



6 November 2011

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wis 6:12-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

## The Parish Priest Writes... World Migrants Day

Last Sunday, our Parish together with ACMI - Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant people staff hosted the Archdiocesan World Day of Migrants celebration at our 12.00 Noon Mass. Msgr Eugene Vaz and four other priests concelebrated at the Eucharist.

Our Church was packed with only standing room left within and at the Place of Gathering. Amidst the crowd congregation were more than two hundred migrant workers from the Archdiocese. Eight nationalities were represented - *Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and China*. Each of these 8 representatives processed into the Church for the Mass with their national flags.

The *Prayers of the Faithful* were read in each native language (with the English translation projected). While each representative dressed in their elegant national dress brought up their *Offertory gifts* that symbolised their country's ethnic culture; the meaning of each gift was explained to the congregation.

The Mass was followed by a delicious *buffet lunch* at St Ignatius Hall, and a beautiful *cultural programme* presented by the migrants. At the opening prayers, I announced to a thunderous applause that in March next year our Parish will be offering "*Free Medical Clinic*" services to migrant workers and Singaporean poor.

Clearly, everyone felt very warmly welcomed and enjoyed the whole celebration so much that when it ended around 3.30 pm, there were shouts of "some more!"

What was most significant was the rich and meaningful Eucharistic celebration. The many nationalities that were represented and who had participated with great dignity and solemnity drew out the *beauty and mystery of the Eucharist* profoundly - its universality and the unity of races and rank regardless of our social status in society.

The subtle challenge of the Eucharist was simply, "How Christ wished that we bring these values of *beauty, dignity and unity* into our daily living." The cultural presentations that offered a mutually enriching experience of *the harmony of Asian cultures* made the whole celebrations truly a memorable one.

*Fr Philip Heng S.J.*

## Sunday Reflection by Fr. Gerry Keane, SJ

*There was an owl that lived in an oak  
The more he heard the less he spoke.  
The less he spoke the more he heard  
Now wasn't he a wise old bird.*

This simple rhyme, learnt in Kindergarten over eighty years ago, is no less true and relevant today. Today's first reading speaks beautifully of the primary gift of the Holy Spirit, wisdom. It is all around us begging to be acknowledged but it will be recognised only in the companionship of quiet. We will not find it in a chattering and shallow world of gimmicks and gossip. We are a cowardly people, afraid of discovering the mystery of God in ourselves. If we have not the assurance of noise and human company, we feel solitary and alone. If we would only try, we would find how eloquent silence can be. "Be still and know that I am God."

The history of holy men and women has been the story of leaving this world to find what it is at heart. May we find the wisdom to look behind the surface of things to their inner mystery - perhaps we all need a retreat.



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Assistant Parish Priest : Fr. James Tan, SJ (ext. 18)  
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Pastoral Coordinator : Mr. Gabriel Peh (ext. 14)  
Youth Coordinator : Mr. John Lum (ext. 19)  
Asst Dir, Ignatian Spirituality Prog : Mr. Anthony Siow (ext. 17)

\* Mon – Fri 9:00AM-6:00PM • Sat 9:00AM-1PM



## At Place of Gathering

Embrace the Spirit of Christmas in  
DVC's ADVENT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME  
There are 2 events:  
The Children's Christmas Pageant, and the  
Advent Camp for Primary 3s - 6s.  
Visit the INFO BOOTH  
located at the Place of Gathering to know more.

## What's on This Week?

### FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



**Sacred Heart  
of Jesus MASS @ 8.00 PM**

Please note that there will be  
NO 6.00 pm Mass on that day.

Please bring along your family  
& friends to renew your  
consecration to the Heart  
of Jesus.

## Parish Needs

### COMBINED CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

If you wish to share the joy of Christ's birth in song,  
come and join the combined choir for the Christmas  
Midnight Mass. Contact Joyce at 96903887 (email:  
joycesdg@gmail.com) or Anthony at 96311943  
(email: chrisant@pacific.net.sg) if you desire to  
present the gift of your voice to the Lord this  
Christmas.

Rehearsal dates and times (venue to be  
confirmed):

13 Nov Sunday 2:30 to 5:30 pm

27 Nov Sunday 2:30 to 5:30 pm

7 Dec Wednesday 8:00 to 10:30 pm

14 Dec Wednesday 8:00 to 10:30 pm

18 Dec Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 pm

21 Dec Wednesday 8:00 to 10:30 pm

The parish is looking to employ a FULL-TIME  
ASSISTANT YOUTH PASTORAL COORDINATOR to  
further support the growing number of youth  
activities in the parish, as well as the increased  
number of active youth in the community. All  
interested parties may contact our Youth Pastoral  
Coordinator, John Lum, for more information at  
johnraphaellum@gmail.com.

## Parish News

There will be RICE for the poor collection today

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** Monday 7 November (Hari Raya Haji)  
The Church Office will be closed on this day.

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

- Catechetical Sessions end this *weekend i.e. 5/6 Nov*. Our appreciations to parents for your support and co-operation for 2011. As families, do prepare actively for a meaningful ADVENT. God Bless.
- 2012 Registration Exercise for Pri 1 (and other levels) will be held from *1 Nov till 30 November 2011*. Please visit our Parish website - Weekend Catechism webpage for information/registration. Weekend Catechism 2012 will only begin AFTER Chinese New Year.

