

# Be Joyful and Keep the Faith

## *Jubilee Message*

### **FATHER CYRIL**



*What a rich and profound message from the patron saint of our nation. Faith is a gift, a precious gift, a gift to be lived, celebrated and shared. Christian families are the fundamental platform where we live, celebrate and share that gift of faith. I believe that the parish community is an extended family; a family of love and support, of fellowship and communion.*

*“God loves a cheerful giver!”*

*We come together: different nationalities, cultures, colours, languages and with different problems and concerns under one roof and around one table. We experience an invisible bond between us; the bond of faith, love and hope. This is the secret and sacred power of the Eucharist. It strengthens us, unites us, sanctifies us and challenges us. The Eucharist transforms us and makes a Eucharistic community ready to be broken and shared in our field of action. We become witnesses and messengers of the Gospel by simply living the spirit of the Eucharist in our families, in our work place and in moments of sickness and suffering.*

*We have been blessed by God to celebrate this precious gift of the Eucharist in this holy place for the last sixty years. As we thank God for His abundant blessings and protection,*

*we are called to be eternally grateful to our pioneers for their great sacrifice and dedication.*

*We also thank God for the priests and religious who supported and strengthened their faith journey. May the Good Lord bless them all and reward them for their selflessness in the School of the Lord's Service.*

*“May I salute you all with all my love and humble prayers.”*

*God loves a cheerful giver! My dear people it is your generosity with a cheerful face that makes our parish community a living, Celebrating, sharing and growing community. There are around 150 people directly involved with a specific responsibility in the day to day running of the parish and the celebration of sacraments in our Community. There is also the indirect support from so many of you!!! May I salute you with all my love and humble prayers. After all we are co-pilgrims.*

*Let us continue our journey together to our Promised Land holding one another, so that the weak may be supported by the strong, poor by the rich, sorrowful by the cheerful, sick by the healthy, young by the senior and thus the light of our faith may be continued generation after generation in this humble but holy and happy place!*

