



### The Parish Priest Writes...

I am sure you were each delighted to receive the souvenir book and CD/DVD on "**Remembering Fr Tom O'Neill**", our dear friend and priest of our parish who served God and us so selflessly in our midst for 28 years. His family and Jesuits elsewhere too, like us, would love to remember him with affection and fond memories in the coming years. I do hope that as he prays for us from heaven, each of us and our parish would continue to grow more fully in God's ways.

We have finally drawn our **Parish Bazaar** to raise funds for the poor and needy to a close. Once again, I would like to thank all of you for participating and contributing in different ways in making it such a success. In doing so, we are making a difference in the lives of the "poor, needy and oppressed" of the world as Jesus proclaimed in the Gospel.

This week's **bulletin** is printed in black and white to cut costs; it would only be in colour for certain special issues. As I mentioned in our last PPC meeting, this new format is to replace our "Sharing" publication that used to come out several times a year. It is my hope too that this new bulletin would keep our parish news more fresh and engaging.

Our **new Parish Website** has much more information about our Parish. I would like to thank our Parish Website team for labouring so selflessly to put this website together. It has information and details that our weekly Parish bulletin cannot contain because of space constraints. Do use it and get more connected with what is happening in our Parish and with one another.

Fr Philip Heng S.J.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jos 24:1-2a  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph 5:21-32  
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

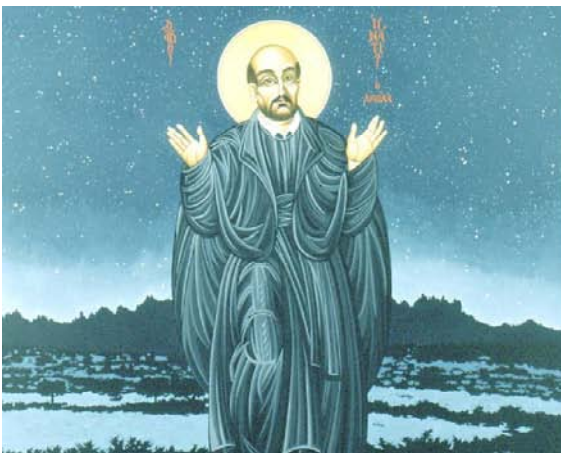
### Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

Joshua, that celebrated lieutenant of the Lord, laid it one the line for all. "If you do not serve the Lord your God, whom will you serve?" St John, repeatedly assuring us of the genuineness of the body and blood of Christ, finds many who find his teaching a hard saying and walk away.

But perhaps the most relevant hard saying of today is found in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians "wives should be submissive to their husbands". Submission is a nasty word in our present culture, and being told that the husband is the head is unlikely to find sympathy.

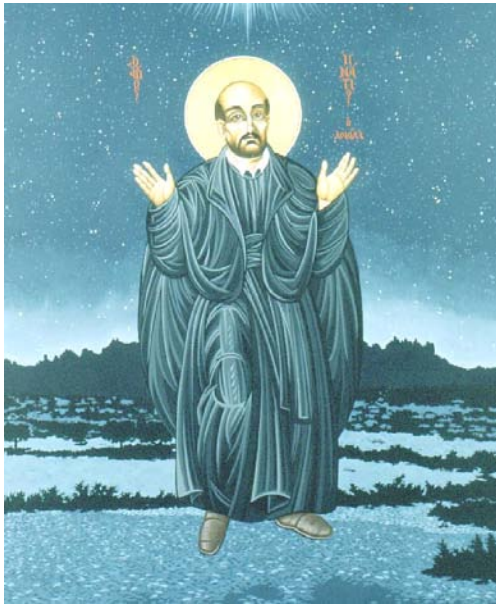
But it is all "in Christ" who made his whole life a submission in love. Service is of the essence of love, just as love is of the essence of service. The exhortation of Paul has nothing to do with superiority or gender. It speaks of what should underlie all our relations – a huge respect for the dignity of the other.

May we never "go away" from such a conviction.



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| Parish Priest            | : | <b>Fr. Philip Heng, SJ (ext. 12)</b>                           |
| Assistant Parish Priests | : | <b>Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)</b>                             |
| Secretary                | : | <b>Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10)</b><br>(Mon – Sat; 9:00AM – 1PM) |
| Administrator            | : | <b>Mr. Chester Sahetapy (ext. 15) *</b>                        |
| Pastoral Coordinator     | : | <b>Ms. Ellen Tan (ext. 14)</b>                                 |
| Youth Coordinator        | : | <b>Ms. Audrey Seah (ext. 19)</b>                               |

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



### 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).

### Archdiocesan News

#### DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

on *Saturday 5 September*  
starting at 2pm and ending with Mass at  
6.15pm at Church of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary (Highland Road).  
All are welcome to come together to  
pray for more priestly vocations.

