



The Parish Priest Writes...

As promised, here is the general breakdown of our *Parish Bazaar project* to raise funds for the poor and needy. The total Bazaar revenue raised is \$367,326. Of this, \$189,329 came from outright donations through “Bazaar envelops” and \$177,997 came from Bazaar coupons and cash sales. Expenses incurred amounted to \$12,010, and the final net figure (after expenses) is \$355,316. The funds raised by the 14 types of food sold at Sacred Heart Hall were \$20,943 while the non-food sales/revenue from the four classroom stalls came to \$10,890 ; the auctioned items drew in a total of \$14,780. Moreover, the two Sundays of post-Bazaar sales brought in another \$6,715.

This Parish Bazaar event was truly a “*Parish Family-Fun*” *Fund raising event* where many of us were have taken an important concrete step towards helping the poor and needy of the world. Once again, a very special thanks to those of you who served so selflessly and contributed so generously.

As promised too, I will next set up a *Parish committee* to manage the funds that are raised for the Parish Social Mission of our Parish Goal.

My personal reflection on our Parish needs draw me to the many formation sessions, Ministries and Catechism classes that are taking place daily in our Parish. We are clearly very *short of classrooms and pastoral facilities*. These needs were evident during the time of Fr Leslie. Thus, he initiated plans to renovate our present catechism classrooms. When I took over as Parish Priest, he handed the project over to me. I will keep the Parish posted on its developments . . . so, keep connected as a Parish community.

Finally, please note that as our Parish Goal is still new to us and thus we need more time to firm up and draw out more feedbacks from the parishioners, the *intended PPC meeting* for next month is meanwhile *postponed*.

Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

1st Reading: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
2nd Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

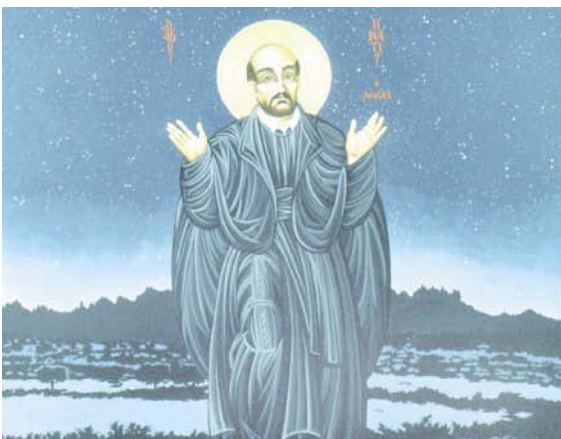
Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

Tradition is in many ways a very beautiful thing. It collects so much wisdom from the past and enriches us immensely. Tradition is very much part of what we are. Without it we would have no continuation of our real life. But our penchant for spoiling all we touch and our restless desire for change, perceived as advancement, soon bring contempt for the past.

On the other hand, what commenced as meaningful practice can easily become empty repetition. It can degenerate into “lip-service” void of inner conviction and sincerity. This is what befell the well-meaning Pharisees. Their endless laws, with time became void of religious content and ended up being not what they were intended to promote – right relations between the people and their God.

How much of my performance is lip service? A quick run down of my so-called expressions of genuine religion can be disturbingly void of the God thing and easily recognised as the “ways of mere men”. What of my attendance at Sunday Mass? The sincerity of my daily prayers? The awareness of the sense of my making the sign of the Cross? The questions could be endless.

Perhaps the time has come for me to rethink and re-appreciate the many practices of my faith thus capturing the reasons that tradition gave me so much and saving my practices of faith from being mere surface performance.



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| Assistant Parish Priests | : | Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18) |
| Secretary | : | Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10)
<i>(Mon – Sat; 9:00AM – 1PM)</i> |
| Administrator | : | Mr. Chester Sahetapy (ext. 15) * |
| Pastoral Coordinator | : | Ms. Ellen Tan (ext. 14) |
| Youth Coordinator | : | Ms. Audrey Seah (ext. 19) |

* Mon – Thurs 9:30AM-5:30PM • Fri 12:00-8:00PM • Sat 8:00AM-12noon



What's on this week?

