



### The Parish Priest Writes...

**Advent** is two weeks away. Perhaps, we should already begin preparing ourselves to receive the graces of Advent which in turn helps us to prepare our hearts and our homes to celebrate **a more meaningful Christmas** this year. So, what can you do? As for your family it is good to ponder and share with one another in your homes on how to make this Christmas a more spiritual one. It is good too to **ponder on** how Christmas is more than giving and receiving presents; it is **receiving Jesus** and allowing the “Child” to be born in our hearts; it is **sharing Jesus** who has come to be with us, with others.

On a parish level, we have various programme in store for you. However, one obvious area that we can introduce to you is to help you to reflect on how you may be able to do some thing concrete for the sake and benefit of others especially for the poor. I have just sent out a letter to all our Parish ministries to ask them to come for a **preview** of some of the **Social Mission activities** that we have to offer; activities that are coordinated by the Social Mission Core Team (SMCT) of our Parish. This preview is to whet your appetite on how you can serve the poor and needy in different ways through our Parish in an organised manner in the coming months.

As such, in this “preview” we will present a sampling of what we can offer you and for you to ponder on and perhaps even to give us your name and contact so that we can call on you in the areas of your interests and expertise. So, if you are able to come for this preview then please do join us this coming **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at 8.00 pm in St Ignatius Hall.**

Let us continue to pray for and participate more fully in the growth and renewal of our Parish community.

Fr Philip Heng S.J.

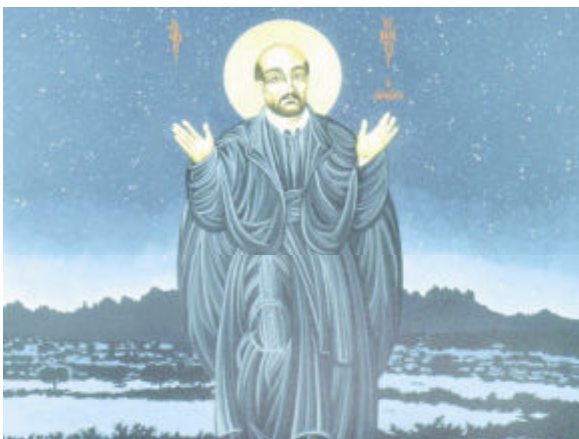
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Dan 12:1-3**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 10:11-14,18**  
**Gospel: Mk 13:24-32**

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

I have never felt at home with apocalyptic writing – just like that of today’s readings. They demand too much of my mind and too little of my heart. But that is perhaps just a personal problem and helps little to your appreciation of a message which Christ deemed deserving the treatment He gave it.

In the autumn of my years, my memory – that mysterious quality of the soul – kindly harvests the treasures of the past and leaves me with a richness of memories that provide me with a presence of God and goodness that is so assuring. Besides the hope of approaching glory – the fullness of the goodness of human experience that is there in divine promise – leaves me with a human longing for what is yet to come.

Is all this at variance with the disasters recorded in today’s readings? I don’t think so. The lesson of today is not about sensational and impending disasters. It is about readiness for eternity. What better readiness could one have for heaven than a great appreciation of the now and an insatiable longing for what lies ahead in eternity. Disaster belongs to time. Peace, calm and assurance lay in the timelessness of God.



- Parish Priest : **Fr. Philip Heng, SJ (ext. 12)**
- Assistant Parish Priest : **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?

**AT THE PLACE OF GATHERING**  
this *Sunday 15 Nov, 9 am – 1 pm*  
CHRISTMAS HANDICRAFT FAIR  
organised by the Catholic Japanese  
Group. All proceeds will go to  
Jesuit Refugee Service.

### What's coming up?

**FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING**  
*Saturday 28 November, 3 - 5 pm*  
At St Ignatius Hall, organised by  
Welcoming Ministry of St Ignatius.  
Limited places available - Cost  
\$50.00 per family. Register:  
Contact Naomi Tinklepaugh-  
Fernandez by sms at 9277-1016 or  
by email to [davenaomi@gmail.com](mailto:davenaomi@gmail.com)

### Archdiocesan News

#### CARE

(Catholic Aids Response Effort)  
**ACTIVITIES**

at Church of St Mary of the Angels  
*Saturday 28 November*

4.30 – 6.30 pm

At the piazza, buy a flower, drawings  
or cards created by those suffering  
from HIV/AIDS

5.30 pm

World AIDS Day Mass

7.30 – 9.30 pm

At St Claire Hall, Youth talk (under 21  
only) from experts on STDs, HIV/AIDS  
transmission...

### Parish News

**SINGERS/MUSICIANS NEEDED** for the *Christmas Mass*  
at *Midnight on Thursday 24 December, 11 pm.*  
Interested, contact Adrian Huang at 9796-8136.

#### NAMLY NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

**NOVEMBER PRAYER MEETING** *Monday 16 November, 8 pm*  
Mass presided over by Fr A Ponnudurai, SJ at the home of  
Lorna and Bernard Low, 77 Namly Drive, tel: 6469-4423.

#### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday 18 November, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall*  
Bible sharing on the Gospel of Luke 1:26-45 which describes  
the powerful role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' birth and mission  
and Mary's total submission and acceptance of her part in  
God's plan. All are welcome.

