

A lunch reception followed at the Piazza. Seniors took the chance to catch up and to take pictures with the new team of Friars.



Our Silverlight Ukulele Group provided some entertainment with Friar Mike belting out some Chinese songs much to the delight of the crowd. The spirit of collaboration and bonding was felt. The “thank you” smiles from the anointees, clutching their sprays of orchids, prayer cards and bottles of holy water seemed to say, “We will come again”.



The cool weather to enable a lunch reception in the open Piazza is a testimony to God’s blessings for the work put in by the Outreach Office. The Seniors were definitely glad to be there. Alleluia!



Catching up with Friar Joseph Lee



When Friar Joseph Lee (left) was the assistant parish priest in St Mary of the Angels Church he was appointed Spiritual Director of St Mary’s Seniors group. Over the years the Seniors developed a close bonding and relationship with Friar Joseph Lee.

Friar Joseph Lee left the Church of St Mary of the Angels to serve in the Church of St Elizabeth in Johore Bahru in January 2017. Nevertheless, whenever he comes to Singapore the Seniors never fail to meet up with him for lunch. The last gathering was on 23 August 2022 for lunch at Kiseki Japanese Restaurant in Orchard Central. Bonding being paramount to the Seniors -- they chit-chatted till past the closing time of the restaurant.

In September 2022 Friar Joseph Lee was transferred to St Ann’s Church in Kuching, Malaysia. However, in February 2023 he flew back to Singapore for a short break. Seniors immediately invited him to a Lunar New Year dinner on 2 February in Sanook Kitchen Restaurant, West Mall.



Seventeen Seniors gathered for a photo with Friar Joseph Lee (third, right).

Sanook Kitchen Restaurant serves a variety of traditional Thai classics from appetisers, soups and curries, to seafood. A carefully selected variety of dishes were ordered to the delight and contentment of the Seniors. Friar Joseph Lee was seen beaming from ear to ear. The whole place was overwhelmed with chattering, like a market place.

It was heartening to see everyone leaving the restaurant happy and contented. It was indeed a wonderful catch-up!



A picture before tucking in to the food.



Smiling Stephen Ang with Friar Joseph Lee.




Christine Wong's angpow to Friar Joseph Lee.



Alice Pua's angpow to Friar Joseph Lee.

March's special Seniors
Valerie Seow
David Pattiselanno

Have an unforgettable Birthday, and a year filled with happiness and good health.

 **Food for thought**

If you are really wise,
 you'll think this over - it's time you appreciate GOD's deep love.
 (Ps 107:43)

Mass for the Sick and Elderly by Teresa Koh

Our Parish observed World Day of the Sick on 10 February 2023 (a day before the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) with the Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick incorporated during our Eucharistic Celebration.

The event was well attended with about 120 Sick and Elderly wanting Holy Anointing, and three friars concelebrating.



The ceremony went smoothly and meaningfully. Our Seniors who are in the Pastoral Care Team helped out as Welcoming ushers with sprays of orchids. Other Seniors came forth for the Anointing.

