

# Enter Nostrum

OUR JOURNEY

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A silhouette of a nativity scene against a twilight sky. In the center is a manger with the infant Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. To the left, three wise men on camels are approaching. To the right, a cow and a donkey are present. A large star is positioned above the manger, and a field of smaller stars is visible in the upper portion of the sky.

Birth

# Welcome

to the first issue of the cass alumni bulletin.

The bulletin aims to provide a network to all alumni members and a means to contact lost ex-cass members, as well as keeping all ex-CASS members abreast of church updates and community news.

## **Bulletin name: "inter nostrum" – Our journey.**

For everyone reading this bulletin, we have one thing in common. Our journey together started in CASS. Since we have left universities, life has taken us to different professions, different paths, even different countries in the world. Through the alumni and this bulletin, we can now share in the stories and updates of our ex-cass members, including those who are overseas and whom we do not often catch up with.

Have you ever wondered where *that* person from CASS has gone? CASS alumni, with the help of Sister Teresa's treasure box of email contacts from over the last 15 years, will endeavour to locate these people and share with you the updates on their life.

## **Theme:**

The theme of the first issue of the bulletin has been adequately named "Birth", as it highlights the inauguration of the cass alumni, as well as coinciding with Christmas, which is just a few weeks away!

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## **From the President 2006/2007**

Dear CASS Alumni members,

First and foremost, on behalf of CASS Alumni committee, we would like to welcome you to the CASS Alumni family.

CASS Alumni is recently established and the main objective is to provide an ongoing communication between CASS and our graduated CASS members. In addition, our members can easily through us to find out and re-connect to their fellow graduated CASS members from different CASS branches.

In the near future, activity such as Alumni re-union dinner will be organized for our local Alumni members to have a chance to meet each other.

At the mean time, please stay in touch with us via our web site and monthly new letter.

Once again, a very warm welcome to our big family for all the new CASS Alumni members

CASS Alumni President  
Patrick Chiu

# The inauguration of CASS alumni

The CASS alumni was inaugurated on 15th September 2006 and its first set of committee members were commissioned by Cardinal George Pell in the CASS annual Thanksgiving mass on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

It is Sister Teresa's vision that not only are the university students united in their faith within CASS, but they will also maintain this faith and network of friends beyond CASS. After many, many informal meetings and discussions, the alumni was formed.

## The alumni logo:



The elements of the CASS logo, being the dove, and the Cross, remain in the Alumni logo and have been globalised through the backdrop of a geographic map of Australasia.

## Alumni goals:

As with all other alumni organisations, our primary aim is to maintain a network of all ex-CASS members. Through our bulletins, we aim to update all members of some of stories and experiences of particular ex-CASS members, especially those who are overseas and those who are seldomly seen around the community.

Our other aims is to keep alumni members informed of latest CASS movements and news, and also to reunite local ex-CASS members through activities.

Through our contacts, we also aim to provide to ex-CASS members leaving Australia to parts of Asia contacts of groups or people who may help them settle in as well as continue in their faith.



## Community Updates

An event initiated and currently being organised by the Chinese Communities™ is the **Asian Youth Festival**. This will be held on 3rd February, 2007, at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Kingsgrove. The festival begins at 6pm till around 10:30pm. The program comprises of performances from each of the different Chinese communities, and a few other special performances, also a WYD presentation, P&W sessions, we'll have Bishop Julian Porteous speaking to us, and also will have Adoration.

## Heading to Hong Kong?

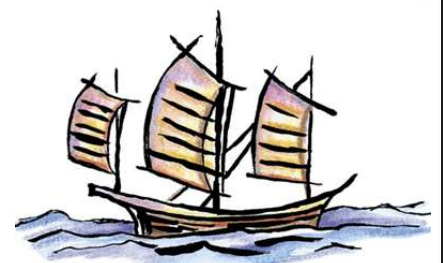
### Origin of The United Hearts Community

The United Hearts Community ('UH') is a Catholic prayer group named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was formed in Hong Kong on 1 March, 1997 by a group of young people who had returned to Hong Kong after completing their tertiary education in Sydney, Australia. At present, the participants in UH include ex-CASS members, ex-CASS members of younger generation as well as non-CASS members and companions. The language we use in UH gatherings is Cantonese.

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# Where are they now ?

