

10 January 2010

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### The Parish Priest Writes – Reviewing on 2009 and Looking with Hope for 2010

My experiences as Parish Priest for the past nine months have been very challenging and encouraging in many ways. Within all these has still been the sense of a deep gratitude to God for the special gift of **Fr Tom O'Neill** to our parish for the past twenty eight years, and the great loss of truly a very pastoral and holy priest, and edifying Jesuit companion. Our constant consolation is the awareness that as Fr O'Neill gazes on us from his heavenly home, he would surely be praying that we try even harder to grow in the holiness of God's image and likeness.

My **main challenge** has been trying to sense how to implement the four dimensions of our Parish Goal since its launching seven months ago. In the past months, our PPC exco members have been contacting our ministry heads to evaluate how ministries are living out our Parish Goal. The feedback has generally been very positive and our ministries are gradually becoming clearer on how to integrate the different dimensions of our Parish Goal into their personal lives and ministries, without feeling the pressure of having to make immediate radical changes to what they have been doing. This is because there is a greater realisation that **our Parish Goal** articulated through the four dimensions of the personal, vocation, communitarian, and social mission are actually **concrete ways of challenging each of us** parishioners to grow more fully in our faith – all of us without exception need such challenges.

**How much our parish is going to grow in our faith** this year depends largely on how open and willing each of us are to accept the challenges of the Holy Spirit to live a more pro-active Catholic Christian life/vocation. We can either respond with great enthusiasm, lukewarm commitment or mild critical-skepticism. The choice is ours and we are each ultimately answerable to God personally; no one else.

I begin the New Year 2010 with **a renewed hope** that our parish will continue to grow in different ways. As we continue to implement our Parish Goal, the many people who come forward to support our Parish programme has been a great blessing. Yet, I realise that, much as I would like to, it is not possible to implement every good personal suggestions that come to my attention. We are each **challenged to transcend** our personal views and conveniences if **the bigger reality** of our Parish, the Archdiocese, the universal Church and the poor and needy of the world has to be served – this is God's Greater Glory!

I believe our parish as a whole is learning much about how "to find God in myself, others and in all situations for God's Greater Glory." The signs of the **Good Spirits** moving and guiding our hearts and lives are when we find that, in all situations, we are able to **"light a candle instead of cursing the darkness."**

Fr Philip Heng S.J.



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Assistant Parish Priest	:	<b>Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)</b>
Secretary	:	<b>Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10)</b> (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>Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)</b>

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



## Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

Life is all about loving and being loved. To live in that mystery is to enjoy being what we are. Today we are told that God rejoiced in his beloved son. He became strangely loveable in His Baptism. You and I are baptised into the one beloved Son. We are therefore loved and living is a chosen privilege.

How we miss the true joy of being ourselves. We will envisage ourselves as anything but the reality of what we are. It's no wonder that our contribution to the saving of the world is so pathetic, we contribute in machinery rather than with the richness of our own spiritual childhood.

I might take moments off to think and pray how I waste my talents because I choose to ignore them. I am God's child, beloved and free. Am I scared of just being loved and loving? I have no other vocation than to love and be loved. Let love drive out fear.

## At the Place of Gathering

### SALE OF GREETING CARDS

by Verbum Dei Missionaries this weekend at all Masses. They are raising funds for their upcoming Sacerdotal Ordinations of 2 Verbum Dei deacons. Please see the Archdiocesan News (on the back page) for more details.

## Parish News

**RICE for the poor** collection last weekend amounted to 20,621.50. Thank you for your generosity.

### INIGO BOOKCENTRE

is closed until next weekend for their annual stocktaking.

### WEEKEND CATECHISM

- *The Programme*: Parents, please take a flyer from the Place of Gathering.
- *Leading Little Ones*: Parents are advised that there will be no Leading Little Ones classes for 2010 due to renovations. The ministry will only resume in 2011.
- *CGS*: Parents are advised (except for the current cohort completing First Holy Communion), there will be no CGS intake/classes for 2010 due to renovations. CGS will only resume in 2011.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER MEET

*Wednesday 13 January, 8 pm*

Come and join us at St Ignatius Hall for a talk, "Living our faith through Catholic Charismatic Renewal" presented by Mr Peter Hung (SACCRC Chairman). All are welcome.

