

## *SRC Newsletter*

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### *Introduction*

*Wow! Wow! We are here in week one of second semester. A warm Welcome to everyone (YTU Staffs, lecturers and students) and specially the new students, we hope everyone have a wonderful semester break despite COVID 19 pandemic. The SRC wishes everyone best of luck and every blessing as we start the second semester. Unfortunately, we will not meet each other face to face but will continue via ZOOM. It seemed this year has been a challenging year given the coronavirus but we appreciate everything as it is. Mega thanks to our YTU administration for making our classes and everything possible, last semester and this as we commence. The SRC will be contacting these new student over the next week.*

*We will have many things highlighted in the newsletter and we urge to keep your eyes open and ears sharp. We welcome Bernard Marmion to be our “MEETING THE FOLK” this week.*

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## ***“Meeting the Folks”***

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### **Bernard Marmion**

I heard this story the other day.

A young boy's parents were killed by the virus that was raining through the land. He survived. Because he was now destitute, it was decided that he should go and live with an aunt, who lived many miles away.

For the next fifteen years she brought him up as her own child. She cared for him, gave him whatever he needed. Until one day, as is the custom with all children, he eventually left home and make his own way in life.

One daytime this young man received a letter from his aunt's family. Telling him that his aunt, who had cared and protected for so many years had contracted terminal cancer and had only weeks to live. So he decided to write her a letter.

My dear aunt. Do you remember when I came to live with you. I was only five years old and I had just lost my parents. My small world that I was used to had disintegrated around me. I was frightened and so needed to feel safe and be loved. When I arrived at your home you took me up into your arms. feed me, loved me and protected me. All the fears and worries I had experienced seemed to disappear like a puff of smoke.

When I came to you, I can remember leaving my hometown on a journey that never seemed to end, which was hours away from your home. It was so frightening and the fears and sorrows that darkness envelope me, I knew I would eventually come to end when I was safe in your house.

As time passed, I was excited and was looking forward to meeting you at the station. All I wanted was to be in-folded in your arms, and to know that all my hurts would just disappear. But when I got off the train, you were not there to meet me. My world had again come to an end.

Instead of meeting you, I was met by a stern old man in a black raincoat. He placed me on the back seat of his hug car and told me to sit still, stop crying as we had a very long journey.

The journey seemed to take for ever. We passed through deserted towns that had been decimated by the virus. We went through blackened forests destroyed by fire. Through crowds of people crying out for help. I was so scared; I wished I could do something to help them.

Eventually far in the distance I saw the light of your home. The gates opened I stepped through. You sweep me up in your embrace. You fed me. Gave me one of your grand rooms. You called me your son. All those tears of fears and hurt evaporated, you washed them away with the gentle tears of your love for me.

My dear aunt you have also been on this same journey. Your life has had it good times and its bad times. But now it is time for your journey to come to an end you are being called home. Just as it will be for me one day.

I love you and I will meet you again.

Bernard

# Highlights

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## **Greatest Congrats**

*The SRC wishes to congratulate Luke Bulley (Cp), and Dalzet Tapi (Cp), for their great commitment to final vows over the break. Luke Bulley was our former SRC president has made his final vows whilst Dalzet the current member of the SRC has renewed his vows for further 12 months. We wish both of them all the very best in their faith journey and their vocation. May they be nourished and strengthened by God's grace as they strive to follow Christ. Below is a picture for both of them.*

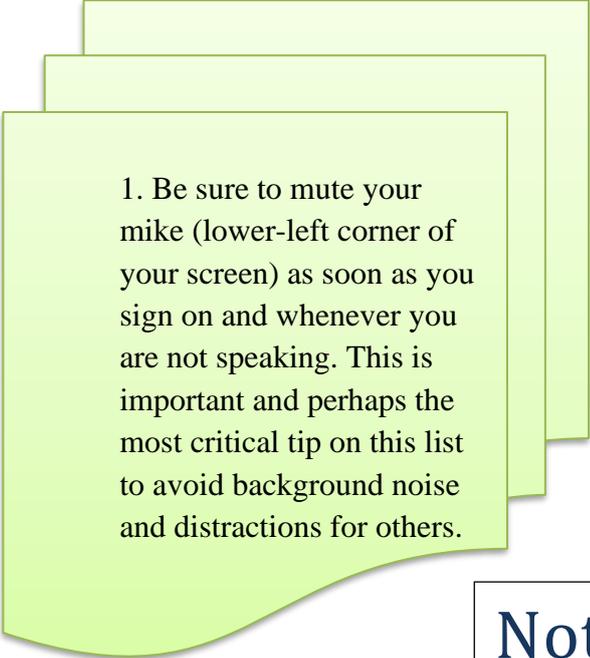
Dalzet Tapi (CP)

