

It was a night of music and dance with performances by our Friar Derrick, which also featured our talented Friar Michael D'Cruz.



**Mission Statement**  
 To promote a purposeful, productive, healthy and happy lifestyle  
**14<sup>th</sup> Year - September 2023**

## Silverlight Ukulele 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Margaret Tan

On 14 July 2023, Silverlight Ukulele Group celebrated their sixth Anniversary with some fellowship, fun and laughter.



During these six years, this group of Seniors (age 60 to 88) mostly without musical background, but has been sharing their newly acquired talents by bringing fun and joy through their music at various church events. Bravo for their persistence in learning and trying their best.



Bravo also to Emily Chiong (standing, second left) their current leader, who took over the reins after Bernard Poon (seated, right) who started the group on 19 July 2017 had to step down due to health reasons. Kudos to Emily for her commitment, patience and encouragement in making every practice session an enjoyable one!

A segment of the fundraising was silent auctions of various items including a dinner for eight persons at a Peranakan Restaurant called "The Intan". Three of the Seniors put in their bid and won this private dinner with a tour of the owner's home museum in Joo Chiat Terrace.



And, as if by divine providence, just as we contributed to the private dining, Kim Suan, (left, with Friar Michael D'Cruz) won the top prize worth \$1K, of a tea experience for 10 at The Intan. This is yet another indication that we're often blessed when we give.



Overall, everyone had a great time with the evening closing with the song made famous by Alan Tan, "Friends of Mine", which was sung in English and Cantonese.

# Feast Day Celebrations Mass for the Sick and Elderly

By Teresa Koh

Our Parish's Feast Day Celebrations kicked off with a meaningful Mass for the Sick and Elderly with Anointing on 27 July at 10.00 am. It was a time to encounter God's love and mercy, as more than 150 were anointed during the Eucharistic celebration presided over by four friars.



The occasion was well attended by family members and caregivers. Arrangements were made for residents from Bukit Batok Home for the Aged, Ren Ci and All Saints to join in this event. Of course, St Mary's Seniors would not miss out on this special privilege. So about twenty of us came for Anointing.



This year, the Anointees were given a meaningful gift - **The Holding Cross**. The Holding Cross is designed not so much to look right, but to **FEEL RIGHT!** Holding the Cross can also be a silent way of praying in times of suffering and pain.

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A grand sit-down lunch was arranged in St Clare Hall. It was indeed a joyous way to round off the day with sumptuous food and music by our Silverlight Ukulele Group.

**A big Thank You to our friars and organisers.**



## Church of St Mary of the Angels Fund Raising Dinner on 29 July 2023

From the announcement of the church of St Mary of the Angels fund raising dinner at the Goodwood Park Hotel, our Seniors group was quick to reserve a table of 10 persons at \$288.80 per person. This swift decision meant that we were able to secure a table at the sell-out dinner of a total of 35 tables.



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