Enquiries to [stignatius.wecat@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.wecat@gmail.com)

### LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD

This Sunday, 6 October will be the last session.

### ADVENT COMES ALIVE!

St. Ignatius Advent Day Camp (for Primary 3s - 6s)  
Calling all Primary 3s to 6s! The Catechism Ministry and the DVC Youth Community invite you to join us in a 1-Day Advent Camp, as we look to prepare ourselves for Christmas! Come see Advent and Christmas in a whole new light with us, as we take you through a day of fun-filled activities!

Proposed Date: Saturday 3 Dec 8.30am-5pm (\$10 per registration for food and materials)

Please email Lesley Goonting ([lessgd@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:lessgd@yahoo.com.sg)) by 20 Nov 2011 if interested (Name of child, age, parents name/HP)

Registration and Payment will be advised accordingly.  
First come first serve as the program is for 50pax only

### EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WITH DVC!

St. Ignatius Christmas Pageant 2011 - The Perfect Gift  
Calling all kids from 4 years onwards to come and spread the Christmas spirit!

To be a part of this family event, please come to our Info Day on the 13 Nov from 3-5pm at the La Storta Room.

Please email [devitachristi@gmail.com](mailto:devitachristi@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Contacts: Diane@97211610, Genevieve@97883547

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & PRAYER MEET

on Wed 9 November, 8 pm at St. Ignatius Hall

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

by Welcoming Ministry

Date: Saturday 26th November 2011

Time: 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Venue: Ignatius Hall

Cost: \$50.00 per wreath/family

Contact: Carmel Ooi on 9681-2564

or email at [ston316@singnet.com.sg](mailto:ston316@singnet.com.sg) to book.

Places on first-come-first-served basis, space is limited.



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

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS**

## **Archdiocesan World Day of Migrants celebration Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

This celebration was jointly hosted by our Parish (coordinated by our SMCT) and the ACMI (Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant people - staff). The first part of the celebration was the concelebrated Eucharist participated and represented by eight migrant groups of the Archdiocese. However, the second part began with a buffet lunch and a cultural presentation programme.



There were two cultural dances from Philippines, and each from India, Sri Lanka and an Indonesian song by Bro. Mark Aloysius, S.J. And, a surprising cultural dance by a Filipino group dressed in Indian costumes and dancing an Indian dance! Her Excellency Minda Cruz, the Ambassador of Philippines honoured us with her presence and gave a very meaningful speech to remind us that we are all united as one family regardless of our rank, religion and race; and stressed the importance of mutual respect.



H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz (2nd from right)

Left: Offertory Gifts for World Day of Migrant Mass

The President of ACMI, Mark Goh too gave a speech while Fr Heng said the prayer before meal and announced to a great applause, that our parish is planning to open a "Free Medical Clinic" for migrant workers and Singaporean poor, in March next year; and distributed cards to all the migrant workers.





### 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  
Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

#### 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)

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	Sat : 6pm Sun: 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12noon & 6pm
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Mon - Fri: 7am & 6pm; Sat: 7am
<b>Confessions</b>	Every Friday and Saturday at 5.40pm Every Sunday Mass - 20mins before Mass begin
<b>Infant Baptisms</b>	On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4pm. Registration forms from the Church office
<b>Weddings</b>	Couples must make yourselves known to the priest 6 months ahead before booking the church
<b>Church Office</b>	At the Attic, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor (at the back of the church building)
<b>Entrance via, 8 Victoria Park Road</b>	Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Jesuit Novitiate, Centre for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	Monday to Sunday: 7 am – 7 pm; Public Holiday: Closed
<b>Inigo Bookstore King's Rd Entrance</b>	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**.

### 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-centered 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.

## Archdiocesan News

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married.

1st Quarter Course Starts: 12th Feb 2012

Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis

Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ [www.catholic.org.sg/mpc](http://www.catholic.org.sg/mpc)

Enquiries: Fred & Ruby @ 91142862 or email: [mpcsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:mpcsingapore@gmail.com)

### GERMAN-SPEAKING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Games and stories for children and other entertainment with food and drink from our home countries. At 6.30 pm, there will be a celebration of one of the traditions of our home countries: St. Martin with a Lantern Parade.

Day/Date: Saturday, 12 November

Time: 3.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Venue: Primary Campus of German European School, 300 Jalan Jurong Kechil

## Jesuit News

### WOMEN OF FAITH – A Semi-directed Retreat for Women

This three-day semi-directed retreat is for women of the present day to meditate on and be inspired by women of faith in the Bible to live grace-filled lives. It is also a time to rest, reflect and discover your own true beauty in God's presence. One-to-one spiritual direction will be available. Retreat Directors: Celina Lin, Diana Koh, Diana Tan, Elizabeth Oliveiro, Joy Toh, Roselie Chia

Dates: Fri 2 Dec (9.30am) to 4 Dec (5.30pm)

Closing date: 22 Nov

Contribution: \$105 (non-aircon); \$180 (aircon)

To register, contact Tel: 6467 6072 or email [cisc2664@gmail.com](mailto:cisc2664@gmail.com)

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

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Sch Jerome Leon, SJ

Fr Paul Goh, SJ Tel: 6464 9866

Fr Anthony Ponnudurai, SJ Tel: 6464 9652

Jesuit Refugee Service Tel: 6463 6022

Ignatian Spirituality Centre Tel: 6467 6072

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Fr Colin Tan, SJ Tel: 6469 7356