

18 April 2010

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 5:11-14**

**Gospel: Jn 21:1-19**

## Parish News

**RICE for the poor** collection last weekend amounted to \$18,733.85. Thank you for your generosity.

### THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donation to the Rice for the Poor. Please refer to the church notice board for a summary of activities in the year 2009 for more information.

### HOMEMAKERS

Please DO NOT leave any used clothes or other items for jumble sale as we are NOT collecting any used items at the moment because of the renovations to the classrooms. Thank you for your cooperation.

### BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE @ St Igs

*Every Saturday, 1.30 - 3.30 pm starting 24 April at the AV Room*

Struggling to live a truly Christian life? Come and benefit from "Pearls for Wise Living" a 10-part study on the Letter of James that offers a wealth of practical solutions on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. Details, contact Magdalene 9152-8227.

### WEEKEND CATECHISM

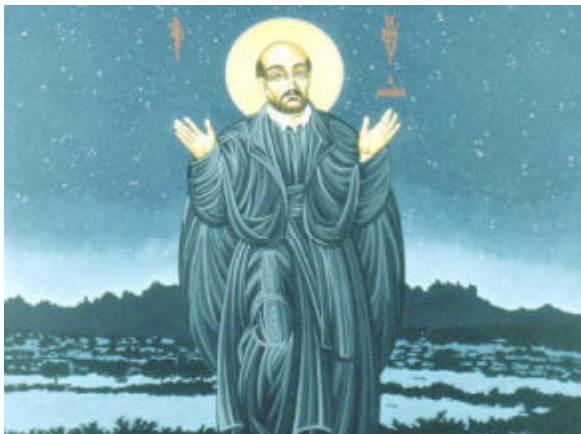
- We thank parents/families to a smooth start to Term 2.
  - For children/youth at Sacred Heart Hall, please remember to use the stairs on the left of the building and stay clear of the renovation area for safety reasons.
  - For children at Maris Stella premises, please be reminded that we are to refrain from touching the toys, books and displays. Thank you.
- Our appreciations to all Primary 3 Parents for your presence at our recent meetings at Maris Stella. Your support is appreciated.
- Primary 4 Parents, please be reminded your meeting is scheduled for weekend of *24/25 April* at the DAISY ROOM (at hall area) @ Maris Stella Kindergarten as follows:
  - Saturday classes on *24 April, 4.30 - 5.20 pm*
  - Sunday classes on *25 April, 10 - 10.50 am*
- Change in Confirmation Camp - *Friday 28 May to Sunday 30 May* Sec 3 at St Theresa's Church Retreat Centre. Please note this change due to the non-availability of IHM retreat house.

## Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

If you like your liturgy short and sweet, you may well content yourself with a reading of the shorter form of today's gospel. But if you do, you will miss one of the most poignant incidents in the Gospels – the triple confession of Saint Peter, the first Pope and bishop of Rome.

What an unlikely candidate for papacy. Blustering, arrogant, lacking courage, boastful and talkative. Who would elect his likes today? Yet Christ did. All he asked of Peter was "Do you love me more than the others do?" Such a humiliating request of one who had shamelessly denied his Master. Peter's performance through all of the Passion was deplorable. Being asked in the company of his friends if he loved Christ more than they did must have been shattering. John, the beloved, after all was one of them.

But Christ loved Peter and Peter knew it. "You know all things. You know that I love you." Love can love amid apparent failure. What is asked of all of us, people no less than the pope, that we love in service rather than possess qualities esteemed in a society short of the sacred and the respected. Let us pray with greater fervour for our Holy Father and trust that love is what we all have to give.



