

# Mass for the Sick and the Elderly

by Teresa Koh

As part of St Mary's Pastoral Outreach, two Masses with the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing, were held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April for the sick and the elderly. It was emotional and uplifting even for some elderly who were unable to attend Mass during the last two years due to the Pandemic.

To facilitate their participation, transport was provided for those who needed it. The occasion was made even more special with several friars in attendance to celebrate both sacraments.



Stalks of flowers and cookies were presented to the anointees and caregivers as an appreciation of their presence.



Some Seniors were there as helpers and some to be anointed.

After the celebration the Seniors involved gathered at Margaret Long's house for lunch and fellowship. We then rounded off the day praying the Rosary and giving thanks.



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Thirteenth Year



Truly an incredible accomplishment made possible by the monthly contributions of write-ups, pictures, inspiring quotes and encouraging support and affirmation I receive from the Seniors in the group.

Every month, I look forward to seeing your messages and I have enjoyed your suggestions about the content featured in Twilight. Heartfelt thanks. **James**



**Thank you, James**

by **Derek Dightmaker**  
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Thirteen years of Twilight – it seems like only yesterday that my brother-in-law, James, your Editor, asked me if I would be willing to proof-read a new publication. I said: “yes, I’d be delighted”. I’d spent all my career in print and publishing. Now I’d retired I was only too pleased to be of use, if only in a small way, in producing a magazine again. James and I talked back and forth about a suitable title, and James hit upon Twilight. It sounded good.

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Every month for, now, thirteen years James has emailed me the four pages of the upcoming month's edition, which I scan for 'literals', grammar, clarity, punctuation, House style, layout etc. But checking somebody else's work is the easy part. The hard part is the Editor's. Imagine starting with four blank sheets of white paper, then having to source, vet, re-write, find suitable materials, find and size photographs, and fit together unequally-shaped pieces so that they fill four pages, every month for twelve months of the year, year after year.

James won't get any medals. What I believe he does get is great satisfaction in serving his fellow Members of St Mary's Seniors. I know his work is appreciated. Some of you tell him so (see below):

Knowing James as I do it's obvious he is happy to go on producing Twilight for as long as he can. You can help him, as many of you do, by submitting items which could interest other St Mary's Seniors: stories, reminiscences, reports, information, photographs, memories, etc.

I say: "Well done, James". Let us all say: "Thank you, James, for the thirteen years".

### **Some Seniors Say....**

*Thank you for the Twilight. As always good reading and update from Seniors. God bless and take care. (Valentine Liew)*

*Thank you, dear James for forwarding to me your latest Twilight. You are doing a very wonderful and professional job that's appreciated and enjoyed by all the Seniors. God bless you abundantly for all your efforts and wishing you a very Happy and Blessed Lent! With grateful heart and love. (Helen Goh)*

**Thanks, James for your good work. Job well done. God bless. (Christine Wong)**

*Thank you James for the March and April Twilight. They were so delightful to read especially those concerning the generosity, kindness and warmth of some of our Seniors. I have been telling my son Arthur and his wife Connie that our Seniors are extraordinarily special. They have to know us to realise what I mean. (Barna Koh)*

**Hi James. Thank you very much for another delightful Twilight. You never fail to amaze me! I enjoy reading all the articles especially "Carrying the Cancer Cross". In my life I have always been surrounded by a lot of amazing people. Thanks for being one of them. I look forward to each month's Twilight. (Priscilla Wee)**

*It has become such a pleasure reading all your Twilight series over the past few months. I am starting to eagerly look forward to receiving them. (Serena Yeo)*

**It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.  
Wherever you go, go with all your heart. (Confucius)**



## **Getting to Know Jeanette Yeo (left)**

**by Teresa Koh**

Jeanette Yeo (wearing red scarf) was baptized in 2018 in Church of the Holy Trinity. In 2019 she moved over to Bukit Batok area and through St Mary's website got connected to me.



After about a month of WhatsApp chit chat, we arranged to meet up for lunch with some Seniors at JEM Ikea restaurant on 18 April. Jeanette in her late 60's was already there with bags of Ikea goodies bought for us.

She immediately led us to order our lunch. But she was just too generous in her order that we had to pack the excess home.



It was a wonderful face-to-face catch up as Jeanette was very open – sharing her life struggles, her numerous surgeries and illnesses. Despite all these crosses, she displays great strength, courage and positiveness.

I hope she will pray and consider joining us in our Seniors activities.

