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OBITUARY



Reverend Father Joachim Tan Kah Chye

Born: 16 August 1945

Ordained: 26 January 1974

Departed: 22 October 2022

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Rev Fr Joachim Tan Kah Chye at the age of 77.

A resident of St Francis Xavier Home for the Elderly in Cheras, Fr Joachim was admitted to Assunta Hospital on Thursday, 20 October, after being found unconscious in his room. He remained in a critical condition until his demise on Saturday, 22 October.

Seremban-born Fr Joachim joined the St Francis Xavier Minor Seminary, Singapore in 1965 and continued his seminary studies at College General Major Seminary, Penang, in 1968. He was ordained a priest on 26 January 1974 by Archbishop Dominic Vendargon at the Church of the Visitation, Seremban.

Following his ordination, he was posted to his home parish, Church of the Visitation, as Assistant Priest. In 1975, Fr Joachim was appointed Parish Priest of the Church of St Aloysius, Mantin where he served for five years. In 1980, he pursued post-graduate studies in Rome and obtained a Licentiate in Theology.

Upon his return to Malaysia, he was once again assigned to the Church of the Visitation, Seremban, this time as Parish Priest.

Over the years, Fr Joachim served in several parishes in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur and held terms as Senator for the KL North and Klang District. He was also an Exco member of the

Malaysian Bible Society and Ecclesiastical Assistant for the Kuala Lumpur Archdiocese
Biblical Apostolate.

Below is a summary of Fr Joachim's pastoral postings:

1974	Assistant Priest	Church of the Visitation, Seremban
1975 - Sept 1980	Parish Priest	Church of St Aloysius, Mantin
May 1984 - Jan 1991	Parish Priest	Church of the Visitation, Seremban
Feb 1991 - Aug 1998	Parish Priest	Church of St Thomas, Kuantan
Sept 1998 - Aug 2005	Parish Priest	Church of Jesus Caritas, Kepong
Sept 2005 - Aug 2012	Parish Priest	Church of the Holy Redeemer, Klang
Sept 2012 - Dec 2021	Parish Priest	Church of the Holy Rosary, KL
Jan 2022 - April 2022	Retired/ Priest in Residence	Church of the Holy Rosary, KL
May 2022 - Demise	Resident	St Francis Xavier Home for the Elderly, Cheras

Shy and unassuming, Fr Joachim will be fondly remembered as a soft-spoken, humble priest who was ever willing to give a listening ear and spiritual guidance to those in need. He placed much importance on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and could often be found in the confessional both before and after Mass.

He is predeceased by his parents and leaves behind a sister, a brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

The details of the wake at **Dewan Hsiong, Church of the Holy Rosary, Jalan Tun Sambanthan, 50470 Kuala Lumpur** are as follows:

- 22 October 2022 (Saturday) from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- 23 October 2022 (Sunday) from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
- 24 October 2022 (Monday) from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
- 24 October 2022 (Monday) Requiem Mass at 8:00 pm

The Funeral Mass will be held on **Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at 10.30 am at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Kuala Lumpur**. Fr Joachim will be laid to rest at the Catholic Cemetery, Jalan Bukit, Kajang.

His Grace Most Reverend Julian Leow, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur and the clergy of the Archdiocese would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Fr Joachim Tan in this time of loss and are united with them in fraternal prayer and support.

We invite the clergy, religious and faithful to remember Fr Joachim Tan in your Masses and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Rev Fr Dr Clarence Devadass
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur

