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8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa 49, 14-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 4, 1-5

Gospel: Mt 6, 24-34

## The Parish Priest Writes...

I hope you were happy to receive the *Golden Jubilee celebration booklet* that tried to capture the spirit of the celebration as much as we could, and would cherish the experience in the coming years.

As I plan and reflect on *how our Parish is to move forward*, together with our PPC exco members, I am drawn towards emphasising how we can continue to *grow as a "Parish community."* I have been using this word "community" frequently. It is becoming clearer to me that we should engage even more parishioners to participate more actively in all our Parish events and plans.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February, I met up with our *PPC exco ad hoc* committee to present to them how I envision our Parish can grow into becoming a more active and participative community. What followed was a helpful and healthy sharing of thoughts, experiences and ideas. On 21<sup>st</sup> February, I gathered members of our Parish, *PPC exco*, *PFC* (Parish Finance Council), *SMCT* (Social Mission Core Team), *Parish Staff* together with *Fr James* to explore further what I have gathered. Next, I plan to invite *all heads of Ministries* to come on board to share and explore this parish plans and direction even further. Other plans that I have in mind is to invite *SPI* (Singapore Pastoral Institute), *Caritas International* of our Archdiocese etc to help us align our Parish efforts to grow as a community to that of the *Policies and Directions of the Archdiocese*.

While all these are taking place on the *planning and consultative level*, it might be good that as *individual parishioners* we each prepare ourselves by trying to grow more fully in God's Love and Ways. For this I have resumed our *"Ignatian Spirituality - Living a Discerning Life"* and added *"Some thought to Ponder on . . ."* on page 3 of this bulletin.

Let us continue to *"Grow in God's Love and Ways."*

*Fr. Philip Heng S.J.*

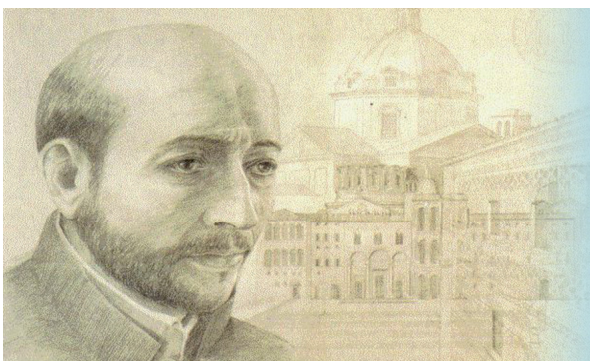
## Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

If you seek a remedy for worry and which of us doesn't - try making your prayer the first Reading of today. It is a prayer of the peace, calm and affectiveness of consolation. Not only does it engage my mind, it takes hold of my senses, it becomes the me of heart and feelings, uniting me with the total God who became a human being for me so that I might relate to him with all that is best in me.

Praying my way out of trouble with mind alone does not work. I need to feel, to relish the needs of my heart and so to find them convincing. I must learn to sense the protective love of God as a child delights in the security of its mother's presence. Later the gospel with invite me to cherish the uplifting beauty of the flowers of the field and so reach the felt joy of becoming their creator.

Trouble is life in this world. But it is all in my personal reaction to things as I find them outside of me. I must learn to find hidden beauty in the moments of each day and know that I am so richly gifted.

Worry has no place where awareness of presence and loveliness abounds.



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## Parish News

### MASS AND SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Saturday 5 March at 2.30pm

Please bring your aged parents, sick and elderly for a special Mass and Sacrament of Anointing to receive the grace of healing and peace. Family members, relatives, friends and caregivers are all invited to the celebration and to pray for the sick and elderly.

Mass celebrated by Fr Philip Heng, S.J.; he and other Priests will anoint the sick and elderly during the Mass. Reception will follow after Mass.

Registration forms are available at the Place of Gathering. Please place them in the boxes provided. Please register early for logistic purposes.

Organised by Ministry of Pastoral Care for Elderly and Sick (PACES)

### WEEKEND CATECHISM - Catechism for students attending local schools

- **Sec 2 Parents & Youth Gathering and Paraliturg:**  
As per our 2011 catechism calendar to families, all Sec 2 youth and their parents are requested to attend a gathering cum meeting/paraliturg on Sunday 6 Mar from 4 pm - 5.30 pm at the St. Ignatius Annex Hall. Attendance is necessary to affirm all in our confirmation & post-confirmation journey. This will be in-lieu of Sec 2 classes that weekend.
- **New Registrations - *Classes are currently full.*** Any registration received will be on a *waitlist* for review after the Lunar New Year. Priority will be given to parishioners.

For enquiries, email

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Emily Chiu at [gechiu@singnet.com.sg](mailto:gechiu@singnet.com.sg).

