



*On behalf
of
the Jesuit
community
of
Kingsmead Hall,
I would like
to wish you all
a very Happy
and
Blessed Easter,
2011*

Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

The Parish Priest Writes...

Holy Week and Easter Message

My brothers and sisters, I thought it might be good that I extract part of my Easter Vigil homily and reiterate it here below for you to ponder on. Christ our Risen Lord has *opened the gates of heaven* and we are *all given the gift of eternal happiness*. Are we all filled with joy in our hearts?

I have been the Parish Priest over the past two years, and I am very happy to say that I have come to know of *more and more parishioners* who are very Christ-like in their ways. Their *goodness, selflessness* and *generosity* are *very encouraging* and *edifying experience* for me.

Moreover, what speaks volumes too of our Parish community is that this year's *Penitential service* was packed with people; some had to wait outside. The three days of *Gospel contemplations* on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday, on the suffering and death of Jesus, were averaging 500 plus on the first evening and reaching 700 plus on the last evening. Two months ago, in our Parish bulletin, I shared that two years ago we were distributing about 4,000 Holy Communion at every weekend Masses. However, today, Cuthbert our Parish Sacristan tells me that we are *averaging 7,000 Holy Communion* each weekend; an increase of 3,000 Holy Communions in just two years! To have *raised \$3.3m in just ten weeks*, without any fund raising project is another unprecedented experience. I believe, Parishioners will only contribute if the money spent is worthwhile and more importantly if they experience the value of a greater sense of belonging to our Parish community.

My sisters and brothers, I would be *the biggest fool* and would be *living a life of illusion*, if I were to think that all these are happening because of Fr Heng. All these are happening because *it is the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ is transforming* our parish community through all of you who are *responding* more consciously, more wholeheartedly and more selflessly. It is the Spirit of the Risen Christ who is moving us *to live a faith that is more fully alive!* It is the Spirit of the Risen Christ who is moving more parishioners *to serve actively and taking on responsibilities* as PPC exco members, SMCT members, as Catechists, members of more than 30 ministries as choir members, greeters, Traffic Assistants and the like and non-ministry volunteers in serving our Sunday canteen, cooking daily for migrant workers and also with *a great Parish staff team* who are all working collaboratively and collectively as a community are all great blessings in our Parish community.

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

Holy Week at Our Parish



Penitential Service, 11th April Preparation for Holy Week: 8.00pm

We all know that the “Penitential Service” is an important preparation for the celebration of Holy Week. Happily we had 21 Confessors to minister to the record turn out of penitents that packed our Church, other than the front pews for our Confessors.

Palm Sunday, 17th April Liturgy of the Word for Children



Triduum – Preparation 18th to 20th April – 8.00pm

For the preparation of the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we had the Ignatian contemplative prayer on the Sufferings and Death of Our Lord by Fr Heng our Parish Priest. This very happily drew a record attendance averaging 500 persons on the first night to 700 plus persons on the third night. This prayer method was very well received by our Parishioners as many felt that they were able to get into the spiritual “mood” and solemn disposition for the Holy Week.

Holy Week at Our Parish

Holy Thursday, 21st April

Mass of Lord's Supper – 7.30pm



Top: Washing of the feet

Left: Receiving the oils for the sick, Baptism and chrisem

“Washing of the Feet” – John 13:1-15

The washing of the feet during Jesus' time was the lowly task of a slave. Jesus deliberately washed the feet of His disciples and said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? Now, go and do the same to one another.” To be a follower of Christ, we are meant to be “a servant of all servants.” How Christ-like are we in our daily living?



Church Visitation (“Pilgrimage of Light”)

On Maundy Thursday, DVC (Parish Youth) organised the Pilgrimage of Light, which was an opportunity for the youth of St Ignatius to take part in the tradition of church visitation. Armed with a candle and a prayer sheet, our youth visited St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street), Church of Saints' Peter and Paul, before ending off with the Cathedral of the Good Shephard.

