



FAITH IGNITE

BECCOT e-Newsletter

Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move

Inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the 2023 World Mission theme underscores the importance of passionate faith and the mission to spread Christ's good news.

BURNING HEARTS: Missionary work begins with a profound understanding of God's Word, which ignites our zeal for evangelization as our hearts are set ablaze by the Scriptures.

EUCCHARISTIC VISION: Recognizing Christ in the Eucharist is central to our faith. The Eucharist, the summit of our mission, prompts us to share this transformative encounter with others.

ACTIVE MISSION: Just as the disciples immediately shared their experience of recognizing Christ, we, as missionary disciples, are called to spread the Gospel's joy globally, reaching people everywhere.

In a world seeking hope and peace, the Church's mission is to shine as a beacon of love and light. We carry Christ's message in our hearts, inspiring others to join us on this faith-filled journey. Through prayer, unity, and unwavering commitment, we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by Christ, passionately sharing the Good News with the world.

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Blessed Mission Sunday, 22 Oct 2023



GREETINGS

REV. FR. LAWRENCE NG, CDD
PARISH PRIEST

Peace be with each one of you,
my dear Parishioners,

Today, I speak to you with profound gratitude in my heart.

Come November, it will be 35 years since the foundation of this church was laid, and in that time, we have seen incredible growth, unwavering faith and countless blessings.

We give thanks to God for the vision and determination of our founding priests and members who, more than 35 years ago, embarked on a journey to build this sacred space we now call home. They believed in the power of faith and the importance of community.

Starting from humble beginnings with the acquisition of a wooden house in the village of Sungei Way by the first Parish Priest of SIC, Fr Edmund Sullivan, the Chapel was home to some 600 people.

The Chapel grew and in 1973, a land in Taman Plaza was donated by the CDD (Congregatio Discipulorum Domini or Congregation of the Disciples of the Lord) Fathers to build the new church. CDD Priest, Rev Fr Francis Ng, was assigned to assist Fr Sullivan at Sungei Way.

Fr Francis took charge of the Chapel in August 1975 when the health of the elderly Fr Sullivan faltered, thus becoming the first CDD Parish Priest of SIC. In 1986, work on the new site was initiated and by God's grace, SIC opened its doors in 1988.

Through the years, our church has been a sanctuary of solace, a source of inspiration and a place where countless lives have been touched and transformed by the love of God. We've grown not only in numbers but in the depth of our spiritual connection and we have reached out to our neighbors with love and compassion.

Today, we stand on the foundation they laid, knowing that their legacy lives on in the work we do, the prayers we offer and the love we share with one another. With gratitude we remember their sacrifices and devotion.

A 35th church anniversary that focuses on the **“rebuilding”** of the church carries special significance, symbolizing not only the physical renovation or reconstruction of the church building but also the **spiritual renewal and rejuvenation of the congregation.**

The “rebuilding” of church ties in closely with the theme and focus of the Archdiocese Pastoral Assembly 2023 held on the 14 October 2023. “Rebuild Our Church” discerns on three areas of concerns that arose from the Parish Pastoral Assembly & Synod Process – **Relationship, Leadership and Formation.**

Gearing towards the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026, the Bishops of Malaysia together with the steering committee have discerned the particular focus on Family, Church, Ecology and Society.

As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we are blessed that we, too, are on the same journey of 'rebuilding' with the universal church who are gathered in Rome in the Synodal Assembly throughout the month of October 2023.

By celebrating the past, acknowledging the present, and planning for the future, the 35th church anniversary is a holistic and meaningful event that helps us all maintain its sense of purpose, unity, and spiritual direction. It serves as a reminder that the church's mission is a continuous journey that spans generations.

Thank you, God, for the continuous blessings throughout the years, for the unity of our church family, and for the hope of a future filled with the same unwavering faith.



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2023

35th
周年庆
Anniversary

GRAND CELEBRATION

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18th November 2023

Mass 弥撒: **6:00pm**

Bring along your friends!
与亲友前来同欢共庆吧!



Street Food Carnival
from 7:30pm onwards
街头美食嘉年华
从 7:30pm 起

Do not miss out on this family event!
不要错过这个家庭活动!



Donation voucher per head
RM5
乐捐券



Available at the church entrance at all weekend masses.
所有周末弥撒期间均可在圣堂入口处得到。

Pre-registration required
* 需预先注册 *



B.E.C. In Action



BEC SS5 St Anthony celebrating a member's birthday



BEC SS5 ST Joachim at their July BEC prayer gathering

B.E.C. In Action



BEC SS25 St. Philip Minh during a visit to Xiao Xin old folks home in Serdang



BEC SS2 St Augustine celebrated its feast day with a Mass followed by fellowship, August reflection paper & and a bible quiz

B.E.C. In Action



BEC SS25 St Emmanuel during their August prayer gathering on the theme : Aggiornamento (Journey of Renewal).



