

TUNG CHUNG VISITATION PARISH AGM

PARISH PRIEST'S 2021 REPORT

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
(Philippians 4:6)

Dear Parishioners,

Annual General Meeting is an occasion to look back to evaluate and to plan for the future. We have AGM after many years. We were not able to have to due to the recent developments in the last few years. We need to have AGM and other meetings to grow as community in Christ.

We are a special Parish Community (consist of Tung Chung, Discovery Bay and Airport) in the Diocese of Hong Kong. We have very active Chinese and English Communities with many families. We are one of the rare parishes in the diocese which truly is Bilingual. We see the Parish developing because of the great dedication and sacrifices by many associations and volunteers and Parish Staff.

We had another tough year because of the Global Pandemic. However, God was gracious to us during this difficult time. If we take time and look back sincerely, we see that we were blessed in various ways, during the pandemic. We could not function normally, but still we had opportunities to be together either using social media platform like FB, Zoom and WhatsApp. We should be grateful to God. Remember what St. Paul said, **“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**(1 Thessalonians 5:18).

We thank God for the blessings that communities in Tung Chung and Discovery Bay just by our presence and spiritual gatherings. We also need to do more to take care of our elderly, families, and youth. Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish patron, is the best model in bringing God’s blessings to the people. We shall also continue to pray that we bring more blessings and peace to wherever we are.

As parish we have two good news. First of all, we are a growing community. People move into Tung Chung as more apartments are built in the vicinity. We will have more families in our Parish Family. Secondly, we will also have a new, big, and beautiful Church in the near future to accommodate the growing number of the faithful.

Now is the time, that we come and cooperate with one another as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ, to build up our parish community. As you have heard that we are blessed to have a New Church in the future. Diocesan level planning is in progress. Diocese is also excited about our project because it is the first church to see for any visitors coming to Hong Kong. They want the new church to be the face of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong. We are also excited that we will have a proper church to adore our Lord. However, we need to have more fundraising activities to raise funds to help the diocese to build the new church. We pray the future fundraising activities not only help us to raise funds but also come more closer to one another as brothers and sisters.

I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly all our Parishioners for everything that you are doing as a Big Family. May God bless each one of you so that we can continue to be the **Salt of the earth and the Light of the World**. (Matthew 5:13-14).

We have the following update:

Priests: 3
Deacons: 3
Families (as per registration):228 (TC-185; DB-43)
Sunday Mass Attenders: 1120 (TC-900; DB-120)
Adult Baptism: 22
Child Baptism: 16
Communion:11
Confirmation:14
RCIA Students: 32
Sunday School Students: 52
Marriage: 2
Death: 12

Feast Days:

Visitation Feast – Tung Chung (29/05/2022);
Trinity Feast – Discovery Bay (12/06/2022);
Our Lady of Loretto Feast – Hong Kong International Airport (10/12/2021)

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