#### TEACHING AS JESUS TAUGHT

Teachers' Day celebrations for Catholic  
school teachers  
on *Saturday 5 September, 2.30 – 5 pm*  
at SJI International, 490 Thomson Road.  
Details, contact Shirley 6858-7080 or  
accs@catholic.org.sg

### Parish News

#### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER GROUP

5<sup>th</sup> session of Life in Spirit Seminar - sharing by Fr Anselm Phang, OCD  
on "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" on *Wednesday 26 August, 7.45 pm*  
@ St Ignatius hall.

#### INTRODUCTORY TALK ON FIDES ET RATIO (FAITH AND REASON)

An introduction to the encyclical - Faith and Reason on *Thursday 27 August,*  
*8 pm* by Arthur Goh, Director of Singapore Pastoral Institute, in the double  
classroom (catechism office area). For registration, please sms Josephine at  
8183-2273 or email Lesley at lessgd@yahoo.com.sg soonest possible.

#### CCD

#### (CATECHISM FOR STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS)

##### • CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED!

Please contact Chantal Wong at chantalwong88@hotmail

##### • 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

#### 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:

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be held for the Sec 3 youth in the Weekend Catechism programme on  
*Sunday 20 September at 3 pm.*

Any unconfirmed adults wishing to be confirmed at this time, please get a form  
from the website or at the church office and hand in before *31 August.*

#### 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)

on *Friday 28 August, 8 - 9.30 pm* for rosary, scriptural reflections, Adoration  
and Benediction. For prayer request, email: gracelmc@hotmail.com

#### WEEKEND CATECHISM

- *Many Thanks to Sec 3 parents/sponsors* who came along for the  
Confirmation Preparation Meeting on Saturday 15 August. Your presence,  
participation and support were greatly appreciated.
- *Sale of First Communion Clothing* - will be held on *Saturday 29 and  
Sunday 30 August* at the catechism area during catechism time.
- *West District Secondary 3 Rally* will be held on *Saturday 29 August* in our  
parish. We ask your prayers for the confirmands to be inspired by the Holy  
Spirit as they are more fully initiated into the community of faith.



## DO YOU KNOW...?

### About our Catholic Faith

**Genuflecting** – This gesture of bending our right knee till it touches the ground gently and slowly is an expression of our *deep reverence* to Our Lord's Real Presence, in the consecrated Hosts, in the *tabernacle*.

When we genuflect before the Lord we are expressing our belief in Jesus being "*The Lord of my life.*" When we pray with words or contemplate in silence and reflect on God's Word, we are *communicating with God*. All meaningful gestures and words that help us engage with God in a *personal way* are helpful. When we genuflect, we are expressing how our whole heart, mind and body are in our *union with our divine Lord*.

**Reflection Question:** When you genuflect, be more conscious of how you are expressing your deep reverence to the Real Presence of our Lord in the tabernacle. How does such gesture help you in your relationship with the Lord?

### About our Parish - Ministries

#### CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

##### Catechetics and the Church Community – Part 2

Catechism is fundamentally the work of forming the young to be initiated into the full sacramental life of the faith community. As such, it is the contributively effort of the whole parish community, particularly the child's parents first and foremost. The structured catechetical program of the parish helps provide faith knowledge, prayer experience and service exposure to the child; but this is short compared to the time the child spends with his or her family. The family must reinforce what the child learns in catechism by witnessing to the presence of Christ in their lives, through prayer and concern for others in society. We therefore see a need to work closer with families so that they can participate more in the faith formation of their children.



#### Something Ignatian to share....

##### Living a more Discerning Life – Self Awareness (2)

As we continue our reflection on trying to develop and live a more "discerning life" it would be good that we first take a closer look at our "*inner feelings.*" Our "inner feelings" of our physical, emotional and spiritual are each ***distinct, but inseparable.*** For example, feeling sleepy is ***physical,*** feeling angry is ***emotional*** and feeling renewed faith, hope and love for God is ***spiritual.***

##### **Exercise:**

**Ponder on** these different inner feelings each day. After some time, you will get in touch with your self more fully. This is essential if we want to live a more discerning life.



### 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*),  
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**

23 Sun	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		
24 Mon	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle		
25 Tue	Memorial of St Louis; Joseph Calasanz, priest		
26 Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time		
27 Thu	Memorial of St Monica		
28 Fri	Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor		
29 Sat	Memorial of the Martyrdom of John the Baptist		
30 Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8	Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **Jesuit news**

#### **CONTEMPLATION TO ATTAIN DIVINE LOVE**

A directed 2 day live-in retreat to open yourself to God's gifts and work, to the source of divine love. Retreat Directors: Fr Paul Goh, SJ, Fr Ponnudurai, SJ and CISC Spiritual Directors.

From (8 pm) Friday 5 to (6 pm) Sunday 6 September.

Contribution: \$60.00 (non-aircon); \$100.00 (aircon)

Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling (8 Victoria Park Road, behind the Church of St Ignatius). Enquiries call 6467-6072; fax: 6468-7584; email: cisc2664@gmail.com or website: <http://www.jesuit.org.sg/cisc>

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

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Fr Paul Goh, SJ, Sch Gregory Tan, 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**