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Parents of children born in 2005, 2006 and 2007 who would like to find out more about this early childhood faith formation programme are invited to attend a presentation on Sunday 6 Mar from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at the Atrium (St. Ignatius Extension, 2nd floor, beside the handicapped lift). Registrations for the weekday-only sessions will only be taken then. For enquiries, email [cgs.stignatius@gmail.com](mailto:cgs.stignatius@gmail.com)

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & PRAYER MEETING

on Wednesday 2 Mar, 8 pm at St. Ignatius Hall  
Katherine Koh will be sharing on Jn 15:8 (My Father's Glory leads us faithfully to be His disciples). Followed by intercessory prayer. All are welcome.

## What's Coming Up?

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** on 4 March at 8 pm

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

9 March 2011 7 am, 6 pm, 7.30 pm

### JUBILEE RETREAT for *all in Faith Formation*

on Saturday 19 Mar from 9.30 am - 5 pm at the Attic given by Fr Philip Heng, S.J.

All catechists/assts and coordinators from *Weekend Catechism, CCD, CGS, RCIY, Leading Lil ones and Liturgy of the Word for Children* are strongly encouraged to attend this ministry retreat. Materials and Meals will be provided. Please RSVP to [lk\\_hwa@hoikhwa@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:lk_hwa@hoikhwa@yahoo.com.sg) by 6 March 2011.

## Singapore Red Cross Society – BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



on Sunday 13 Mar, 9am - 3pm at St. Ignatius Hall

**Give Blood Give Life**  
Though you may not know whose lives you've touched by donating blood, you may likely be saving another person's life. - The chance for another tomorrow.

## Parish Ministries - APPEALS

### TRAFFIC ASSISTANTS MINISTRY - An Urgent Plea

You will notice that while the cars in our Parish have increased significantly, our parking space unfortunately cannot be increased. We are in urgent need of **more volunteers to serve** as Traffic Assistants. The task at hand is only about 30 mins a weekend. Please contact Matthew Raj at Tel. 9667-6690 or email to [braj@starhub.net.sg](mailto:braj@starhub.net.sg) to join or find out more details.

### The MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Recruiting new members. If you have a love for Sacred Scripture and have been gifted with the skills to proclaim well, you are invited to join the Lectors' Ministry. Join a team of dedicated lectors who are an integral part of the Mass.

For more information, please contact Genevieve Chye at [genchye@gmail.com](mailto:genchye@gmail.com) or Ian de Vaz at [iandevaz@hotmail.com](mailto:iandevaz@hotmail.com)



**Something Ignatian to share....**

**Living a more Discerning Life (18) – Living more fully in Jesus' Presence**



*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam  
For God's Greater Glory*

As in Part 17 of our Ignatian Spirituality reflection exercises in this bulletin, let us resume our Ignatian contemplation to **get in touch with God more fully** in our daily living.

**Exercise:**

Begin by spending some moments **composing yourself**. First, sit up straight in a quiet sacred space of your home and then close your eyes . . . focus on your nostrils and be conscious of the precious air that you are breathing in . . . relish God's gift of life to you in each of your breath . . . Sense the presence of the Holy Spirit within you . . . loving and caring for you.



**St Ignatius of Loyola**

Recall a recent **happy moment** in your life . . . see the person(s) and **imagine** vividly the scene where this happy experience happened. **Hear** the words spoken by the person(s) and yourself . . . **feel** once again what made you so happy. . . **pause and relish** the experience.

Then, **imagine Jesus** standing/sitting beside you and see Him feeling happy for you because you are happy . . . sense this more deeply . . . allow Jesus' presence to fill you and the person(s) more fully with His peace and love.

Try to **sense how the presence of Jesus** has **deepened the happiness** of your experience . . . **look** at Jesus and **sense** His love more fully . . . **Speak** to Jesus from your heart . . . **ask** Him, "How can I love You more dearly in my daily living?" . . . spend the next moments **listening** and **sensing** His presence in your heart . . . He is there loving you . . . your family . . . always.

End your contemplation by praying the **"Our Father"** that **God's Will** be done in your life and that you will live more fully in His ways.