BEC SS7 St Mark during their monthly reflection and prayer fellowship. They also attended memorial prayers for deceased members in the BEC

B.E.C. In Action



BEC Tropicana Mother Theresa

Sponsored lunch for 90 Myanmar children, outreach at Samaritan Hope Home, sponsored three days' lunch for the homeless & organised a coffee morning at church



BEC SS1 St Joseph made a visit to St Anne's Church on the feast day. Day trip followed by lunch gathering.



Committee members assisting the elders on the Census.

Monthly Rosary session

B.E.C. In Action



TRIBUTE TO SIC'S FOUNDING FATHERS

Edited from article by Bob Tan, Source: Journey With Us - Asia



The St Ignatius Church in Petaling Jaya lived up to a Chinese saying of “when you drink water, remember its source” when it held a memorial mass for the church’s four founding fathers on Aug 21, 2023.

Parishioners fondly remembered Fr Edmund Sullivan, SJ, for planting the seed for a new church when he was the administrator of the Sungai Way Chapel (1972-75) as well as his simplicity, Irish humor, and commitment to a life of poverty. He died in 1980.

Fr Francis Ng, CDD, who succeeded Fr Edmund, was often called the parish’s “builder” who nourished the seed Fr Edmund planted until fruition. On completion of the church in 1988, Fr Francis served as the first parish priest of St Ignatius Church until 1990.

Fr Francis Ng worked relentlessly, planning and raising funds for the new church built on land donated by the Congregatio Discipulorum Domini or Congregation of the Disciples of the Lord (CDD). He died in 2018.

Fr Joseph Chang, CDD, (parish priest from 1990 to 1997) was remembered as a straightforward man who kept things moving, always reminding that “meetings cannot be just talk – action is needed for the parish to improve”.

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Even while battling illness, he continued to serve faithfully until death in 1997. Fr. Joseph Mi, CDD who passed on in 2020 and had assisted in the parish from 1990-1991 was also remembered

The memorial mass drew approximately 400 parishioners. Archbishop Julian Leow, lauded the idea for this memorial service emphasizing the importance of appreciating loved ones while they are still alive. He also thanked the CDD for its services in Malaysia.

CDD Superior General Fr. Francis Chong underscored the role of missionaries, in building and sustaining churches, hoping to inspire youth to take on missionary work.

Fr. Lawrence described Fr. Francis Ng as a good shepherd and a father figure, never hesitating to provide guidance and discipline while Fr. Martin recalled Fr. Joseph Chang's strict adherence to rules and his warm and endearing nature. Fr. Andrew remembered Fr. Joseph Mi as a disciplined individual who promoted vocations.

Though gone, the contributions of these four priests will always be remembered and etched in the hearts and minds of the parishioners of St Ignatius Church.



Double click on picture to view the memorial montage

Formation on Emotional Skills

BUILDING SIC'S CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY

By Rita Krishnan



The gathering of 38 participants from 25 BECs at SIC saw the commitment of a community that recognised the importance of the emotional skills in working in God's vineyard.

Fr. Lawrence shared his appreciation for the commitment of his flock and reminded them to 'empty themselves' to gain God's guidance.

The key component of this formation was to unlock the glitches faced in relationships especially amongst one another while, identifying negative influences that derails us from building God's kingdom on earth with his people.

The activities presented deepened the 'searching from within' for mind patterns that cluttered feelings, especially in identifying the blind spots that hinders human interaction because of self-limiting attitudes created by prejudices. The tools and techniques used exposed the participants to emulate Jesus' composure in working with one another.

The emphasis was also for developing the ability to map emotions by listening attentively in meeting the needs of the community.

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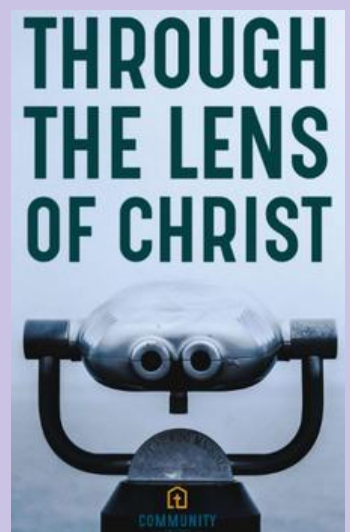
The half-day formation was conducted by Fr Mitchel Anthony and ABECAT team for BEC Coordinators, Core Team and members.

It gave significance to God's time and space and not competing amongst each other for 'performance' and 'self-glorification'.

Fr. Mitchel Joseph remarked, "It was a community that was thirsting for God like the deer that pants for water. I felt edified to see the enrichment of this community that was interactive, attentive, and engaging throughout the entire session."

