayer** and **fasting**. Is Lent a "gloomy" season of self-abnegation? The "**Preface**" of the First Week of Lent

says, "Each year You give us this **joyful season** when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery with **mind and heart renewed.**"

"**Lent**" - a "**joyful season**" when our "mind and hearts are renewed." This is the "joy" of returning to God and renewing our relationship with Him. To love God more fully cannot be gloomy and negative. On the contrary, it is a positive challenge to grow.

So, if we should **give** till it hurts, **kneel** till our knees burn, and **fast** till our stomach growls, we should be "joyful" because these are positive experiences of our love for Our Lord. Lent is a special season of hearing God our Father whispering to us, "Come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart . . ."

It is clear that if we do not see these Lenten practices as **graced opportunities to grow in the Lord**, then we will not be able to experience the "joy" of the season. All negative perceptions of our faith and life rob us of the joys of living. A person who only sees the negative in things, life and the world is a lonely person who has chosen not to absorb the good around and the graces within. Is our perception of "myself, others and all situations" Christ-like? If so, then we are sure of experiencing the "joyful season" of Lent.

Fr. Philip Heng, S.J.



Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, S.J.

It's Ash Wednesday as I write. But undaunted by the repeated failure of promises built on the threefold foundation of prayer, fasting and alms giving, I approach the Season with optimism and enthusiasm. True, at my age, "fasting" and "alms giving" have minimal relevance. But prayer, discovery, getting back to God are not without appeal. It is a question of undying longing for God - to "come back to God with all my heart".

Yes, it is a matter of the heart. To search through a world of today's complicity and distaste for the godlike, and "what must I resolve to do" is just too bewildering. I am driven to look to God, his personality and Word to find an answer. I am persuaded that if I seek the kingdom of Heaven, the life that is God orientated, all else will be resolved. I will ask for a faith that alone can resolve the problems of my world - a faith that "gives substance to the things we hope for and provides evidence for the things we cannot see."

I cannot be a light to the world until the light of God's presence is home. Returning to be close to Him and reflecting on this presence is to me the prime need of our world - yours and mine.

Whatever be your approach to the Season of Lent, may it bring you back to God.



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Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

every Friday during Lent at 5.45 pm followed by Mass.

RICE for the poor collection last weekend amounted to \$22,163.95. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKEND CATECHISM - Catechism for students attending local schools

- 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.

Parents of Pri 6, please ensure you receive the letter from your children this weekend.

For enquiries on weekend catechism, do email Lesley Goonting at lessgd@yahoo.com.sg or Emily Chiu at gechiu@singnet.com.sg

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!**

LENTEN REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS by Young Adults Ministry every Wednesday from 16 March at 7.45 pm at the AV Room of Sacred Heart Hall Please contact us via email at yam.stignatius@gmail.com or call Tinu at 91069125 or Terence at 97467549.

FARRER COURT NEIGHBOURHOOD GATHERING on Sunday 3 Apr, 7.15 pm at Sacred Heart Hall canteen All Farrer Court neighbours are invited to our first 2011 gathering for a potluck. Please pass the word around to all our friends and email Lesley at lessgd@yahoo.com.sg of your attendance by 27 March.

NAMLY AVENUE/CRESCENT/GROVE/RISE NGs March Prayer Meeting on Thursday 24 Mar at 8 pm Venue: Home of Rosalind and James Lee, 63 Mount Sinai Drive #02-05 MontView Tel. 6469-5352

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday 16 Mar, 8 pm at St. Ignatius Hall This week's bible sharing is by Raymond Yong on "Ephesians 5:8-10".

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." All are welcome.

What's Coming Up?

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 Ik Hwa at hoikhwa@yahoo.com.sg

MAGiS WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

CALLING ALL YOUTH! for MAGiS World Youth Day 2011! Register Now!

Join thousands of young Catholics from all over the world in Spain (Loyola and Madrid), the birth place of St. Ignatius, from 3 - 23 Aug 2011.

Estimated cost of whole programme (inclusive of air ticket) is estimated at \$2,500 - \$3,000.

For more details, please contact John Lum (Tel. 9005 6340) or register via email at magiswyd2011@gmail.com

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 Ian de Vaz at iandevaz@hotmail.com

RIP News - Risen in the Lord

Diana Lim Wee Yuen - 46 years old

Death: 24 February 2011

Funeral Mass: 28 February 2011

Nathan Thomas Strickland

39 years old

Death: 1 March 2011

Funeral Service: 4 March 2011



**GROWING IN
GOD'S LOVE
AND WAYS ...**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
12TH FEBRUARY 2011**

A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS

THE MASS FOR THE SICK AND AGED WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday 5th March at 2.30 pm

This celebration was organised by our Parish's Pastoral Care for the Elderly and Sick (PaCES) Ministry, headed by William Chee; it drew the biggest turnout of about 400 people; including those who came from other parishes.



Registration

Then there was the "Laying on of Hands"- personal blessings by Fr Colin Tan, Fr Antoni Ponnudurai, Fr James Tan, Fr Ravi Michael and Fr Philip Heng on the sick and aged. This was the rite of invoking the Holy Spirit to bless and heal them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The whole celebration was very solemn. Significantly different this year was the blessing of the sick and aged with the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. Fr Heng commented that especially in Lourdes, healings and miracles often take place during such blessings.



Laying on of Hands :
Left: Fr Colin
Bottom: Fr Ponnudurai



Blessing with Blessed Sacrament

This rite was followed by the solemn administration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Aged. Fr Heng exhorted everyone to open their hearts to the Spirit's healing grace as God would surely want to bring comfort, peace and wholeness to them.

Anointing :
Right: Fr Ravi
Bottom : Fr Heng



Holy Communion



Fellowship

We thank the many people who helped out in one way or another to make the celebration such a meaningful, solemn and communal experience; special mention to: the altar servers, greeters, choir, young adults of the Generation Christ ministry and the like.



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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Looking to include God in your marriage? You'll discover how to do that in the Marriage Encounter Weekend program! The Weekend is about putting aside 44 hours for you and your spouse to focus on each other and God's place in your relationship. Coming Weekends: 1-3 Apr, 6-8 May, 3-5 Jun. To register, click www.MESingapore.org or call 9670 5390.

LABOURERS OF THE HARVEST - group study guide for Working Catholics

This programme incorporates a group study guide published by Caritas Singapore and Singapore Pastoral Institute to help working Catholics to reflect how the Catholic Social Teaching can be applied to common and relevant workplace issues. Form a group of about five to seven persons and send 1-2 group representatives to attend this briefing session on how to use this study guide. Date: 15 Mar 2011 (Tue), Time: 7.30pm Location: Caritas Singapore - Solomon's Hall, 55 Waterloo Street, #09-03. Cost: free. Registration required - call Bernadette at 6337-3711 or visit www.caritas-singapore.org

Jesuit News

RETREAT specially for men only at **MARANATHA RETREAT HOUSE**, Janda Baik, Malaysia.

This is not a vocation promotion. Praying the way we are as Christian Men (for males only as the focus is on male spirituality.) A supportive atmosphere where participants enter into Ignatian exercises to grow in spiritual awareness of the issues and tasks men as humans and as Christians need to work at in relating to God and the 'other'.
Mar 31-Apr 3 (3 nights)

Retreat Master: Fr Peter Kim, S.J. Contact Dominic Tan: +60123710333

For more information, visit: www.maranatharetreathouse.com

Jesuit Community at Kingsmead Hall Tel: 6466 3225

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