### BOOK OF JOB LECTURES

A 12-lecture series on the Book of Job will be conducted by Fr Ambrose Vaz on every *Thursday at 8 pm in St Ignatius Hall from January 14 to April 15*. All are welcome. No prior registration is needed. Details contact Raymond 9731-8432 or Henry 9001-9828.

### NAMLY NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS *Thurs, 14 Jan - 8 pm*

There will be a January Prayer Meeting and Mass presided over by Fr Philip Heng SJ, at the home of Malini and family, 34 Namly Crescent, tel: 6469-4449.

### POST CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME *Sat, 16 January*

The Post Confirmation Team invites the newly confirmed youths, aged 16, to an Overnight Camp in our church. The weekly Sunday sessions will begin from *Sunday, 24 January onwards at 9.45 am*. For further information please contact Max 8189-5939 or Sherwin 9642-7091.

### KING'S/QUEEN'S/TAN KIM CHENG ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP GATHERING

*Saturday 16 January, 7.30 pm*

Potluck dinner followed by meeting at the home of Kiat Beng and Stephen Chua, tel: 9624-8320

### SUNDAY MORNING STUDY LISTENING TO GOD

*starting Sunday 24 January, 9.45 am to 11 am* There will be a new study on The Acts of The Apostles – to register please contact Juliana at [jchua@singnet.com.sg](mailto:jchua@singnet.com.sg)

### CHRISTMAS DECORATION – Thank you

We would like to thank Khoo Peng Beng and Belinda Huang for designing the Christmas crib, and Emma Construction Ltd. for constructing the crib, and Philips Ltd. for providing the lights of the crib. Thank you also to Marie and Bernard for providing Christmas decoration and lights in the church.



*Christmas Mass for the Aged and Sick, ..  
with Pageant and Special Healing – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009*



Grandma telling Christmas story to grandchild



The Holy Family and aged as cast

***Ponder on the photos and “perceive” the deeper reality!***

Most of the pageant cast are wheelchair bound; they are not only aged – some are 4<sup>th</sup> stage cancer patients with a few months of life left, yet they took much pain and pride to learn their lines and sing their tunes, and delivered them with gusto and great joy in their hearts. They are ***symbols of hope in God*** for the world – like our late Pope John Paul II, they embrace their infirmity and illness with great dignity.



Pageant cast - Three wise men and angels



Pageant cast - aged and volunteers

Through this pageant our uncles and aunties remind us that ***life is more than*** having the physical strength and external beauty of youth, but ultimately, it is in having a deep faith in the Lord as our Saviour that gives us the ***true peace***, and the ***real hope*** that begins now and lasts for all eternity.

***How true*** is this of the way we live our daily lives?

Fr Philip Heng blessing sick and aged





## 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.

### 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

10 Sun	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord		
11 Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Ordinary Time		
12 Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Ordinary Time		
13 Wed	Memorial of Hilary, bishop and doctor		
14 Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Ordinary Time		
15 Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Ordinary Time		
16 Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Ordinary Time		
17 Sun	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	Is 62:1-5	1 Cor 12:4-11
			Jn 2:1-11

## Archdiocesan News

### SACERDOTAL ORDINATION OF REV. NOEL MELVILLE CAMPOS AND REV. MICHAEL CHEONG

The Verbum Dei Missionaries are pleased to announce the upcoming Sacerdotal Ordinations of these two Verbum Dei Deacons, on *Friday 15 January at the 6 pm Mass* at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Noel Campos and his family are parishioners of St Ignatius and he will celebrate his First Mass in our Church on *Sunday 17 January at 6 pm*.

### 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 Colin Tan, SJ Tel: 6469 7356,

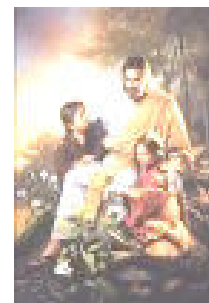
Ignatian Spirituality Centre Tel: 6467 6072

Fr Anthony Ponnudurai, SJ Tel: 6464 9652

Loyola Novitiate Tel: 6467 2790

Jesuit Refugee Service Tel: 6463 6022

## Weekend Catechism of St Ignatius for 2010



3 January 2010

**Dear Parents, Children and Youth,**

### Welcome & Theme 2010

Welcome to the beginning of our Catechetical Year. Our Weekend Programme will commence on the weekend of **16/17 January 2010**.