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Members are here at the Place of Gathering (after the 8.15am, 10.15am and 12 noon Masses) to welcome those interested to register for their Open House on *Saturday 12 September, 2.15 pm*

Archdiocesan News

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A live-in programme for the permanently separated, divorced and widowed (both males and females) will be held on *Friday 25 September to Sunday 27 September*.
Details, contact:
Mr King Joo 9632-7370,
Jenny 9675-6940 or
Sue 9647-9122.

What's coming up?

Want to taste delicious homemade Vietnamese food and support the Jesuit led "Migrant Ministry for Vietnamese Workers in Malaysia"?

Come to our canteen on *Sunday 6 September starting from 9.30 am* (while stocks last).

Parish News

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER GROUP

"Growth" - Life in the Spirit Seminar sixth session
Wednesday 2 September, 7.45 pm at St Ignatius Hall.
Fellowship with light meal starts at 7.15 pm.

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(CATECHISM FOR STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS)

• CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED!

Please contact Chantal Wong at chantalwong88@hotmail.com

• REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for kindergarten (age 5 - 6) to Grade 7 (age 12) classes on either Tuesday 1 OR Thursday 3 September, 3.30 to 5 pm at St Ignatius Hall (behind the Church of St Ignatius) entrance at 8 Victoria Park Road.

Registration for Confirmation Class (age 13 - 14) will be held after a Parents' Meeting on Monday 14 September, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall. Attendance to this meeting is mandatory before Confirmation registration.

For more details, refer to the green flyers at the Place of Gathering

WEEKEND CATECHISM

- Thank you parents for your prayers and support for the Sec 3 youth to the Social Mission ALIVE conference. The West District Rally for all Confirmands is on this weekend *Saturday 29 September, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm* and the Final Day of Recollection/Confirmation Rehearsal on *Saturday 5 September, 10.30 am* La Storta room. Do keep the confirmation youth in prayer.
- Sec 2 Exam Rally on *5 September* at St Francis of Assisi Church. All parents and Sec 2 youth are greatly encouraged to support this event and please refer to letters sent earlier.
- Sale of First Holy Communion clothes is on this weekend at the catechism area.
- There will be no classes on the weekend of 12/13 September (term holidays). Classes resume on 19/20 September.

FARRER COURT NEIGHBOURHOOD RE-UNION POTLUCK

will be held on *Saturday 12 September, 7.30 pm* at St Ignatius Hall.

All Farrer Court neighbours are invited to come along and pass the word round.

RSVP: Lesley 8133-9422(hp) or lessgd@yahoo.com.sg by 8 September:

WEDNESDAY BIBLE GROUP

meets this *Wednesday 2 September 2009, 10 am* in the Conference Room, Sacred Heart Hall.

"You give them something to eat," this is Jesus' challenge to his disciples and us - Mark's Gospel, chapter 6.

Newcomers are welcome.

Contact: Therese and Stephen 9835-5057/6440-9475.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY:

Gospel of Matthew.

All women of the community are invited to join this in-depth Bible Study beginning *Tuesday 8 September, 10 am* at the La Storta Room.

Details/registration: Nora Creech at nora.creech@yahoo.com or 9855-2824.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Come and experience a personal relationship with Jesus.

Join us at the St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead Hall)

Friday 28 August, 8 - 9.30 pm for Rosary, Scriptural reflections, Adoration and Benediction. For prayer request, email: gracelm@hotmail.com



DO YOU KNOW...?

About our Catholic Faith

The Sign of the Cross (1)

Christ crucified is one of the Church's most familiar images. The crucifix helps us focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus. Only the worse criminals and non Roman citizens were crucified: murderers, habitual bandits, and traitors – those who like Jesus of Nazareth, posed a threat to the government. Thus, in the early Churches, the cross was a *symbol of shame*.

