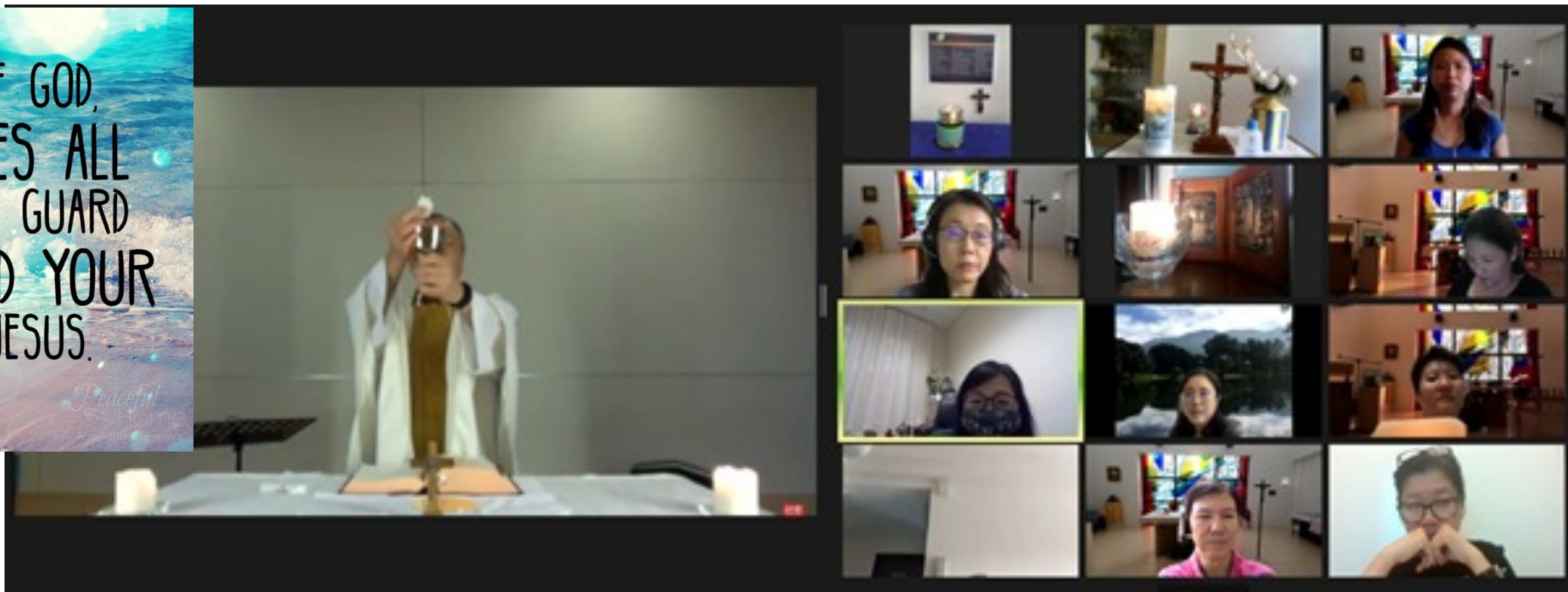
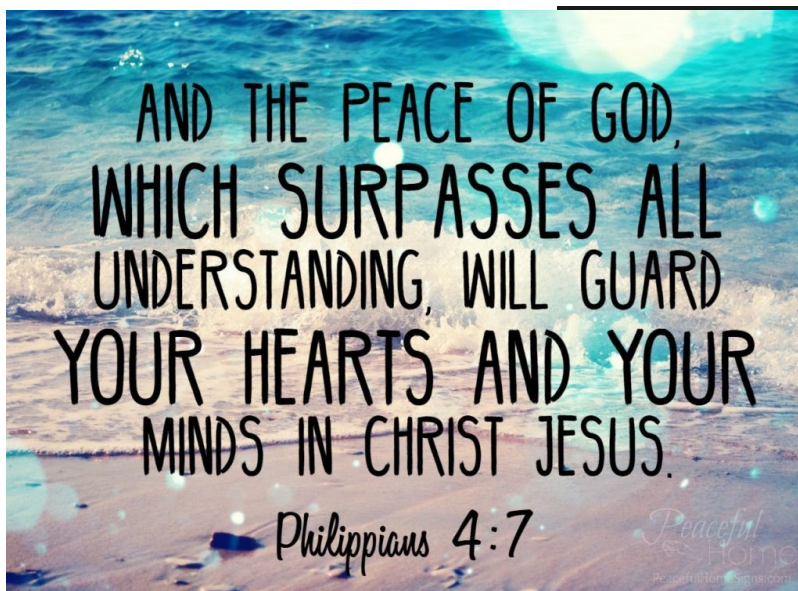


PSLE Prayer Vigil I – 7 Oct 2020

When my friend and fellow CHIJ parent, Joyce, found out that I was a bundle of nerves being a first-time “PSLE parent” this year, she invited me to attend the PSLE Vigil session, which took place at the same time as the girls were taking their papers each day. I am an ex-IJ girl but not a Catholic, so I wasn’t sure what to expect. However, I immediately felt a grateful sense of welcome and belonging from the very first session.

