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26 Sunday of Ordinary Time

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The Parish Priest Writes...

Our Parish's hosting of the *Archdiocesan statue of St John Vianney* begun yesterday evening at 8.00 pm with Holy Hour of Reflection, Prayer and Benediction. The programme, which will continue until Thursday, 1 Oct, will give us an opportunity to grow spiritually through the different nights of reflections on the life of St John Vianney, the Eucharist, experiencing guided Gospel Contemplation, Scripture Reflection on the Mysteries of Jesus in the Rosary, and Benediction. I encourage you and your family to make the extra effort to join in. A prayerful Parish Spiritual communal experience is always a spiritual renewal of the heart and faith. Coming on these night is living out the "Spirituality" dimension of our Parish Goal.

I would like to share with you that our **Parish Catechetical programme** is undergoing a very significant change for the better. I am deeply grateful to God for blessing our Parish with such committed coordinators who have taken up the challenges of our Parish Goal in very creative ways and integrating them into the programme. At the moment we are also planning to use our Parish website to its fullest potential by harnessing IT support for the programme. I fully support and strongly believe that all these will eventually give our children a very solid all round and vibrantly enriching programme which we ought to be very proud of. Please read some of these details under "Special Feature" in page 3.

Some of you have asked me whether we are going to get **another Jesuit** to replace Fr O'Neill. As far as I know, my Jesuit Regional Superior so far, does not have anyone that he can offer.

Fr Philip Heng S.J.

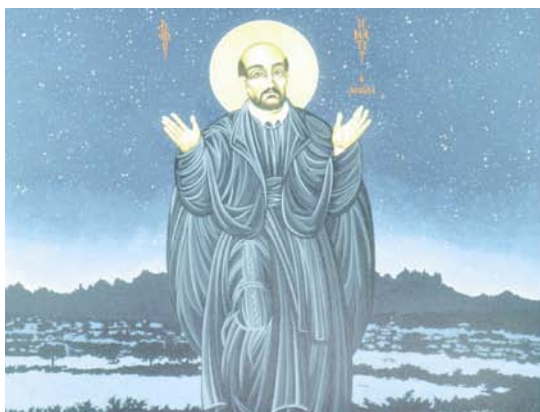
1st Reading: Nm 11:25-29
2nd Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

At times I find myself in need of breaking free from the confines of the limited expression of my faith. This urge is confirmed by a few words of today's readings – "anyone who is not against us is for us". In my espousal of all that the church has to give – and that is so much – I can forget that the mystery of creation will not be boxed into any one spirituality and that the creative spirit of God breathes both in and out of the Church.

Today, more than ever, we need to be assured that a loving God is operating in us all. How can we hope to assist in saving an apparently doomed world if we fail to acknowledge where our best resources lie? Rather than harp on our failure to create a genuine human family – a failure which is so deplorably obvious – we might find hope in the shared, if hidden, goodness that is such a compelling contribution to human advancement and fulfilment. Besides, my own life is so much the richer and the happier when I can belong to everybody's world.

I need rethinking that is positive realistic and hopeful in an age that has so much to offer and fails to see so. May we all be enriched by the faith that has been placed in each of us.



Parish Priest : **Fr. Philip Heng, SJ (ext. 12)**
 Assistant Parish Priests : **Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)**
 Secretary : **Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10)**
 (Mon – Sat; 9:00AM – 1PM)
 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?

“CHRIST@WORK” BOOTH AT THE PLACE OF GATHERING this weekend:

Registration for their conference at all Masses (except Sunday 7 am). Theme: “Living a Holystic Life – Spiritually, Socially and Professionally” to be held on *Saturday 5 December*. For young working adults desiring to live a more complete, meaningful and happy life in God’s light. Enquiries call 9420-5321 or visit www.christatworkconference.com

What's coming up?

HOMEMAKERS' JUMBLE SALE

on *Thursday 1 October, 10 am - 1 pm*. Please note the change in the date.

ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST DAY MASS

The Church of St Ignatius Divine Mercy Prayer Group is celebrating this feast with a Mass on *Friday 2 Oct, 6 pm*. Main Celebrant: Fr Philip Heng, SJ. All are welcome.

ROSARY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

All are invited to join our procession on *Monday 12 October*, commencing with the *daily 6 pm Mass* in the church followed by a candle-light procession from the church to the Garden of Light. We seek Mary’s intercession for the needs of all in the parish especially the sick and the elderly, more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and peace and hope in the world. All are welcome.

Organised by the Pastoral Care for Elderly and Sick (PaCES) Ministry

Parish News

CHILDREN'S DAY MASS

is celebrated this *Sunday 27 September at 8.15 am*. Fr Colin Tan will be the celebrant. All children are welcome to attend this Mass.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER GROUP

There is NO SESSION on *Wednesday 30 September*. We will be at the St John Marie Vianney Parish Holy Hour that evening. Please do come and bring your family for the prayerful reflection on the Eucharist.

WEEKEND CATECHISM

- *Pri 2 Day of Recollection* - do pray for our little ones who are having their day of recollection this weekend and parents who are having their meeting in preparation for their First Holy Communion on *Saturday 10 October (CGS children are not involved in this day of recollection)*.
- *Reminder* - Only primary classes are currently on while Secondary children are on exam leave. *Please continue to read the bulletin for updates.*
- *Due to the renovations, the CANTEEN IS CLOSED*. Children are requested to bring their own snacks and drinks. Parents waiting for their children may pray at Our Lady’s grotto or at the chapel at Kingsmead Hall or wait at the black table area outside the Kingsmead Hall. We thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation during this period.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE GROUP

meets on *Wednesday 30 September, 10 am* in Loyola Room (next to the Parish Office). The topic is Jesus' challenge "Do you not yet perceive or understand?" in chapter 8 of Mark's Gospel. New comers are always welcome. Details: contact Therese/Stephen 6440-9475 / 9835-5057.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

will be celebrating their 48th anniversary of its Date of Aggregation at the *6 pm Mass on Thursday 1 October*.

