



13 November 2011

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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1st Reading: Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Th 5, 1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

One might spend a very recreative and happy Sunday by simply reading the regenerating, restful thoughts and words of today's gospel. They bring us from the dull, often uninspired weekday to the day of the Lord. Celebration opens the programme with a wedding feast. Life is a feast not a mysterious drudgery - unburdened of the wearisome demands of our normal preoccupation. We stop our idle straying to return to our real home where within us is the kingdom of God, life with our creative source, in which the bridegroom, the expected is likely to show up at any moment bearing all the anticipated excitement of the occasion.

But all this rarely works because we lack expectancy and longing. We brush aside the coming of the bridegroom because we are weary, we have better, less demanding things to occupy us. We sleep when we should be awake.

Staying awake in alert expectancy is how we await God and find him within ourselves. Not only at his final coming in death but in every blessed moment of his presence he can and will touch us. But we must lie in open tranquil welcome, such is the gentleness and naturalness of God's continued dealing with us.

What a wasteful shame that we miss it!

A Golden Jubilee Celebration – “Turning Points”



A theatrical celebration on the life of St Ignatius of Loyola - our Parish patron saint and the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit Order).

“Turning Points” juxtaposes the life of St Ignatius of Loyola with that of the modern Singaporean Catholic. It draws a parallel between the two and invites us to reflect on how God is always present and through His providence participates in the transforming moments of our lives.

In this theatrical production, we find how Ignatian spirituality is deeply relevant to our daily living.

Venue: SJI Auditorium

Date: Saturday 10th December 2011 at 7.00 pm &
Sunday 11th December at 3.00 pm

Admission is through tickets only. Love offering would be appreciated. Please reserve your tickets only if you are able to attend as there are limited tickets.

Please make reservation at tickets.stignatiusplay@gmail.com

Volunteer Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with manning the Front Desk, acting as Ushers, Traffic Wardens, co-ordinating Food & Beverage (for the Cast & Crew) as well as at the First Aid Station, Dressing Room and Make-up.

If you want to be part of this wonderful theatrical production over these 2 days, please send us your name, phone number and email address to gt.stignatiusplay@gmail.com or SMS to 9819-2298.



- Parish Priest : Fr. Philip Heng, SJ (ext. 12)
- Assistant Parish Priest : Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)
- Administrator : Mr. Okkie Tanupradja (ext. 10/15)*
- Pastoral Coordinator : Mr. Gabriel Peh (ext. 14)
- Youth Coordinator : Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)
- Asst Dir, Ignatian Spirituality Prog : Mr. Anthony Siow (ext. 17)

* Mon – Fri 9:00AM-6:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-1PM



At Place of Gathering

The Flag Day by the Young Christian Students' Movement (YCS) raises funds that will be used to aid training sessions and events for students to further enrich their lives with meaningful sessions. YCS is a movement concerned about justice and peace and developing a spirituality of action and reflection. YCS develops student's leadership skills and journeys with them as they grow in their faith.

Parish News (continued...)

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

by Welcoming Ministry

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2011

Time: 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Venue: St. Ignatius Hall

Cost: \$50.00 per wreath/family

Contact: Carmel Ooi on 9681-2564

or email at ston316@singnet.com.sg

Places on a first-come-first-served basis, as space is limited.

Parish Needs

The parish is looking to employ a **FULL-TIME ASSISTANT YOUTH PASTORAL COORDINATOR** to further support the growing number of youth activities in the parish, as well as the increased number of active youth in the community. All interested parties may contact our Youth Pastoral Coordinator, John Lum, for more information at johnraphaellum@gmail.com.

Jesuit News

WOMEN OF FAITH

A Semi-directed Retreat for Women

This three-day semi-directed retreat is for women of the present day to meditate on and be inspired by women of faith in the Bible to live grace-filled lives. It is also a time to rest, reflect and discover your own true beauty in God's presence. One-to-one spiritual direction will be available.

Retreat Directors: Celina Lin, Diana Koh, Diana Tan, Elizabeth Oliveira, Joy Toh, Roselie Chia

Dates: Fri 2 Dec (9.30am) to 4 Dec (5.30pm)

Closing date: 22 Nov

Contribution: \$105 (non-aircon); \$180 (aircon)

Parish News

RICE for the poor collection last weekend amounted to \$20,452.15. Thank you for your generosity.

JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, 19 November from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Ignatius Hall

Volunteers are needed for 18 and 19 Nov. Please email Gabriel Peh at ppc@stignatius.org.sg with your name and contact number if you are able to help out.

WEEKEND CATECHISM - Catechism for students attending local schools

- Classes have ended for 2011 - Catechetical sessions will only begin after Chinese New Year 2012. Please look out for notices in the weekly bulletin.
- 2012 Registration Exercise for Pri 1 (and other levels) is on *till 30 November 2011*. Please visit our Parish website - Weekend Catechism webpage for information/registration process.

Enquiries: stignatius.wecat@gmail.com

FARRER COURT FRIENDS - Our next gathering/pot luck will be held on *Sun 27 Nov 2011 at 7.15pm in our canteen (Sacred Heart Hall)*. RSVP to Hannah Devaser hrd_89@hotmail.com your attendance and dish by 20 Nov 2011.

ADVENT COMES ALIVE!

St. Ignatius Advent Day Camp (for Primary 3s - 6s) Calling all Primary 3s to 6s! The Catechism Ministry and the DVC Youth Community invite you to join us on a 1-Day Advent Camp, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas! Come see Advent and Christmas in a whole new light with us, as we take you through a day of fun-filled activities!

Proposed Date: Saturday 3 Dec 8.30am-5pm (\$10 per registration for food and materials)

Please email Lesley Goonting lessgd@yahoo.com.sg by 20 Nov 2011 if interested (Name of child, age, parents name/HP)

Registration and Payment will be advised accordingly.

First-come-first-served as the program is for 50 pax only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Give CHRIST your time - and He takes care of your life! Join us on Fri 25 Nov, 8pm at the St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead Hall), as we gather in prayer as a community before the Blessed Sacrament. The evening begins with Rosary, followed by Scriptural Reflection, Adoration & Benediction.

Contact: gen.christ.ministry@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & PRAYER MEET

on Wed 16 November, 8 pm at St. Ignatius Hall

The CPG Monthly Mass will be celebrated.

NAMLY NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

November Prayer Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thu 17 Nov, 8.00 pm at Sacred Heart Hall Canteen.