Tenebrae Service by Parish Youth 11.15pm to 12 midnight

On Maundy Thursday night, the 8.15am Family Choir, together with the DVC Youth Choir, organized the office of Tenebrae. Tenebrae, Latin for darkness, is a service that involved reflection on various readings and Lamentations. The gradual extinction of all lights in the church symbolized the temporary triumph of evil, and the loud noise, or *strepitus*, at the conclusion of the service, the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. A single candle was left burning as a symbol and promise of Christ's triumph over death and darkness.



First time in our Parish church

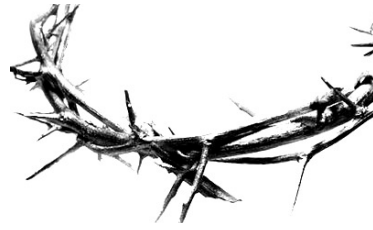
Holy Week at Our Parish

Good Friday, 22nd April

Morning Prayer – 7.00AM

Good Friday: First day of Easter Triduum

This “morning prayer” of the Divine Office was started by our late Fr Tom O’Neill, S.J. and has been our Parish’s practice for many years. The beautiful prayers and hymns do capture the spiritual mood and do open our hearts to the graces of the day; we are consoled that we are praying with the rest of the universal Church.



Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 9.00AM and 10.00AM

Yearly we have the traditional station of the cross at 9AM. This is followed by youth station of the cross at 10M. Our parish youth, De Vita Christi (DVC) presented their interpretation of the Scriptural Stations of the Cross, which was presented by Pope John Paul II as an alternative to the traditional Stations of the Cross. Through the use of music and drama, this provided everyone with an opportunity to reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

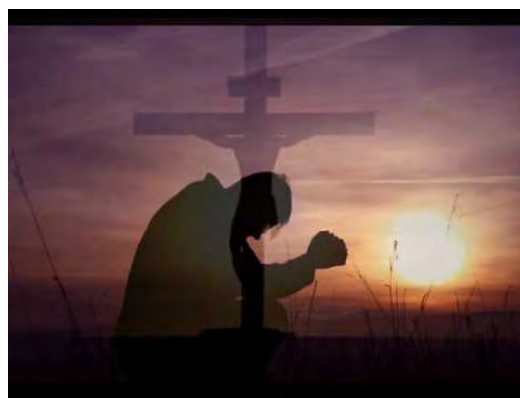


Good Friday Liturgy Replicas of Church's Crucifix

This year we had eight replicas of our main Church's crucifix commissioned. They are particularly symbolic and the whole Parish community now venerates from the one “same crucifix” of our Church that is so much endeared to them.



Holy Saturday, 23rd April



Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday: Second day of Easter Triduum

The “morning prayer” of the Divine Office (as above) is also said on Holy Saturday.





Easter Vigil, Saturday, 23 April - 8:30pm

Service of Light



Liturgy of Baptism



37 were Baptised

Mother and child



Blessing of Water

Liturgy of Confirmation



Liturgy of Full Communion



6 were received
Into the
Full Communion
with Catholic Church



Newly Baptised - RCIY



Newly Baptised



Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, 24th April



**Easter egg hunt
after 8:15AM Mass**

*Parish team members of egg hunt
("Leading Little Ones to God")*

The annual Easter Egg Hunt made a welcome return, after being thwarted last year by inclement weather. This event was held after the 8:15am mass and witnessed St Ignatius' children hunt for some 4,000 chocolate eggs hidden in the Church grounds by members of the Liturgy of the



Word for Children. To level the playing field, younger children aged 3-5 combed the Garden of Light together with their parents, while the 6-10 year olds scoured the areas outside the Garden: around the grotto, classrooms and canteen. The hunt ended almost as quickly as it started, as the children proved to be highly skilled at locating hidden chocolate. Within 20 minutes, all eggs had been found.

For more photos, visit our website: www.stignatius.org.sg