**Some thoughts to Ponder on . . .**

**Theme: God's Loving Providence**

"Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky." *Mt 6:26*

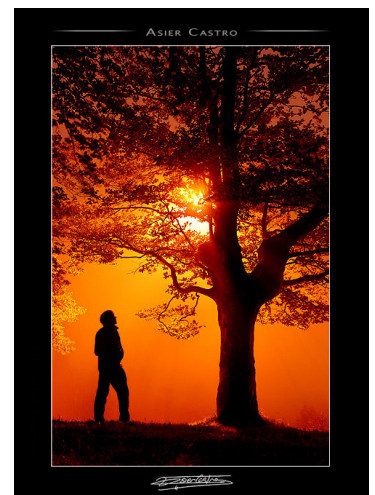
**Quotations:**

Providence is the care God takes of all existing things. (*John of Damascus*)

For, if the providence of God does not preside over human affairs, there is no point in busying oneself about religion. (*St Augustine of Hippo*)

In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks. (*St Teresa of Avila*)

The acts of our Maker ought always to be revered without examining, for they can never be unjust. (*Pope St Gregory I*)





### Prayers & Devotions

#### WEEKLY:

##### Intercessory Prayers

Tuesdays, 2.30 pm at  
Prayer Room (Sacred Heart 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)

##### Rosary in Church (Monday to Friday)

After 7am Mass  
5.25 pm - 5.45 pm before 6 pm Mass

##### Divine Mercy Devotion

Every Fridays, 6.30pm in Church after  
the 6pm Mass (except 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass)

#### MONTHLY:

##### Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every FIRST Friday, 8pm (NO 6pm Mass)

#### Sunday Masses

Sat : 6pm  
Sun: 6.45am, 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 Thurs: 9.00am to 1.30pm  
Friday: 1:00 – 5:00pm  
Sat: 9:00am-12 noon; 4pm-6pm  
Sun: 8:30am-1:30pm; 5.30-6pm;  
7-7:20pm



### GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE AND WAYS...



The logo in the shape of a **Fish** as a symbol of **Christ**. It is swimming upwards and at its centre is a **Cross**. These symbolises the **Christ-centered dynamic growth** of the Parish Community in **God's love and ways**.

The stylized fish logo has a big **'S'** for an upper body ending with the tail; the cross at the centre of the fish forms the **"I"** and the letter **"I"** on the far right of the fish stands for "Ignatius." Thus, the fish designed with the letters **"St I"** are the initials for **"St Ignatius"**.

Our Parish community's **Christ-centered focus** is lived out through integrating the **Ignatian charism** of "finding God in myself, others and all situations for God's Greater Glory; as embodied in our Parish Goal.

**Further Reflection on Logo:**  
The Cross has four shades of colours: the bottom two colours **red** (left) and **blue** (right), could symbolise Christ's shedding of **blood and water** respectively.

These **four colours** could also symbolise how Ignatian Spirituality is the living out of the **Four Gospels**.

## Archdiocesan News

### SEXUALITY EDUCATION FORUM FOR PARENTS AND FORMATORS

The Catholic Medical Guild of Singapore is organising a sexuality education forum for parents and formators (including catechists and educationists). Entitled "It's all about love! Sexuality education - why, what and how?" this forum promises to be an enriching experience for all Catholic parents and formators who want to make a positive difference in their teens'/children's lives.

Date: 5 March 2011 (Saturday) Time: 2 - 5.30 pm

Place: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, Highland Road

(Shuttle bus services will be provided from Serangoon MRT station from 1.15 pm)

To find out more and to register for the forum, visit [www.allaboutlove-singapore.com](http://www.allaboutlove-singapore.com)

## Jesuit News

### CONVERSION OF HEART - Lenten Sunday retreat

A day of prayer and recollection for those who want to deepen their relationship with God during Lent.

Retreat Director: Fr. Ponnudurai, S.J.

Dates: Sunday 13 March Time: 9.30 am - 4 pm Closing date: 3 March

Contribution: \$30 (including lunch & refreshments)

Please register early via email [cisc2664@gmail.com](mailto:cisc2664@gmail.com) or call: 6467-6072

Website: <http://www.catholic.org.sg/cisc>

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

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Sch Gregory Tan, SJ, Sch Eugene Koh, SJ

Fr Paul Goh, SJ Tel: 6464 9866

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Tel: 6469 7356,

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Loyola Novitiate Tel: 6467 2790

Jesuit Refugee Service Tel: 6463 6022

## PARISH GOAL

"Finding God in Myself,  
Others and All Situations for  
God's Greater Glory"

Living the Goal through  
Ignatian Spirituality –  
3 Dimensions:

#### 1. Spiritual – Personal and Vocational:

Developing a Personal  
Relationship with the Lord  
through a meaningful  
Prayer Life and growing in the  
holiness of one's vocation.

#### 2. Communitarian (7 "larger families"):

Building Christ-centred  
communities through  
parish activities, outreach to  
Christian friends and those of  
other beliefs, and especially in  
Eucharistic celebrations.

#### 3. Social Mission:

Committing ourselves to  
the justice and care of the  
poor and needy of our society,  
and the world around us.