Anson Wong (CASS member from 1999)

## On career

### what are you doing now?

Working @ Squiz.Net - System Administrator, ie: play with servers, firewalls, some websites (Don't ask me if your internet connection goes down though)

### what do you enjoy most about your work?

Pay day of cos (not that I earn much anyway), closely followed by 5pm every weekday (the time i leave work), and beer o'clock (beer after work on friday)

## On life

born catholic or atheist turned catholic? born catholic

### if born catholic, what has made you sustain that belief?

Catholic Education since primary school, till the end of year 12... and tough times make you think about God more as well

### what are words that keep you going when times are tough?

Matthew 6:25-34

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you who have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' — The New Jerusalem Bible

your best time in your life? Hasn't come yet I hope

lowest point so far? Dealing with death in family

what else are you into besides working? Basketball, Soccer. haven't really played that much since injury (lower back L5/S1, a while ago..) trying to find people to play with now..

## On you

if youre on hols, you prefer to have a general idea what you're gonna do the next day, or do you rather just do what you feel like in the minute of the day?

depends how long the holiday is... if it's one day or 2, I will decide on the day.. but if it's a long holiday, I like to plan a bit... but then, I haven't been on holiday for ages (other than visiting rels in hk)

do you enjoy time by yourself? sit reflect and think? or you prefer to be around people?

depends.. sometimes i like to be alone, sometimes i like to be around people

loathe shopping? my bank makes that decision

how do you feel re: computer games? like it or you dont?

haven't played any computer games in ages... other than sudoku on my phone..

choose xbox, playstation, wii? none... Can i have cash instead? :P

any travel plans in next 3-5 years? if so where?

don't have the money to travel in the next 3-5 years, if i could, I would like to backpack europe, go visit China, the USA, south america, egypt etc... pretty much around the world :P

choose one of the following:

dog or cat  
bird or fish  
expressor or thinker  
organise or impromptu

hard to choose but probably cat  
I like sashimi more than chicken  
neither?  
impromptu in a very organised way... like how I often decide to  
Make the decision later  
depends if I agree... will challenge if I don't  
I subjectively think I am objective, what do you think?

Challenge ideas or agree  
objective or subjective

### CONCLUSION:

It was good to chat to anson, especially on some stuff which generally wouldn't ask in day to day conversation. Found his source of strength (verses in matthew) very powerful and extremely relevant to our working lives. As we work and continue to slave away, we almost always get lost in all the financial worries.

So this is what I'm taking back from this interview:

"So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own."

If what you're looking for is his contact details, You can contact anson via our contacts page of alumni website. (only members will be allowed to access the page, and no private information will be sent.)



## Msg from our PR...

Hi everyone, welcome to the CASS Alumni, and hope you're enjoying our first edition of our "Inter Nostrum" bulletin! I'm Olivia, and I'm the PR of the CASS Alumni.

I have been in CASS for quite a number of years, and have served in Sydney University and Central CASS committees in the past few years, and through CASS, I've met many wonderful friends! Having graduated from University for 3 years, I've began to feel that it can sometimes be difficult to keep in touch with some of these friends as we all enter into a new busy working life.

Through my role as PR in the CASS Alumni, I hope I can help with getting in touch with more ex-CASS members, so we can come together to catch up with each other again! Also, so we can once again, re-live some of those precious fellowship moments we had with each other during our University lives!

To those who have left Sydney, we hope to keep in touch with you through our affiliation with the overseas network! I hope you can join me in praying for this newly formed CASS Alumni group, and I look forward to catching up with each one of you soon!!

**PR contact:** Olivia Choi

# Community Updates - Reflections:

## CASS Annual Dinner - The CASS Annual Spectacular Show

*Did you go to the CASS Annual Dinner this year?  
Sad that you missed out on a spectacular night?  
Don't have the "contact" in CASS to get the tickets?  
Tickets are harder to get than the Robbie & Kylie concert tix?*



If you answered "yes" to the last 3 questions above, you cannot be a CASSian!!! As everyone knows, CASS welcomes everyone. For those who didn't go to this year's CASS Annual Dinner because of legitimate reason, you have seriously missed out on the best CASS Annual Dinner ever!!!

The CASS Annual Dinner was held at the Burwood RSL club on the 24<sup>th</sup> September this year. With 2006 being CASS' 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, over 250 people attended this fabulous celebration. Although the night was tightly scheduled, it was filled with high-tech spectacular performances one after another. One highlight of the evening was the duet between Uncle Jojo (a.k.a. John Ting) and Bishop Porteus in which they sing while reading the lyrics from a laptop. This CASS duo was so good that even Damien Leith may need to step aside. Other performances that were equally impressive include the creative video committee intro by the 4 unis, the CBS Cantonese choir and various musical performances by CASS musicians. Further, Patrick made a speech on behalf of the newly established CASS Alumni and we hope that all true CASSians would keep in contact with CASS even after they graduate.

