

17 January 2010

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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1st Reading: Is 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

The Parish Priest Writes...

When our Parish Goal was launched in June last year, I emphasised that we needed a very effective means of **communicating** with each other as parishioners. This is so that we all know what is happening to our Parish community and will be able to participate more fully in its life.

These are what we tried to do: First, we tried to **be more "connected"** through the launching of our **Parish website** that contains all the basic and updated information of our Parish activities and ministries.

Second, we introduced our present **new Parish Bulletin** which in addition to our Parish and Archdiocesan news, also contains a series on our Catholic Faith, plus another series on "Living a Discerning Life." Furthermore, we had "supplements" to cover special Parish events.

Third, we sent our PPC exco members to speak with all heads of ministries to obtain **feedback** on what was happening **at ministry levels**.

Fourth, we try to set up clearer **Parish structures** from e.g. Social Mission to formation in the Catechetical and youth programme. We also encouraged more **transparency** and better **cooperation** amongst ministries, parishioners and staff.

Fifth, we tried to be **more inclusive**, by making everyone feel a greater sense of belonging and ownership in our Parish regardless of our rank and race in life.

This year, I hope and pray that we will each participate even more actively in our parish community and grow in our **greater love for Our Lord, and one another**.

Fr Philip Heng S.J.

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

I love the Cana scene. It was no pre-prandial of a five-star hotel. It was a gathering of rough and uncouth peasantry bent on a good feed. For them to be without wine was unthinkable and threatened a revolt. Along comes Christ and far from condemning the scene - after all they had polished off the usual supply of wine - He provides extra that might fill a small swimming pool. What does all this say to where and in what circumstances we find the powerful presence of God?

Weddings were an abiding symbol of God's dealing with His people from time immemorial. They were metaphors of the relationship of Bride and Groom. How far is all this from my personal experience of my God - a God of unquestioned love?

When He arrives on the scene, the water of everyday life is changed into something more substantial and abundant. It is life relished and understood anew.

Such is the homeliness and mystery of Cana of Galilee. Mary could help me to appreciate and understand.



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Assistant Parish Priest	:	Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)
Secretary	:	Ms. Rosalind Lee (ext. 10) (Mon - Sat; 9:00AM - 1PM)
Administrator	:	Mr. Chester Sahetapy (ext. 15) *
Pastoral Coordinator	:	Ms. Ellen Tan (ext. 14)
Youth Coordinator	:	Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)

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



What's on this week?

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE IN PARISH

Monday 18 January, 8 pm

International Ecumenical Service held in our church - This is part of our Parish Goal to build bridges with our Christian brothers and sisters of other denominations. Please come with your family and friends to experience this need to have greater unity amongst all Christians.

REV NOEL MELVILLE CAMPOS' FIRST MASS

Sunday 17 January at 6 pm.

Rev Noel Melville Campos (parishioner of St Ignatius) was ordained last Friday 15 January at the Blessed Sacrament Church and will celebrate his First Mass in our Church. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSION ACTIVITIES

There is a second collection for the Archdiocesan Commission for Missionary Activities to support the various missionary project appeals of our Archdiocese. Please support the needy generously.

What's coming up?

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Saturday 6 February, 3 pm.

Celebrant: Fr. Philip Heng S.J.

All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass to pray for the Elderly and the Sick. If you or your family members wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please fill in the registration form available at the Place of Gathering. Kindly put the completed forms into the boxes provided.

Enquiries: call Michael Ng, tel: 6468-9545 or Stephen Chua, tel: 9760-2442

Organised by the Ministry for the Pastoral Care of the Elderly and the Sick. (PaCES ministry)

TALK - IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Friday 29 January, 8 pm to 9.30 pm

Talk by Margaret Silf a world-wide renowned author and speaker on Ignatian Spirituality. Venue: St Ignatius Hall, Church of St Ignatius. All are welcome.

Parish News

JOB VACANCY - ADMINISTRATOR

For health reasons, our Parish Administrator, Chester, will not be able to continue to work with us. If you have the needed academic and good experience in administration, please contact our Parish Office, for more details call 6466 0625 ext.10 or 15.

