



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 September 2010

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wis 9:13-18b

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phmn 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

### The Parish Priest Writes...

In spite of making announcements at all Masses last Sunday about the importance of sending in nominations for the next PPC exco members of our Parish, I did not receive any *nomination*. I would like to think that we need *more time* to reflect on the suitable nominees before submitting them. I hope I am right. However the worse scenario is when such poor response points to the unwillingness of our Parishioners to show the needed interest to shape our Parish future. I don't believe this is the case. I am hopeful that we will get the needed five or more nominations.

While our *revised Constitutions* (recently approved by the Archbishop) allow the Parish Priest to appoint a maximum of three persons, we need at least 5 elected persons on the PPC exco. This *ratio is healthy* as it ensures that the majority of the exco members are elected and not appointed by the Parish Priest. No one can say that the Parish Priest has his "yes men/women" on board to "advise" him; worse still "rubber stamp" his proposals. In this context, I would strongly urge all of you to take this responsibility of sending in your nominations seriously.

The *structure of all Parishes* in the Archdiocese and indeed in the whole Catholic Church is clear. The *Parish Priest* shoulders all the responsibilities of the Parish and is solely answerable to the Archbishop and his Religious Superior (in my case my Jesuit Superior). When he delegates, he does not and cannot "wash his hands" from his responsibilities; he is *still answerable*.

This is a healthy approach and this Parish structure is *not about the lack of trust of anyone*. It is the Church's way of ensuring that the Parish is shepherded by an identifiable, authorised and ordained person, who does so with the parishioners' needs and the overall good of the Parish in his heart, and more importantly, with *Christ at the core* of everything.

Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

### Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

In an age of endless and empty chatter, one languishes in loneliness. Loneliness is where I don't belong. Loneliness is where I don't love and am unloved. For this is my definition as a human - one born to love and be loved. If these two do not prevail, I am nothing.

In this age of violence, would you ask for a better remedy than that we talk to each other as human beings in need of love and acceptance. It can only come from my love and conviction. Yet it is all so obvious. If we trust our better selves we can accomplish much.

No government or political system however sophisticated is going to right the wrongs of our day. Love alone can be the answer. It is yours and mine to trust and promote. Let us not distrust the power that is yours and mine in grace. We must never be ashamed of the claims of our faith.

God is our Father. Who needs more convincing.



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| 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><br>(Mon – Sat; 9:00AM – 1PM) |
| 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 9:00AM-6:00PM • Fri 12:00NN-8:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-1PM



## Parish News

### **VOLUNTEERS needed for Inigo Bookcentre**

If you are able to serve in this ministry, please contact Dolores Wee at 9640-2328 or dolores\_43@yahoo.com.sg

### **CCD PROGRAM**

#### **On line Registration CLOSES on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Registration and information for catechism classes for International Students is available on-line at our Church website - [www.stignatius.org.sg/ccd](http://www.stignatius.org.sg/ccd) Acceptance is on a "**first-come, first-served**" basis. Classes will begin 21 September.

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

*Wednesday 8 September, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall*

Mass presided over by Fr Alfred Chan.

All are welcome.

### **WEEKEND CATECHISM**

- There will be *no classes* next weekend of 11/12 September (Term 3 school holidays). Classes resume on 18/19 September.
- Catechists are requested to attend our Term 3 Training/Meeting on Sunday 12 September from 2.30 pm in the Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

*every Tuesday, 10 am - 12 noon at the La Storta*

All women of the parish are invited to join us - we will be using the Catholic Scripture Studies (CSS) course on the Acts of the Apostles. For more information or to register, contact Nora Creech at email: [nora.creech@yahoo.com](mailto:nora.creech@yahoo.com) or mobile phone: 9855-2824 or Monica Keady at email: [monicakeady@msn.com](mailto:monicakeady@msn.com) or mobile phone: 9039-1395.

## Archdiocesan News

### **NOVENA ANNUAL PROCESSION**

*Sunday 5 September, 6 pm At the Novena Church.*

Theme: One God, One World, One People

### **ABLAZE - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2010**

*25 September to 6 November, 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm.*

6-week session for working adults held every Saturday at St Bernadette's Church. Fees: \$25.00 (excludes stay-in retreat from Friday 22 October, 7.30 pm to Sunday 24 October, 1.30 pm).

Organised by Praise@Work.

For enquiries and registration, please email [liss2010\\_stbernadette@yahoo.com](mailto:liss2010_stbernadette@yahoo.com) or contact Rowena 9715-3402 or Siska 9329-9252.

