



3 October 2010

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

The Parish Priest Writes...

I received *exactly five nominations* for the PPC exco members at the closing date. I have also interviewed each of them personally to ensure that they are clear about their responsibilities as an exco member.



I am happy to announce that we now have in place our new PPC exco members. They are: *Dr Aloysius Soh, Bernard Goh, Joseph Raj, Dr Malcolm Murffet* and *Patrick Tan*. In our PPC exco meeting on 25th Sept, we had planned for an election during our Parish Assembly, but this does not seem to be God's providence. With such an excellent group, I am looking forward to working with this new PPC exco team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing PPC exco members: *Terence Teo (president), Antony Lee (vice-president), Andrew Tan, Dr Charlotte Yung* and *Julian Loh*. When I accepted the office of being the Parish Priest to begin on 1st April last year, as



proposed by my Jesuit Regional Superior, Fr Lawrence Tan, S.J. and appointed by His Grace Archbishop Nicholas Chia, I asked the then PPC exco members to continue their term of office so that I could have a continuity in the running of the Parish. All of them very graciously accepted and to which I am very grateful.

Over the past 1½ years, I must say that I have received the constant and unfailing support of all these PPC exco members together with the three appointed PPC exco members, *Angeline Tok, Matthew Raj* and *William Chee* of whom I am also deeply grateful.

Together as a PPC exco team, with *Fr James Tan, S.J., Bro. Gregory Tan, S.J., Audrey Seah* and *John Lum* (former and present Youth coordinator respectively), *Ellen Tan* (Parish Pastoral Coordinator), *Chester Sahetapy* (former Administrator), we all managed to embark on many pastoral initiatives, together with spearheading the Jubilee celebrations, and arriving at what the parish is today; these details will be presented in our next Pastoral Assembly next week.

Fr Philip Heng, SJ

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

To-day let me live in the immensity of love. So much of it is there despite the many and annoying pettinesses of the day. No matter what, the glory of love must be made to shine through. I must learn and know the gift of looking through and beyond the drab trivial details of the everyday to find it all occurs in a world of love. For there is no other world.

Even if a life that is abusive makes little of my efforts I will learn, while not denying for a moment how "unprofitable" I am, that I am moving in a world that is grace-laden, that always has the light of faith shining through, lighting up the truly real, discovered only in faith. Mine is a world of the truly genuine. But we so easily fight shy of the truth. We will communicate on the level of the fearful who in to-day's young, brash world would believe that strength is found in acknowledge wretchedness? That poverty of personality is our greatest hope of genuine dignity and that freedom that comes with admitting to being who we really are.

St Augustine prayed "Lord, let me know myself that I may know you." Do we know ourselves to-day or are we strangers to ourselves and so with God? God is in ourselves, in the questionable, the seeming ignoble. But such are we with love encompassing all.



- 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. Jonell Ballecer (ext. 15) ***
- Pastoral Coordinator : **Ms. Ellen Tan (ext. 14)**
- Youth Coordinator : **Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)**

* Mon – Thurs 9:00AM-6:00PM • Fri 12:00NN-8:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-1PM



Parish News

NEW PPC EXCO – MEMBERS!

We congratulate the following NEW PPC exco Members who are nominated by our Parishioners and endorsed by Fr Philip Heng, S.J. as follows:

Dr Aloysius Soh *Dr Malcolm Murffet*
Bernard Goh *Patrick Tan*
Joseph Raj

RICE for the poor is collected today.

ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST DAY

MASS *Friday 8 October, 6 pm*

Maint Celebrant: Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

PARISH SACRED HEART ADORATION/PRAYER ROOM – USED By CCD

Please note that the CCD Programme (Catechism Class for students in the International Schools) is using the Parish Sacred Heart Adoration/Prayer Room from 3.30 - 5.15 pm every Tuesday and Thursday, UNTIL the New Phase II Building is ready in December. The Adoration/Prayer room at the Spirituality Centre (Kingsmead Hall) is available for those who wish to pray.

WEEKEND CATECHISM

- Pri 2 Parents Meeting and Day of Recollection *Saturday 9 October, 2 - 5.30 pm*
Please meet at the Place of Gathering.
- We will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation on Saturday 16 October at 3 pm and First Holy Communion on Saturday 23 October at 3 pm. Your prayers for our students are appreciated.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION *Saturday, 9 October, 9 am to 1 pm at La Storta Room*

Theme: "How God Heals: Reflections on the Gospel of Mathew and Ignatian Spirituality" Rediscovering the presence of God, through the teaching and ministry of Jesus, in our care for ourselves and others. Parishioners are invited to join the members of the Ministry of Pastoral Care for Elderly and Sick (PaCES) and the Lilies of the Valley Wake Ministry for this day of recollection, led by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. Registration forms are available at the Place of Gathering.

Deadline: Thursday 7 October

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER MEET

Wednesday 29 September, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall
Sharing by Sandra Hung on "The Sin of Pride".
Philippians 2:6 "Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited." All are invited to come and learn how to imitate Christ's humility.

What's Coming Up?

PARISH ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON 10TH OCTOBER, 2-5 pm
Our theme is: "How have we been Growing and How would we like to Move on? All parishioners are invited to participate. Your registration is appreciated for logistics purposes. Please fill in the registration form available at the Place of Gathering.

