

“The Lord wants a loving relationship with us”, he said, “a relationship with him that goes beyond the logic of interest and calculations.”

This applies not only to God, but also to all relationships, he said, underlining the risk of “using people and exploiting situations for our ends” when people seek primarily to satisfy their own needs.

Therefore, the Gospel invites people to “welcome Jesus as the bread of life” and learn to love others “freely and without calculations, without using people, freely with generosity, with magnanimity,” he said,

## Keeping Happily Occupied by Teresa Koh

Our Senior, David Pattiselanno, has been purposefully occupied with his hobbies such as making plastic model ships, drawing and playing on his harmonica.

Having picked up playing his harmonica and ukulele, he used to play for St Joseph Home and also at Alzheimer’s Disease Association Centre in Jurong Point.



But with Covid-19 restrictions, he now keeps himself safely and happily entertained at home – playing and singing with his son and daughter-in-law.



*Keep up the jolly spirit, David.*



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## St Mary’s Seniors Keeping Themselves Purposeful by Teresa Koh

When Senior Priscilla Wee received news that Willing Hearts – a non-profit organisation -- is collecting items (clothes, shoes, bags, blankets, etc.) for their Overseas Mission Project to neighbouring countries like Vietnam, Myanmar, Philippines, she decided to reach out to St Mary’s Seniors, since our own Thrift Shop is temporarily closed.



Immediately some Seniors --- like Joyce Seow, responded and packed bags of items to Priscilla’s home, which became a collection centre.



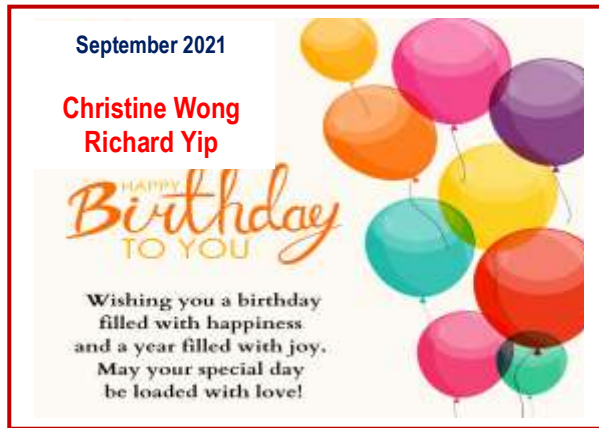
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However, with the further spike in Covid-19 cases, volunteers from Willing Hearts were unable to come and pick up the items.

Fortunately, we were able to get our Seniors, Freddie Siow (below left) and Ms Tan Kim Suan (below right) who willingly helped send fifty bags of our collected items all the way to Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Centre in their cars.



**Well done, Seniors!**



**Seniors Priscilla and Philip Wee celebrate National Day with their son's family**



## At Angelus, Pope warns against using God, others for selfish aims

by  
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*The crowd watches as Pope Francis leads the Angelus message from the window of his studio overlooking St Peter's Square at the Vatican August 1. (CNS/Vatican Media)*

**Vatican City** ---- People should seek Jesus out of genuine love, not calculated self-interest, Pope Francis said.

"Why do I seek the Lord? What are the motivations for my faith, for our faith?" the Pope asked August 1 during his Sunday Angelus address.

It is important to reflect on one's reasons because there can be an "immature" faith driven by an "idolatrous temptation," that is, the temptation "that drives us to seek God for our own use, to solve problems," to turn to him for things "we cannot obtain on our own, for our interests," he said.

"But in this way faith remains superficial and even, if I may say so, faith remains miraculous: we look for God to feed us and then forget about him when we are satiated," the Pope said, reflecting on the Sunday Gospel reading from St John in which Jesus sees a crowd looking for him because people had witnessed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves.

The Pope said, "It is right to present our needs to God's heart, but the Lord, who acts far beyond our expectations, wishes to live with us first of all in a relationship of love. And true love is disinterested, it is free: one does not love to receive a favour in return! This is self-interest, and very often in life we are motivated by self-interest."

Living a faith that pleases God means doing his will, which is to welcome Jesus with love, "not adding religious practices or observing special precepts," Francis said.

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