## What's Coming Up?

### **PARISH ASSEMBLY - NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

Our Parish Assembly will be on 10<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Our theme is: "How have we been Growing and How would we like to Move on?"

We need to elect new members to the PPC exco to take over from members who will have to retire in accordance with our Constitutions.

Please read the Nomination Form and Constitutions carefully and seriously consider nominating someone whom you think will be able to contribute effectively for the good of our Parish.

**FORMS available at the Place of Gathering.**

### **"CELEBRATE OUR 50 YEARS IN SONG"**

Book a date with the "Thankful" Concert on 30th October at 8pm in church and join us in our Parish Jubilee celebrations.

Stay tuned for details."

## At the Place of Gathering

### **ADVENT CAMBODIA TRIPS (ACTS)**

*from 13-17 December 2010, to Phnom Penh.*

If you are interested in going or offering financial support, please contact Audrey Leong at [leong\\_audrey@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:leong_audrey@yahoo.com.sg) or 9732-6085. Handicrafts from the Don Bosco and Jesuit Landmine Victims' Homes are on sale this weekend.

### **PARISH SOCIAL MISSION FUND**

#### **MOONCAKE PROJECT**

Please place your orders soon for our specially homemade high quality Snow White skin mini Moon cakes of eight at \$25.00 per box. To place your orders please fill up a form and place it in the box provided at the Place of Gathering. First-come-first served; limited number of boxes available.

## RIP News - Risen in the Lord

### **Thomas Augustine Basapa 93 years old**

Died on 30 August 2010

Funeral Mass at Church of St Ignatius on 3 September 2010



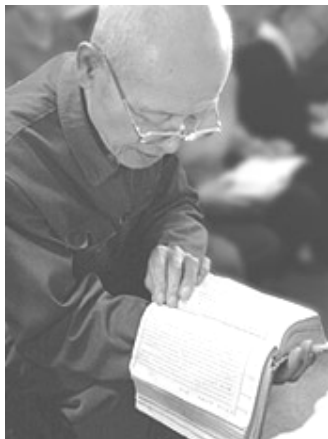
**GROWING IN  
GOD'S LOVE  
AND WAYS ...**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS**



**APOSTLESHIP  
OF PRAYER**



The mission of the Apostleship of Prayer is to encourage Christians to make a daily offering of themselves to the Lord for the coming of God's Kingdom and for the Holy Father's monthly intentions. This form of prayer that shows care and solidarity with the poor and needy, and issues of the world develops a Eucharistic spirituality that is symbolised in the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Each month, the Holy Father requests the Apostleship of Prayer to pray for two intentions, one General and the other for Missions



**Prayer intentions for September 2010**

Join us every First Friday of the Month at 8pm for Mass and Personal Consecration to the Sacred Heart and to pray for the Pope's intentions.



**Mission Intention September**

**End of War**

That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world

**General Intention September**

**The Word of God as Incentive for Social Development**

That the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work toward authentic social progress





### Prayers & Devotions

#### WEEKLY:

#### 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)

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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: 9.00am to 1.30pm  
Fri: 1pm-5pm  
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 "SI 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 –  
4 Dimensions:

#### 1. Personal:

Developing a Personal  
Relationship with the Lord through  
a meaningful  
Prayer Life.

#### 2. A Vocation – God's Call to Holiness:

Growing in God's gift of  
the lay, priesthood and  
religious vocation.

#### 3. Communitarian (7 "larger families"):

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

#### 4. Social Mission:

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

## TEACHERS' DAY

We would like to ask for God's abundant blessings on all teachers in our Parish and Archdiocese for their dedicated services in the formation of our children; the future of our nation and the world. Congratulations! May God's blessings continue to be with you at all times.

## Jesuit News

### CENTRE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND COUNSELLING (CISC)

CISC promotes Ignatian spirituality and psychological wellness, various retreats, counselling, and seminars. The Centre provides a serene and conducive environment for spending quiet time with the Lord in prayer and reflection. It is located at Kingsmead Hall (behind the church) with an adoration chapel, a prayer room, rooms for stay-in retreatants, a beautifully laid-out garden and a grotto. For more information about CISC, there are brochures at our church office or the centre. For enquiries, contact the Secretary at 6467-6072; fax: 6468-7584 or email: cisc2664@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.catholic.org.sg/cisc>

### Jesuit Community at Kingsmead Hall Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Sch Gregory Tan, SJ, Sch Eugene Koh, S.J.  
Fr Paul Goh, SJ Tel: 6464 9866  
Fr Colin Tan, SJ Tel: 6469 7356,  
Ignatian Spirituality Centre Tel: 6467 6072  
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