"CELEBRATE OUR 50 YEARS IN SONG"

Book a date with the "Thankful" Concert on 30th October at 8 pm in church and join us in our Parish Jubilee celebrations. Also, in aid of the poor and needy at Mother of Peace Kindergarten, Poipet, Cambodia, and Jesuit Health Fund. Please support generously. Admission by concert passes: INIGO book store and Sherry Lee at 9793-3379

At the Place of Gathering

"THE GRACE OF GIVING" - A CHORAL REPERTOIRE

The Secular Franciscans (SFO) and Friends of St Francis are organising a concert on Saturday, 6 November @ 8 pm at the Catholic Junior College Performing Arts Centre in aid of their work and projects in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, to help those in extreme poverty, education, health, environmental protection and to promote the dignity and rights of all people. Volunteers are here this weekend (except for the Sunday 6 pm Mass) to sell tickets for this concert - do give them your support.

MASS - MORE REVERENCE, ATTENTION & DEVOTION

I have received feedback and acting on the advise of some Parish committees, I would be most grateful if we could ALL do our BEST to participate more FULLY in the Eucharist.

For this, please remember to switch off your **Mobile Phones**, **dress appropriately** and also, **bring your children out** to the Place of Gathering if they are **distracting** the Liturgical celebrations.

This is a responsibility of the parents and guardians.

Hopefully, we will be able to participate more fully, reverently and attentively during MASS from now on.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Priest





GROWING IN
GOD'S LOVE
AND WAYS ...

50TH ANNIVERSARY
12TH FEBRUARY 2011

A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Sacred Space . . . Solemn Silence . . . (2)



Have you visited our Parish Adoration/Prayer Room yet? Do you hear yourself saying, “Not yet . . . I am too busy; maybe next week, it’s too far! To “visit” the Adoration/Prayer room is more than going there with a curious mind to see how it looks like. The visit is to spend some “*solemn and silent moments*” with the Lord . . . just Him and me . . . in the *intimacy* of being there for each other. . . *sharing* our thoughts, *unburdening* our pains and *renewing* our relationship.

What is this like?, some of you may ask. If I go there with a *closed mind*, then most probably the experience would be “*bland/dry*” or at most an inquisitive survey of how the Adoration/Prayer room is designed. It’s like visiting the Holy Land like any other tourists. But, if I go

there with the intention of encountering the Lord personally, then the chances of “*feeling*” the *intimacy* of the Lord is higher as I would be stepping into the “sacred space” with a *greater receptivity* and *openness* of heart. But, what actually will happen? A lot depends on you and what Our Lord, in His Wisdom, thinks is “best” for you.

Prayer is developing a personal relationship with the Lord. We know very well what is demanded of us if we want to deepen our love for someone e.g. our spouse. First of all, we need to spend *quality time* with the person; we need to *open our hearts*, our *inner secrets*, and our *deepest desires* and *dreams* with our beloved; we need to *be consciously aware* of the person being very much *part of our lives* in everything that we do, think and say. To deepen our intimacy with the Lord is not too different; it requires *our commitment to love Him* in every possible ways.

One very good way to do this is to end each day by *spending some “solemn and silent moments” with the Lord*, who is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. During these moments, try to sense His presence by recalling the “high” and “low” moments of the day. The “*high*” *moments* are those when you were *closely connected* with the Lord i.e. when you were living the Gospel values of Christ. The contrary of not living in God’s ways are moments we can call “*low*” *moments*.

As these moments surface, get in touch with your *inner feelings* and try to *speak to the Lord* about them. Remember also *to listen* to what He has to say to you. . . be composed, but be mentally alert as you go through these experiences.

If you are able to live in such conscious manner as suggested in the exercises above, as taught by *St Ignatius*, the Lord will become more personal to you in your daily living. *Do you want to live such a spiritual life? The Lord is waiting for you . . .*



Fr Philip Heng S.J.



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 1st 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 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),
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 **"St 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.

Archdiocesan News

ECUMENISM

A series of talks organized by The Archdiocesan Council for Inter-Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue (IRED) on:

14 Oct: History of Ecumenism by Sr Elizabeth Lim, RGS

21 Oct: Ecumenism as a journey towards the Other by Fr Bruno Saint Girons, MEP

28 Oct: Principles of Dialogue - In Search of Truth and Meaning
by Fr ColinTan, SJ

All talks will be held at CANA The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor at 7.30 pm. Registration: iredsingapore@gmail.com

Jesuit News

CENTRE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND COUNSELLING (CISC) - FUND RAISING

For the past 20 years, CISC has been promoting the Ignatian spirituality and offering spiritual direction, retreats, seminars and counselling/psychotherapy, psychological assessment to help the Parish and many others to find peace and holistic growth. **On 9th and 10th October** we shall launch a fund raising in our parish. Your generous support to help us to continue to provide you with the services will be appreciated.

DEEPENING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD *Fri 15 Oct, 8 pm to Sunday 17 Oct, 6 pm*

A 2-day directed live-in retreat for those who want to deepen their relationship with God through silent prayer and meditation, guided by CISC spiritual director.

Closing Date: 5th October Contribution: \$70.00 (non-aircon); \$120.00 (aircon)

To register, 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

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