Parish Priest	:	<b>Fr. Philip Heng, SJ (ext. 12)</b>
Assistant Parish Priest	:	<b>Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)</b>
Secretary	:	<b>Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10)</b> <i>(Mon – Sat; 9:00AM – 1PM)</i>
Administrator	:	<b>Mr. Jonell Ballecer (ext. 15) *</b>
Pastoral Coordinator	:	<b>Ms. Ellen Tan (ext. 14)</b>
Youth Coordinator	:	<b>Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)</b>

\* Mon – Thurs 9:30AM-5:30PM • Fri 2:00PM-10:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-5PM



### Weekly Prayers & Devotions

#### **Intercessory Prayers**

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

#### **Gentle Light**

Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 noon at  
St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead Hall)  
Thursdays, 10 am – 12 noon at  
Loyola Room (Attic Level, Church)

#### **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)

#### **Divine Mercy Devotion**

Fridays, 6.30 pm in Church after the 6 pm Mass

#### **Daily Rosary in Church**

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

**Sunday Masses** Sat : 6pm  
Sun: 7am, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Friday: 8.30am to 1.30pm  
Sat: 8:30am-9:30am; 4pm-6pm  
Sun: 8:30am-1:30pm; 5.30-6pm; 7-7:20pm

## What's on this week?

### **AT THE PLACE OF GATHERING**

Sale of St Joseph's Church (Bt Timah) Food and Fun  
Fair Tickets by their parishioners for its Feast Day  
Celebrations on *Sunday 2 May*. Proceeds for the  
upkeep, maintenance and repair of the church.  
Please give them your support.

## Archdiocesan News

### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Please note that all collections next weekend (24/25  
April) will be for the Archdiocesan Major Seminary.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Sunday 25 April, 4 to 6.30 pm*

Holy Hour and Mass presided over by Archbishop Nicholas  
Chia. Venue: Church of Divine Mercy (19 Pasir Ris St 72).  
All are to pray for more vocations for the Universal  
Church.

## Parish News (continued...)

### **NAMLY AVENUE/CRESCENT/GROVE/RISE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP APRIL PRAYER MEETING**

*Thursday 22 April, 8 pm* At the home of Dorothy and  
Kenneth Kee, 105 Namily Avenue, tel: 6466 9739

### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER MEET**

*Wednesday 21 April, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall*  
Do come and join us for Bible sharing by Timothy  
Wong on John 19:28-30 and John 20:19-23.

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

24 children will be receiving their First Holy  
Communion this *Saturday 17 April at the 6 pm Mass*.  
Please say a prayer for them and their families on this  
joyous occasion.

### **FARRER COURT EASTER GATHERING**

*Saturday 24 April, 7.15 pm – 9 pm*  
All Farrer Court Neighbours are invited to an Easter  
Potluck in the Sacred Heart Hall new canteen. *RSVP*  
to Lesley at 8133-9422 or lessgd@yahoo.com.sg of  
your attendance and food item soonest possible.

### **TUNE IN TO GOD! ST IGNATIUS RCIY FOR 2010**

*Starts Saturday 8 May, 4 – 6 pm*  
Calling all youth aged 15 to 21 years to join us at  
RCIY (Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth) to find out  
more about the Catholic faith.  
Details at [stignatiusrciy.blogspot.com](http://stignatiusrciy.blogspot.com)

## Jesuit News

### **FINDING GOD IN ILLNESS**

*Saturday 1 May, 9 am to 12.30 pm*

A relaxing morning, listening and praying, for persons  
challenged by long-term and limiting illnesses.  
Caregivers may accompany participants.

Presented by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. Contribution: \$10.00  
Closing Date: 31 April Registration: Centre for Ignatian  
Spirituality and Counselling (CISC) – tel: 6467-6072; fax:  
6468-7584; email: [cisc2664@gmail.com](mailto:cisc2664@gmail.com) or website:  
<http://www.catholic.org.sg/cisc>

### **A.S.S.E.T. - A SIGHT-SINGING EAR TRAINING WORKSHOP Saturday 24 April, 10 am – 5 pm and**

*Sunday 25 April, 1 pm – 5 pm*

Organised by CISC for those interested to learn more  
about sight reading music, especially for choir members.  
Conducted by Kenneth Ng (church organist/keyboardist  
from the Soli Deo Gloria choir, Sunday 6 pm Mass).  
Registration contact Kenneth at 9733-9150 or  
[jazzwithme49@hotmail.com](mailto:jazzwithme49@hotmail.com):  
Cost \$100.00 per person.