However, in the *early 4th century*, emperor *Constantine*, on the night before the battle with Maxentius, he saw a bright *vision* of a great cross in the sky with the words, "in this sign you shall conquer." The next day Constantine won the battle and became the sole emperor of Rome. In his gratitude to God, Constantine built immense Churches (Basilicas) and made Christianity the *official religion* of the Roman Empire. . .

*(*to be continued next week.)*

About our Parish - Ministries

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Recognizing the needs of our Catechist – Part 3

We are currently working on improving the catechetical programme by providing better training for the catechists and increasing the awareness of Ignatian Spirituality among both teachers and pupils. We recognize that we, as teachers and guides, need to nurture our own faith knowledge and relationship with the Lord before we can impart it to our children, because we cannot give what we do not have. We are reviewing our own training needs and we have identified three main areas for growth, bearing in mind that most of us are not trained teachers. Firstly, our relationship with God and our spiritual life; secondly, lesson planning; and thirdly, classroom presentation. We have formed a catechetical coordinating team, including people with experience in the above areas, and we will roll out a training series for our catechist over the coming year.



Something Ignatian to share....

Living a more Discerning Life – Self Awareness (3)

I hope you have been trying out the Exercise that I proposed in Part 2 of this Ignatian Spirituality series. It is to help you get in touch with your different "inner feelings" so that you will be *able to distinguish* the *physical* from the *emotional* or *spiritual*. Such awareness can be developed *over time*; the more we *practice* this, the "*easier*" it would be for us to *get in touch* with ourselves.

One important "*secret*" of learning Ignatian Spirituality is the *discipline of practising* it daily. The exercises in these series will help us *sense* our "inner feelings" more fully, and thus, "*understand*" ourselves more clearly.

Exercise:

As you get in touch with your "inner feelings," ask yourself, "Where do these feelings come from?"

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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 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),
Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall,
Jesuit Novitiate,
Centre for Ignatian Spirituality &
Counselling



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 and bonding as a
community that is Christ-
centered and Christ-like. We
do this by participating in our
Parish activities actively,
especially in the celebration
of the Eucharist and by
building greater harmony
with one another and with
our Christian friends and
those of other beliefs.

4. Social Mission:

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

Main Structure of Parish

The Parish Priest, Assisting
Priests, Jesuits and Staff
serve the needs of the
Parish through close
collaboration with all PPC
and all Church members.
Every person in the Parish
strives to live out the Goal
of the Parish in and
through their particular
vocation, together with
the Parish Priest, who is
primarily responsible to
the Archbishop of
Singapore and his
Jesuit Religious Superiors.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

30 Sun	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time		
31 Mon	22 nd week in Ordinary Time		
1 Tue	22 nd week in Ordinary Time		
2 Wed	22 nd week in Ordinary Time		
3 Thu	Memorial of St Gregory the Great, Pope and doctor		
4 Fri	22 nd week in Ordinary Time		
5 Sat	22 nd week in Ordinary Time		
6 Sun	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	Is 35:4-7a	Jas 2:1-5	Mk 7:31-37

Jesuit news

THE GROTTO OF OUR LADY AND CHILD has been improved for your devotional needs. Kindly refrain from feeding the fish, and tossing coins or releasing fish into the pond. Fr Leslie Raj, SJ will lead a Blessing of the Grotto and a Rosary for the Year of Priests on *Tuesday 8 September, 8.30-9.15 pm* (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at the Grotto. All are welcome.

Enquiries: Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling – tel: 6467-6072; fax: 6468-7584; email: cisc2664@gmail.com or website: <http://www.jesuit.org.sg/cisc>

Fr Leslie Raj SJ writes, "Thank you for the prayers and support. Health has improved but the treatment continues. After leaving parish ministry, I have resumed my role as chaplain at Catholic Junior College, looking after the sacramental and pastoral needs, and my work at the Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling."

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