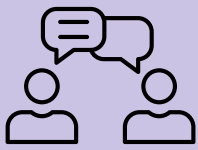
Finally, it was an opportunity for the participants to walk this journey by putting on Christ's lenses to detect, identify and walk with people who need God in their lives. It was a formation for 'Emptying to Fill Others' and building positive emotions in building God's community.

Fr. Mitchel and ABECAT would like to congratulate the BECCOT Coordinator of SIC, Jo Lee for her tireless service to BECs.



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Participant **FEEDBACK**

"Really enjoyed the EQ formation. It was beautiful, biblical based and highlighted the importance of self awareness in relationships..."

Jasmine Anthony, SS4 St Monica

"The whole formation tied in well with me in my self discovery and I enjoyed myself thoroughly!"

Stephanie Lim, SS23 Archangel Gabriel

"I learned that listening attentively means listening with empathy... giving the other person your undivided attention....just being there for them."

MD, SS5 St Joachim

"Overall, it was a great experience for strengthening our BEC communities. It should be extended to a full-day program"

*Dr Bennete,
KD St Francis Assisi*

"My key takeaway is whenever we are hurt, we are to analyse that hurt as it's able to tell us about the perception we have about ourselves"

JH, DJ St Valentine

"I've learned the importance of recognizing emotions in those we serve, our colleagues, and ourselves. This awareness equips us to handle various ministry situations effectively and better serve God's people."

Francis Tan, DU Holy Family

SIC CENSUS 2023

By Sharma Rajadurai



The last census conducted at St Ignatius Church was in 2015. It was reported that we had 6,240 parishioners, the biggest parish in our Archdiocese.

After 8 years, a new census exercise was carried out this year to help provide **crucial data for pastoral and resource planning** as well as in developing a **digitalized parishioner database** complete with sacramental records.

SIC Census focused on parishioners residing and practicing within our boundary including those living outside our boundary but attending regular Mass at SIC. The collection of data is per household, collected via a Google form, and assisted by a trained response team of 130 volunteers.

Posters and banners were printed to inform parishioners on the need for the census. A unique feature of this campaign was the posting of banners in the rest rooms! This was a light-hearted way to “flood” parishioners with promotional materials. This had a rousing effect and parishioners were more open and ready for the census.

The team proceeded with a phased promotion to SIC leaders through the PCC and weekly briefs at Masses.

The physical census was conducted during weekend Masses of 9th/10th September and 23rd/24th September. Trained volunteers were present to assist parishioners with any queries, including a Help desk after the Mass.

Processing and analysis of data will be done in November with the hope that this bold move will lead to better community, offering systematic evangelization and outreach.

MANDARIN SPEAKING GROUP

OKR圣保禄基信团2023年新古毛—丹绒马林—安顺朝圣之旅



2023年9月16-17，八打灵圣依纳爵天主堂OKR圣保禄基信团走出户外，接触大自然，欣赏我们共同的家园，促进彼此的共融，完成了两天一夜的朝圣之旅。行前一早，全体朝圣者40余人集合在本堂圣母亭前祈祷旅途平安，聆听本堂主任司铎黄大华神父讲解朝圣要领。神父降福后，大家登上了旅巴出发往首站：新古毛圣保禄天主堂。

朝圣团抵步时，刚好赶上9点钟的大马日特别弥撒。特别祝祷会上，本堂弥额尔神父（Fr. VA Michael）手持圣体光一一地为朝圣者的个人意向恳祷，大家排队轮流向亲临彼时彼刻的主耶稣诉说自己的祈求。

大夥到雪兰莪河水坝观赏美景后，再跨州到霹雳丹绒马林至圣救世主堂，参加文生神父（Fr. Vincent Paul）特别预备的弥撒。在神父助手的襄助下，大家合力担起各项礼仪任务。交流中，我们了解到这座圣堂获得到此就读师训大学的东马学生，注入了充沛的活力。

一路前行，我们终于在午后抵达安顺，入住当地的旅舍小歇片刻，便到安顺斜塔四周逛逛。傍晚时分，天主祝福晴空万里，大家分乘两部船只，航出霹雳河，欣赏一场成千上万只白鹭结伴归巢，栖息于树林间的壮丽场面，直叫人由衷赞叹大自然的神妙！入夜，熄火的小船飘荡河上，朝圣者在沙丘丛林间与晶亮闪砾的萤火虫相遇。

翌晨早餐后，大家便步行到将近130年历史的圣安当堂参加早上的英文主日弥撒。本堂神父达味（Fr. David Lourdes）在弥撒的尾声热情欢迎朝圣团，且邀请我们享用当地教友们特别烹煮的午餐。大夥在饭厅中彼此交流，格外珍贵。回程中，略显疲惫的成员们，在车上藉由美妙的领唱，祈祷平安归城。途中，大家还到花园走走舒展筋骨，傍晚吃过晚饭后，便回到圣堂取车各自回家，结束这趟美好的朝圣旅程。