Luke Bulley (CP)

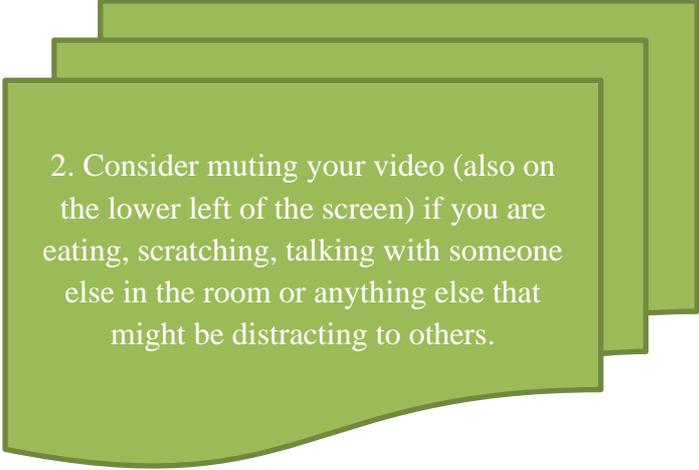


## The ten (10) Zoom hygiene and etiquette tips

The coronavirus pandemic has brought new changes to everything. Our face to face classes is a clear example which is now on pause and we are adapting to what is known as “Zoom classes”. Thanks to the technology, we are able to have our classes still. Below are some tips about using Zoom. Please, take note of them as each week two tips will be posted for good zoom users.



1. Be sure to mute your mike (lower-left corner of your screen) as soon as you sign on and whenever you are not speaking. This is important and perhaps the most critical tip on this list to avoid background noise and distractions for others.



2. Consider muting your video (also on the lower left of the screen) if you are eating, scratching, talking with someone else in the room or anything else that might be distracting to others.

### Notices

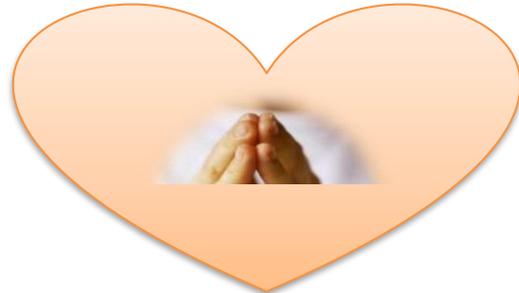
1. The SRC has planned to do some activities so keep eyes and ears open. We might come up with QUITZ element in the newsletter- this will come with a prize at the end of the year. So, keep your eyes fixed and ears open.
2. You might recognise in the newsletter, there will be a prayer section. This means we are invited to pray for people in need of our prayers. Therefore, we kindly ask that if any one requested or might want us to pray for, please send us the name so that we can post it in the newsletter in the prayer section which everyone can remember them in prayer. This is a way to show that we care for one another and it illustrates a picture of us ONE BIG FAMILY in Christ.
3. The committee is always looking for articles and incites for the Newsletter. If you have please forward them to the secretary.

## Prayer Section

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-As we are facing this trying time with Coronavirus pandemic, many things have changed and people are suffering. Many have died, many become sick (physically, emotionally) and many other challenges that they are facing.

For them, let us remember them in our prayers, so that they can find consolation and peace in their lives.



Janette has also requested that we remember Frank's family and specially his deceased parents in our prayer. May the Lord grant them eternal peace.

- Simon, who some of you know, lost his father this month. The good thing, he was able to be with his family, as he is still living in Mexico.
- All the members of YTU, are keeping those families of students in their prayers. Especially for those in countries who are suffering from the virus.

## Quote for the week

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Let us ask the Lord that our work today makes us all more humble, meek, more patient and more trusting in God so that the Church may give beautiful witness to the

**Have a wonderful week**