Our theme for this year is "*There is only ONE teacher*". We invite you as parents and families to spend some time pondering this very beautiful invitation of Christ as our ONE teacher and to deepening your personal and family appreciation of His ways in our lives.

In addition, in our St Ignatius Parish we will continue to bring our *Parish Goal and Dimensions* more to life. We are all called to participate even more in uplifting our experience as a community and to stay connected.

### A Joint Journey

As you are aware, Catechesis (*the echoing of our faith*) begins in the home. Parents are children's' first faith educators and must continue forming them. To complement this important duty, we have the parish Catechism program. As Catechists we will endeavour to deliver the programs faithfully so as to help our children and youth to know, love and serve Our Lord.

We look forward to your on-going interest, participation and support to the program in order for this objective to be fulfilled. Families should continue to bring their children for Mass regularly as catechism classes are not a replacement for Mass attendance. We sincerely request you bring your children punctually and regularly for their faith formation sessions. We hope for 100% attendance but on occasion, we know there may be reasons for being absent - so 80% is the minimal attendance rate.

### Venue of classes

Due to renovations to our class areas this year:

- **Primary 1 - 4 will have classes at Maris Stella Kindergarten (49 Holland Rd). Please see map and photos on page 2**
- **Primary 5 - 6 and secondary level will be at our church premises.**

### Class times are as follows:

Primary Classes

**Saturday: 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm**

**Sunday: 10.00 am - 11.00 am\***  
(new timing for 2010)

Sec 1, 2 and 3 classes

**Saturday: 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm**

**Sunday: 10.00 am - 11.30 am\***  
(new timing for 2010)

### Books/Liturgical calendar/Bibles

#### Books:

Primary: "Call To Faith Series"

Sec 1 and 2: "Call To Faith" & selected material

Sec 3: Zanzig Programme - Confirmed In A faithful Community (new edition)

The relevant programme books will be available from **weekend of 23/24 January**.

Primary books comprise activities - \$22 a copy for the whole year's use.

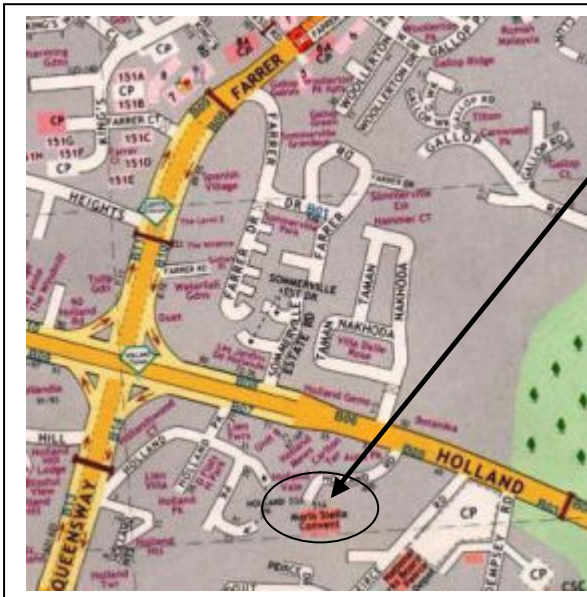
Sec 1 and 2 books - \$22 each

Sec 3, the T. Zanzig Student Confirmation (Confirmed In The Faithful) Journal - \$20 and this will be packaged into the Confirmation Year funds.

**Bibles: Children/youth are encouraged to have their own bibles for the programme. Some suggestions would be The Good News Bible, Jerusalem Bible, New Revised Standard Bible and Catholic Youth Bible.**

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**MARIS STELLA KINDERGARTEN** (Also known as Star of the Sea Kindergarten)



Aerial View of Location of Maris Stella/ Star of the Sea, 49 Holland Rd



View of entrance to Kindergarten when you turn off Holland Road. Please do not use entrance to the FMM retreat house NOR the Kindergarten Exit (which has no-entry signs) which are also along Holland Rd



Porch- drop off point



Left- Parents waiting area

Above- some car park lots & you may use Pierce Rd Car Park



Should you require any further information you could contact the coordinators Lesley Devaser at (81339422) [lessgd@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:lessgd@yahoo.com.sg) or Emily Chiu at [gechiu@singnet.com.sg](mailto:gechiu@singnet.com.sg)