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圣依纳爵堂中文基信团 ~ 厄玛乌营

SIC基信团核心委员会 (BECCOT) 于2023年9月8-10, 在 Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson 举办 (3天2夜) 团队建设营 ~ 厄玛乌营。在本堂主任黄大华神父的带领下, 33位来自基信团的参与者以开放的心情完成了此营。

这是一个美妙而难忘的三天两夜的厄玛乌经历。在这段时间里, 有泪水也有汗水, 我们不仅挑战了各种项目, 感受到了团队的力量, 也培养了勇气和信心。在分享会上, 我们共享了欢笑和故事, 也诉说彼此的梦想。参与户外弥撒时, 倾听海浪声, 见到天空的变化, 让我们更加热爱大自然, 珍惜与之共生的机会。

最珍贵的是在天主的鉴临下, 结识了一群志同道合的朋友。在这个营地里, 我们创造了美好的回忆, 相信这段时光的相处成为我们人生中难以磨灭的宝贵记忆。期待着下一次相聚!



BAHASA MALAYSIA SPEAKING GROUP



Misa Bahasa Malaysia di gereja St Ignatius yang dirayakan pada setiap Minggu pertama setiap bulan, yang dihadiri oleh umat dari Sabah, Sarawak, Indonesia dan umat dari Paroki itu sendiri yang fasih berbahasa Malaysia.



Selepas selesainya Misa Bahasa, akan diadakan jamuan atau “Fellowship“, bagi mengeratkan hubungan dan iman sesama umat terutamanya pelajar atau pekerja yang datang dari Borneo. Sambutan hari lahir juga akan disambut setiap 2 bulan sekali.



Belia KUBM, juga turut mengambil bahagian dalam Pameran Santo Ignatius. Boleh bekerjasama dan bertukar pendapat dengan para belia yang lain dan saling membantu bagi menjayakan pameran tersebut.



Tidak lupa juga, sebagai tanda kesyukuran kepada Ilahi, komuniti KUBM juga turut merayakan hari Pesta KAGAPE (Kaamatan, Gawai dan Penan) yang dirayakan oleh umat di Sabah, Sarawak dan Indonesia atas berakat yang diberikan Tuhan atas hasil tamaman.

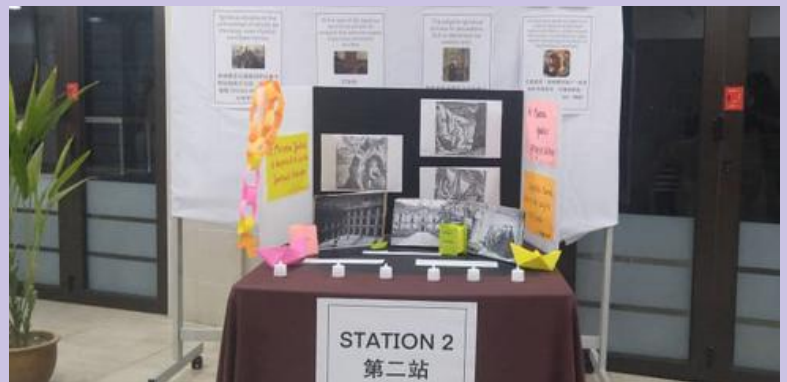
TAMIL SPEAKING GROUP

The Tamil-speaking group of St. Ignatius Church, along with BEC Damansara Kayu Ara St. Anthony of Padua, participated in the St. Ignatius Triduum celebrations.

Our team volunteered to decorate the Exhibition Hall and worked with other language groups to prepare write-ups about St. Ignatius of Loyola. These were displayed at the church entrance. We were thrilled to participate in the multi-lingual mass, taking on roles such as choir, readings, Prayer of the Faithful, hospitality ministers, and banner carriers.

For the Merdeka multi-lingual mass, we also participated in the choir, readings, Prayer of the Faithful, and hospitality ministers. We were honored to assist in the Memorial Mass for former SIC Priests, as well. Furthermore, eight of our BEC youths had the opportunity to participate in the Altar Servers camp, while five youths participated in a camp from 1st to 3rd September.

Our team also held our monthly BEC prayer sessions and shared the Word of God through reflection. In September, we provided assistance in funerals and weddings of our BEC members.



November

DON'T miss it!

1st : All Saints Day

2nd : All Souls Day

18th : Parish Assembly (2 - 5pm)

18th : 35th Anniversary Celebration Mass (6pm) & Carnival (7:30pm)

19th : BECCOT Coffee Morning

19th : World Day of the Poor

26th : Feast of Christ the King

27th : 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary Mass for Rev. Fr Francis Chong, CDD (6pm) & Dinner (7pm)



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