

A Surprise Birthday Gesture by James Wong

I received a surprise call from Teresa Koh on the morning of 18 July inviting me to lunch on 22 July at Peach Garden Restaurant in Miramar Hotel. Immediately, I sensed she intended to celebrate my birthday on that day. I told her that I had a morning appointment at Clementi Polyclinic on that day. She told me she would wait for me at the taxi stand at 10.30 am to go with me to Miramar Hotel. How kind and thoughtful of her!

More surprises! There were fourteen Seniors at the restaurant waiting for my arrival. I was indeed overjoyed without words. Below are photos that sum up the joyous celebration.



Thank you Seniors for your generous gesture in organizing the birthday lunch.



Reunion Lunch with Sr Karol

by Teresa Koh

Sr Karol was one of the nuns from Missionary of Charities (Mother Teresa's Order) whom we got to know during our outreach involvement in Gift of Love Home at Boon Lay from 2013 to 2018.

She was then posted to Taiwan and recently came back for home leave.

The Seniors were fortunate to have a lunch date with her on 30 June at Sanook Thai Restaurant in West Mall. The twelve Seniors had a good catchup over a welcoming and appetizing Thai cuisine. We are thankful for this meet-up and wish God's abundant blessings on Sr Karol.



Visit to Novena Church and the Redemptorist Heritage Centre by Audrey Yip

Excitement filled the air as seventeen Seniors from St Mary of the Angels waited in anticipation for a tour of Novena Church and the Redemptorist Heritage Centre (RHC) on 14 July 2022.

Novena Church had undergone extensive renovation and conservation and was re-opened in 2017. The RHC was launched on 9 November 2021, coinciding with the foundation Day of the Redemptorists. Within the walls of the two galleries, artefacts showcased tell the story of the Redemptorists from 1935 to the present. Several principal artefacts and documents from the archives are highlighted, one of which is a Zucchetto owned by Pope John XXIII, who convened the Second Vatican Council.

A tour of the church led by guides Glen and Grace kicked off the experience after a warm welcome.



At the Baptismal font Seniors learned a curious item that got them asking in unison, “No baptism rites are held in Novena Church. Why?” Grace explained that Novena Church is not a parish church but a community church, thus those prepared for baptism there receive the sacrament of baptism in other churches.



“After the church tour, Seniors proceeded to the two galleries of the RHC. On Level 1, guided by Pamela and me, Seniors learned of the founding and formation of the Redemptorists, their work through the war years and how they kept their missionary zeal till today. On Level 2, guided by Bernadette and Richard, Seniors saw displays of the liturgical artefacts, chronicles and documents from Novena Church’s archives. The exhibits brought forth fond memories of Novena Church events and the Redemptorist Fathers that Seniors had encountered.

There was no mistaking the joy that permeated the group of Seniors on seeing one another. We thank the RHC team and the volunteer guides for their time and efforts. Here are some comments on the experience from our dear Seniors ...

“I thoroughly enjoyed it.” .. Elizabeth Ling

“Wonderful experience.” .. Margaret Koh

“Informative and enjoyable. It was a walk down memory lane.” .. Priscilla Wee

“...informative insights of our Catholic artefacts.” .. Rita Shio

Floral wall for the Feast of St Mary of the Angels

As an expression of our love for our Blessed Lady on the Feast of St Mary, a floral wall was put up at the far end of the Piazza.

Lucy Ng and her team of ladies appealed for help to cut the thousands of white and yellow flowers. Some of our Seniors came forth with their scissors on 29 and 30 July. It was a purposeful time with good bonding with parishioners from other groups.