Overall, the night was nothing less than amazing!!! Round of applause to everyone who has helped out in organising such a wonderful night!!!

## CASS Graduation Ceremony

The CASS Graduation Ceremony has been a tradition since about 5 yrs ago.



This year, it was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Asiana Centre, Ashfield. There were about 20 graduates who attended. During this event, we take the opportunity to celebrate the success of all our CASS graduates for the completion of their University degree, to thank God for His blessings especially on these graduates and to pray that God will continue to bless them and guide them as they embark on their careers.

The day began with a delicious BBQ lunch prepared by CGC (Catholic Graduate Community) followed by the graduation ceremony. We heard 2 testimonies, a moving one from one of our graduates, Katrina Yip, of how she has grown in God's love through her University days, and an inspiring one from one of our ex-CASS members, John Lai, who is currently in the workforce, of how you can still keep up your faith and fellowship after you have joined the workforce. We had a few groups, such as the CASS Alumni, CGC and THS (Temple of the Holy Spirit) giving an introduction of who they are and inviting the graduates to join them. The highlight of the day was the actual ceremony. It began with a few hymns and reflective scripture readings. Certificates were then presented and each graduate was given a lit candle. It was a very prayerful and joyful moment for these graduates.

We wish these graduates all the very best as they embark on a new journey!

## CGC Christmas Dinner

The final frontier for the CGC 2006 year began at St.Patrick's at Churchill where Fr. David Wilson was gracious to give CGC a guided tour back in time to the foundations of the church (Thank you Fr. David!). After the guided tour, the CGC group attended the 6pm mass given by Fr. David. What better way to start the evening than in His presence. There was about 15 people that turned up for the tour and mass, which was then increased by another 15 at dinner (in total about 30), which was held at Rossini's Cafe on the Quay. CGC had the upstairs booked and the view of the harbour bridge set the scene for the night. Food was reasonable despite the fact that it was microwaved! But for the price, atmosphere and location, we couldn't have asked for more. Great choice Pandora and Thomas! Lasagne, pasta, crepes, chicken breasts... the list goes on of the many foods that was consumed on the night not to mention the desserts...tiramisu!.

Gifts were exchanged as part of the usual Kris Kringle, but involved people needing to sing, dance or quote something to do with Christmas (perhaps the funniest moment of the night - thanks Jo for the great idea!).

Finally, the dinner concluded with fireworks shooting across on the other side of the harbour (at Milson's Point), what a way to end the 2006 CGC year... Thanks Minh and the committee for a great year.... the CGC fellowship continues ... to the Belgian Beer Cafe for a drink or two...

## Community Updates – upcoming events:

### CCPC Sunday school Christmas party

Date: 10th DECEMBER (Sunday)

Time: 1:30 - 4:00pm

Venue: Asiana Centre (38 Chandos Street, Ashfield)

This day holds lots of fun and laughter so come and be part of it! Let's make this a special Christmas party for the kids of Sunday school! Come with your g hats...



### CAROLLING at Bernard Chan's Nursing Home

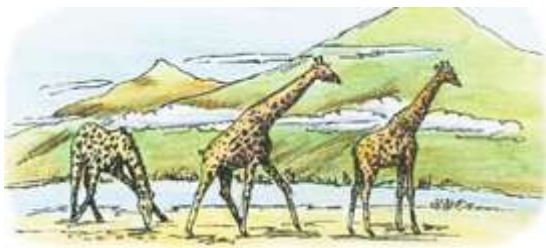
Date: 16th DECEMBER (Saturday)

Time: 10:00 - 12noon

Venue: 58 Weldon St. Burwood

Most of the songs will be sung in Chinese, but come along, spread your love and happiness and let God do the rest

Anyone interested, please contact Grace Wong directly on 0401 253 106 or via email [babygracie@hotmail.com](mailto:babygracie@hotmail.com)



## Alumni contacts

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Working around Wynyard or Town Hall in Sydney CBD, and wish to join us for our periodical informal lunches? Contact Karen via email: [karen\\_poon@pkf.com.au](mailto:karen_poon@pkf.com.au)

# A thought for Christmas...

## Attitude of Gratitude

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with good health you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle unfolding all around you, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a Church meeting without fear of persecution, harassment, arrest, torture, or death... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married...you are very rare

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.



~Author Unknown

May  
Angels  
watch over  
you

Let us keep Christmas beautiful  
Without a thought of greed,  
That it might live forevermore  
To fill our every need,

That it shall not be just a day,  
But last a lifetime through,  
The miracle of Christmastime  
That brings God close to you.

~Garnett Ann Schultz