INIGO BOOKCENTRE – REOPENS this weekend.

We are on the first level, King's Road entrance.

WEEKEND CATECHISM

We seek everyone's understanding, cooperation and prayers given the challenges this year as we undergo renovations to the classrooms. Some classes are conducted in our church premises and others at the Maris Stella kindergarten.

- *Canteen* is not operational until late February/March. Parents of children in the Sunday programme, please provide them with some packed breakfast before class.
- *Transport survey* is underway for parents of children from Pri 1 to 4 to determine if buses are needed after Chinese New Year.
- *Catechism Books* (\$22 each) available on the weekend of 23/24 January through your child's catechist.
- *Confirmation Programme* - thank you to all families of Sec 3 youth for your presence and participation in the re-registration exercise on 10 January. Outstanding copies of baptismal certificates and payment of \$160 for the Confirmation Programme should be handed in to the catechist on 23/24 January.
- *Appreciations* to all catechists, assistants, facilitators and new volunteers for your wonderful presence at our first Meeting cum Training and Commissioning on 9 January.
- *Reminder*: Due to renovations, there will be no Leading Little Ones classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) - except for the small cohort preparing for First Holy Communion this year.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND SHARING GROUP

Wednesday 20 January, 10 am

At the Conference Room level 2 of Sacred Heart Hall. The topics are Jesus' third instructions on Christology and Discipleship (Mark 9) and Jesus' activities in Jerusalem prior to His passion (Mark 10). Newcomers are welcome.

Details, call Therese and Stephen 6440-9475/9835-5057.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER MEET

Wednesday 20 January, 8 pm at St Ignatius Hall

Bible sharing by Raymond Yong on Ephesians 5:6-20 - St Paul urges us as baptised Christians to live as Children of light, though we once lived in darkness and sin.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY LISTENING TO GOD

starting Sunday 24 January, 9.45 am to 11 am (and on Sundays when catechism classes are on) A new study on The Acts of The Apostles at Peter Canisius room (Kingsmead Hall). To register please contact Juliana at jchua@singnet.com.sg

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Friday 29 January, 8 - 9.30 pm

Join us at St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead Hall) as we embark on an amazing inner journey to Emmaus, encountering JESUS through Rosary, Scripture and Adoration. For prayer requests, contact gracelm@hotmail.com "Stay with us, Lord!" (Luke 24:29)



Christmas Celebration with the Elderly, Poor and Needy and Inter-Religious – 26th December 2009

Our Parish shared the joys of Christmas on the theme of the ***“Peace of Christ to the world”*** through the Child Jesus. Our St Ignatius hall was packed with 15 tables of people who experienced the unique “Peace” of Christmas as an elderly of our Parish, a non-Christian poor and needy, and a Muslim and Hindu believer.



Parish Family Choir group - performed Pageant



Fr Heng interacting with our Muslim guests

The celebration began with a beautiful Christmas pageant presentation by our Parish Family Choir. While the sit down dinner was really yummy and much appreciated, the party games excited the elderly; with a 94 year old uncle’s team winning a first prize. The evening culminated and concluded with a thunderous applause and cheer when everyone present threw up our joined hands to hit the crescendo, ***“Let there be Peace on Earth . . . and let it begin with me!”***



Games time! - Hindu and aged poor and needy

Ponder on this event and ask ourselves, “How can I celebrate this Christmas spirit of the ***‘Peace of Christ’*** in our daily lives?”

Finale -
“Let there be Peace”





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 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: 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

17 Sun	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
18 Mon	2 nd week of Ordinary Time
19 Tue	2 nd week of Ordinary Time
20 Wed	Memorial of St Fabian, Pope and martyr; St Sebastian, martyr
21 Thu	Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin and martyr
22 Fri	Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon and martyr
23 Sat	2 nd week of Ordinary Time
24 Sun	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

West District Parish News

FUNERAL MASS AND WAKES:

Please note the West-District Procedures: Each Parish is responsible for providing the Funeral Mass and Crematorium Services for their parishioners. However, as for Wake Services, we will try our best to provide the bereavement support (through PaCES ministry), other support Wake Prayer groups are most welcome.

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