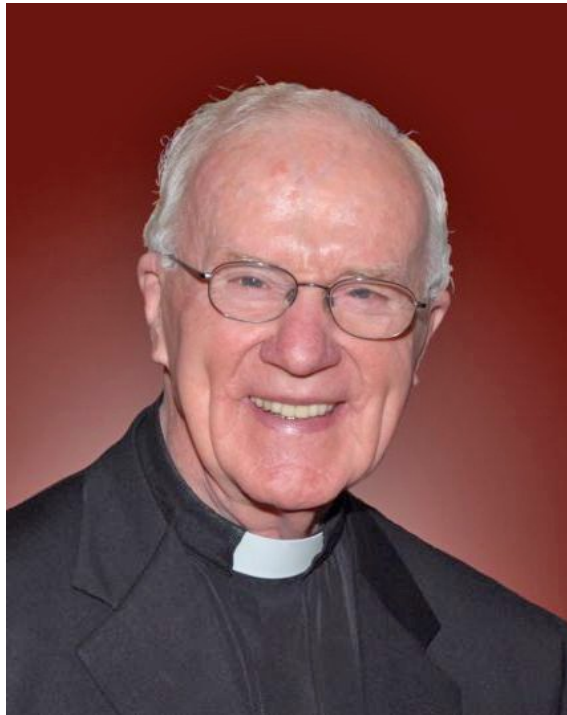


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1927-03-25	Born in Mullagh, Cavan, Ireland
1945-09-07	Entered the Society of Jesus at Emo Park, Portlaoise, Laoise
1947-09-08	First Vows at Emo Park
1947-1950	Juniorate at University College, Dublin, Ireland
1950-1953	Studied Philosophy at Tullabeg College
1953-08-27	Arrived in Hong Kong
1953-1955	Studied Chinese Cantonese in Cheung Chau
1955-1956	Regency: Taught in Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
1956-1960	Studied Theology in Milltown Park, Dublin, Ireland
1959-07-31	Ordained priest in Milltown Park
1960-1961	Tertianship in Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin
1961-1962	In Cheung Chau, as Socius to the Master of Novices; Studied Chinese Cantonese
1962-1968	Prefect of Studies of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
1968-1970	Principal of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
1970-1978	Warden of Ricci Hall, the University of Hong Kong (At Ricci Hall as Socius to the Provincial, as Superior and as Warden)
1977-11-05	Final Vows at Ricci Hall, Hong Kong
1978-1992	Principal of Wah Yan College, Kowloon
1992-1996	Assistant Secretary for Jesuit Education in East Asia Oceania Region
1993-2006	Supervisor of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong
1996-2002	Regional Superior Macau-Hong Kong (Chinese Province)
2002-2005	Provincial Delegate for Hong Kong (Chinese Province)
2005-2012	Superior of Hong Kong Matteo Ricci Community (Chinese Province)
1997	Co-founder of the Hong Kong International Institute of Educational Leadership (HKIIEL)
1999-2017	Chairman of the Jesuit Board of Education (Hong Kong)
2003	Awarded the Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa (The University of Hong Kong)
2005-2007	Supervisor of Wah Yan College, Kowloon
2007	Chairman of the Wah Yan One Family Foundation
2008	Awarded the Degree of Doctor of Education honoris causa (The Hong Kong Institute of Education)
2012	Awarded the Degree of Doctor of Social Science honoris causa (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
2018-12-11	Returned to the Lord from Hong Kong

Entrance Hymn: **Lord of All Hopefulness** **#497**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Eulogy

First Reading

(Isaiah 25:6-10a)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on his mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; Let us be glad
and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.”

The word of the Lord. *R. Thanks be to God.*

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my Shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose. *R.*

Near restful waters he leads me
To revive my dropping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name. *R.*

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing *R.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house I shall dwell
For ever and ever. *R.*

Second Reading

(2 Timothy 4: 6-8)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:

I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith.

From now on

there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give me on that day,

and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his
appearing.

The word of the Lord. *R. Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia

God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son;

everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia

GOSPEL

(Luke 24:13-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the first day of the week, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometers from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of Angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily:

Prayer of the Faithful: Intercessions

The response is: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Priest: God, the Almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead: *R.*

For our beloved Fr. Deignan, who had such distinguished achievements in his life career as a servant of Christ. He dedicated his entire self to educating us to such fullness that even in his final days, with his last breath, he was teaching us about the joy of living and the ease of dying through looking forward to heaven. May his devoted service for Your name and great glory, Lord, be worthy of Your eternal reward, and may he be lovingly embraced by You in heaven now: *R.*

For Fr. Naylor and Fr. Mallin, two equally outstanding teacher-priests who passed away last year, as well as all the 200 or so Jesuits of the Irish Province who had similarly come to serve our community in Hong Kong selflessly since 1926. May they all have found everlasting peace and joy with You now: *R.*

For the late Mr. Anthony Ho and the late Mr. Raymond Yu, former Vice Principals of Wah Yan Hong Kong and Wah Yan Kowloon, and the late Ms. Monica Tang, teacher of Wah Yan Kowloon, who also passed away last year, as well as the host of lay teachers who

had in their lives and careers, devotedly educated us. May You find their service pleasing to You, and welcome them to share the joy of heaven: *R.*

For all the Jesuits and lay teachers of the two Wah Yan Colleges, present and to come. May they be fortified by You Lord and continue to pursue the goals of Jesuit education: *R.*

For all of us, Old Boys of Wah Yan, as well as all our Joint Catholic School friends. May we live our lives worthy of the sacrifices of the religious Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and their colleagues, whom You Lord sent to educate us, so that we may be reunited with everyone of them in heaven one day. *R.*

For more young Faithfuls to become Jesuits or follow the vocation of consecrated lives or become teachers, to continue the important work of educating the young to become good persons and leading them to You Lord: *R.*

Priest: Lord, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Offertory Hymn: Take, Lord, Receive

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,
My memory, understanding, my entire will.

Refrain:

Give me only Your love and Your grace, that's enough for me. Your love and Your grace, are enough for me.

Take, Lord, receive all I have and possess.
You have given all to me, now I return it.

Take, Lord, receive, all is Yours now.
Dispose of it, wholly according to Your will.

Communion: Anima Christi

Amina Christi, sanctifica me.
Corpus Christi, salva me.
Sanguis Christi, inebria me.
Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me*

Passio Christi, conforta me.'
O bone Jesu, exaudi me.
Intra tua vulnera absconde me.

*Passion of Christ, Strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wound hide me.*

Ne permittas me separari a te.
Ab hoste maligno defende me
In hora mortis meae voca me

*Do not permit me be separated from Thee.
From the malicious foe, defend me
In the hour of my death, call me*

Et iube me venire ad te,
Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te,
In saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

*And bid me come to thee
That with thy Saints I may praise Thee,
forever and ever
Amen.*

V. 1 O Lord my God, when I am in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Chorus):

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great thou art! How great Thou art!**

V. 2 When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze
(to chorus)

V3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Send Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin (to chorus)

V4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
(to chorus)