#### WEEKEND CATECHISM

- PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION FOR 2010 @ Catechism  
Office (next to St Ignatius Hall). *Saturday 21 November (4.30  
pm - 5.30 pm); Sunday 15 and 22 November (9.30 am-11  
am)*

This exercise is for parishioners of Church of St Ignatius  
studying in our local school system. Priority is for those living  
within the parish boundaries and those with siblings already  
in the programme. *Please bring a copy of your child's  
baptismal certificate for registration. All registrations will be  
subjected to confirmation.* All other enquiries by email to  
[Lesley Goonting lessgd@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:Lesley.Goonting@yahoocom.sg)

- CLASSES IN 2010 will begin only in the third week of  
January. Due to renovations, all Primary 1 to 4 classes will  
be held at the MARIS STELLA KINDERGARTEN  
(HOLLAND ROAD). However, ALL OTHER CLASSES will  
be held in our premises - for updates, please read our  
weekly bulletin or Parish website.

#### FACILITATORS' TRAINING CAMP

*(6 pm, 17 – 6 pm 20 December)*

For anyone who wants to facilitate Confirmation camps and  
various other youth activities throughout the year. Cost: \$60.00.  
Please pick up a registration form at the Place of Gathering or  
contact Max Ho at [maxhowl86@gmail.com](mailto:maxhowl86@gmail.com)

### APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

A motorist ran over the foot of our neighbour, Mr Daniel Soh in March 2009. He lives at 103 Kings' Road (directly opposite our Church's entrance). Daniel is requesting for help. If you are a witness please contact Chester, our administrator.

Please do not park along the driveway opposite the Church's entrance; this will obstruct our neighbours' premises driveway.



## DO YOU KNOW...?

### About our Catholic Faith

#### Candles (2)

Candles continued to be a feature of public worship in churches when there was freedom in the practice of the faith in 313 AD. Only from the 7<sup>th</sup> century, however, is there evidence of their symbolic use at Mass. By then they were carried in the opening procession and Gospel procession and placed around the altar. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century, they were placed on the altar for the first time. The use and number of candles at Mass were determined by church law only from the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The symbolic use of candles at Mass was probably influenced by civil practices. High-ranking officials had the privilege of being accompanied in public by a light-bearer. This practice seemed to have been transferred to high-ranking church people, especially bishops, once Christianity obtained a privileged position in the Roman Empire. It was only natural that lights or candles eventually honour the presence of the most important person present, Christ Himself, symbolised by the altar. The candle that is kept burning before the presence of Christ in the reserved Eucharist, popularly called the tabernacle light, or sanctuary light, reflects this meaning. This tradition began in England in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and was made obligatory every where in the 17<sup>th</sup>.

(Re: Catholic Customs and Traditions – a popular guide, by Greg Dues; 23<sup>rd</sup> Pub: 1992: p187-188)



### Something Ignatian to share....

#### Living a more Discerning Life – Self Awareness (9)

Our part 8 suggested exercises were to help us get in touch with **God's presence** in our daily living more fully i.e. in the **water** we drink, the **food** we take and the **sleep** we have.

For this week, we could perhaps ponder on how **God shows us His love** through giving us these gifts of life and sustaining every moment of our day with many different gifts. **God "provides"** the millions of people to grow the rice and other food that I consume; without them as God's gifts to me, I would have no food to eat, unless I cultivate them myself. Ponder too on how to be able to sleep each night in order to recharge our tired bodies and minds is also a gift from God. This exercise is to help us **not to take God, the giver of our gifts for granted.**

#### **Exercise:**

Ponder on all these different ways in which God, the Giver of life loves you daily, and try to sense how He loves you personally. Have a **heart-to-heart talk** with Him and express your gratitude to Him.



## 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



## **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**

15 Sun	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 Mon	Memorial of Sts Roch Gonzalez, SJ, John del Castillo, SJ and Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ, priests and martyrs
17 Tue	Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
18 Wed	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul
19 Thu	33 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time
20 Fri	33 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time
21 Sat	33 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time
22 Sun	Solemnity of Christ the King Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

## **Jesuit news**

### **HELP SUPPORT THE JESUIT FUND Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 Nov (10 am - 7 pm)**

Sale of Chinese antique furniture, German-made grandfather clocks, vases, jade, marble and stone carvings etc. at the Jesuit Novitiate (Kingsmead Hall). Proceeds will support the financial needs of the Jesuits towards expenses of: health, education of our Jesuits here and those overseas and other matters of our Jesuit priests. Details, please email Betty at [achtung@singnet.com.sg](mailto:achtung@singnet.com.sg) or Dorothy Kay at [dkaylee@gmail.com](mailto:dkaylee@gmail.com)

### **ADVENT VESPERS CELEBRATING THE EVENING PRAYER – Kingsmead Hall**

Thursdays 3, 10, 17 December 5.15 – 5.45 pm  
Conducted by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. All are welcome.

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

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Sch Gregory Tan, SJ  
Fr Paul Goh, SJ **Tel: 6464 9866** Fr Anthony Ponnudurai, SJ **Tel: 6464 9652** Fr Colin Tan, SJ **Tel: 6469 7356**,  
Loyola Novitiate **Tel: 6467 2790** Ignatian Spirituality Centre **Tel: 6467 6072**  
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.