CALLING ALL LINE DANCERS - END BEGINNERS / INTERMEDIATE

We have great exercise workout, to the music of waltz, cha cha, and rock and roll music. All are welcome. *Every Wednesday, beginning 9 October, 9.30 am to 11 am* at St Ignatius Hall. Fees: \$65.00 (min 15 people). Instructor: Vincent Tan (Line Dancing Judge and Latin Dance Champion). Registration and details, call/sms Florence at 8112-8273.

MINISTRY OF PASTORAL CARE FOR ELDERLY AND SICK (PaCES) REFERRAL CARDS

If you know of a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to sickness, or an aged who is housebound, please contact a member of our Parish Pastoral Care (PaCES). Details are found in our referral cards at the Place of Gathering. Members will visit, pray with and bring Holy Communion to the homebound and arrange for a priest for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and pray with the bereaved family and friends at wakes.

VISIT OF ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY'S STATUE

*Friday 25 September – Thursday 1 October (*Each Night from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm)*

Everyone is invited to join our parish programme to honour of St John Mary Vianney is as follows:

Friday 25 Sept:	Holy Hour of Reflection, Prayer and Benediction
Monday 28 Sept:	Life of St John Vianney
Tuesday 29 Sept:	Vocation to the Priesthood
Wednesday 30 Sept:	Eucharist - God's Gift to All Peoples
Thursday 1 Oct.:	Holy Hour of Reflection, Prayer and Benediction

Catechism @ St Ignatius

AIMS

As a faith community, we take Jesus' commission to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19) seriously, by beginning with our children. In a fast paced society that is increasing secularised and materialistic, our young people are beset with ideas, attractions and choices that tell them that God is irrelevant and self-gratification the only path to happiness. Helping these young people to grow up with a healthy faith and spiritual life is a challenge that requires the cooperation of our whole community.

The faith formation of our children is the mission and vocation of each one of us

The catechism programmes at our parish aim to help each young person to know, love and serve God as an integrated human person in mind and heart. We want to engage them in conversation to understand and explore the fundamentals and beliefs of our Catholic Faith, learn to reflect the strong sense of God's presence in their daily living, and to live the values of the Gospel in reaching out to people, especially the needy.



Sec 3 youth & migrant workers on service project at ACMI

PROGRAMMES

Several catechetical programmes cater to the different needs of our parishioners:

- **"Leading Little Ones to God"** engages kindergarten aged children with fun educational activities. (Sunday mornings)
- **Catechists of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** uses Montessori educational principles for children from age 3-9. (Friday & Saturday afternoons)
- **Weekend Catechism** follows the local school semesters. (Saturday afternoons & Sundays mornings)
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** follows the International schools' semesters, catering mostly to children of expatriates. (Tuesday & Thursday afternoons)
- **Post-Confirmation** and the **Young Adults** programmes.



Primary 4 class in discussion

PARISH GOALS & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Moving forward the Catechetical programme is being reviewed and aligned with the Parish Goal, **'Finding God in myself, others and all situations for God's Greater Glory'** so as to reflect the **Ignatian Spirituality** of living and deepening our relationship with our Lord in our daily living. We hope to provide an experiential learning atmosphere where children and youth will appreciate and have a deep sense of the Gospel Values of the Catholic Church through Ignatian Spirituality. We seek to achieve the following in our programs:

1. A more pervasive Ignatian Spirituality;
2. A stronger emphasis on prayer & scripture;
3. An increased awareness of holiness in our vocation;
4. More opportunities to be participative at the various levels of the Parish, and
5. A wider and more sustained approach towards our social mission

We welcome you to take on the challenge by joining our Parish Catechism Ministry

The faith formation of our children is the mission and vocation of each one of us. We are entrusted to pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation. We are eager to strengthen and expand our team of catechists,

assistants and co-ordinators especially for the weekend classes and we welcome you to take on the challenge by joining our Parish Catechism Ministry.

As a team-member, you will be prepared for your role by spiritual formation to help deepen your relationship with God, as well as training in the use of the catechetical books and material that will be provided.

Do pick up a registration form and flyer from the Place of Gathering



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 nd 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 rd floor (<i>at the back of the church building</i>)
Entrance via, 8 Victoria Park Road	Kingsmead Hall (<i>Priests' Residence</i>), 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.



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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

27 Sun	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
28 Mon	Memorial of St Wenceslaus, martyr; Sts Lawrence Ruiz and Comps, martyrs in Japan
29 Tue	Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
30 Wed	Memorial of St Jerome, priest and doctor
1 Thu	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and doctor
2 Fri	Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels
3 Sat	Memorial of St Francis Borgia, Jesuit, priest; Holy Guardian Angels
4 Sun	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Jesuit news

VOCATION WEEKEND RETREAT

A live-in weekend retreat for single male Catholics (19-45) from *Friday 23 October, 8 pm to Sunday 25 October, 6.30 pm* to help you clarify God's will in your life. No strings attached! Retreat Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Closing date: 14 October.

Contribution: No charge.

Registration: Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling – tel: 6467-6072;

fax: 6468-7584; email: cisc2664@gmail.com or 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
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Jesuit Refugee Service **Tel: 6463 6022**

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.