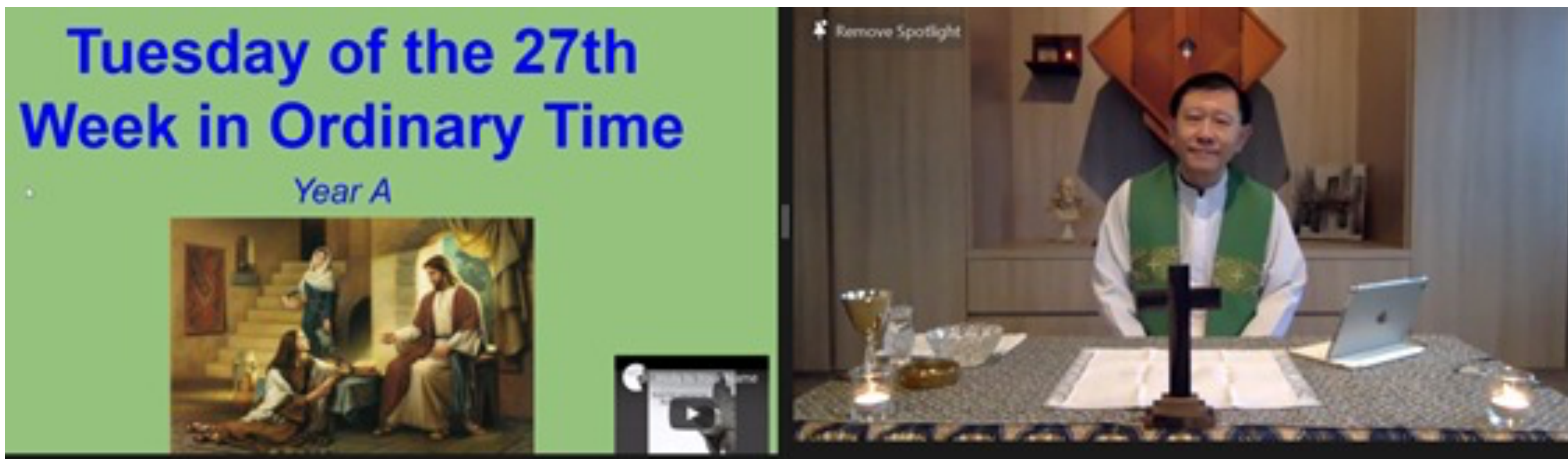
This year is unique because due to COVID-19 safety measures, the PSLE Mass and Vigil session had to go online. This turned out to be a blessing for a non-Catholic parent like me, who would otherwise have missed such a special event.





A parent from each class was selected as the class representative, and at the start of each day, the class representative would light a candle for each class, while they carefully read out each and every one of the girls' names, while everyone else prayed for the girls. What I took away from this experience is that God does not only take care of the Catholics or Christians, but he takes care of everyone, regardless of race or religion. I felt very touched by his love for our children, as well as His love towards all of us parents too.





Overall, the PSLE Vigil was a really positive experience for me. Over the 4 days, I found the peace that I was looking for, and I felt God's presence and immense love bursting through my mobile device, as we all prayed together online.

I especially enjoyed writing the post-PSLE Letter to my daughter that we were asked to do as part of the Vigil. I could express my thoughts and feelings, as well as show my daughter my gratitude for all the effort that she had put in, preparing for her first national examination.




I would like to thank Joyce and the Central Parent Council, for organising the PSLE Vigil, despite the challenges this year.


Special thanks to the parents who led the PSLE Vigil, and the rest of the parents who prayed alongside with us.

Thank you for dedicating your time. May God Bless You!


Benediction




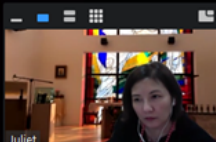
Down in adoration falling
This great sacrament we hail,
Ancient types have long departed,
Newer rites of grace prevail.
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Equal praise to Him confessing
Who proceeds from both as one.
Amen.



2nd Joyful Mystery – The Visitation



Our Father... 10 Hail Mary... Glory Be to the Father



**For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us and
on the whole world. (10x)**

