

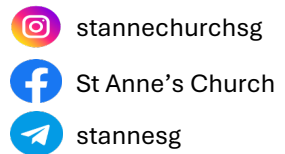


ST ANNE'S CHURCH

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17 & 18 Jan 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

St Anne's Church: Functional Screening by AIC

Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is holding a Functional Screening programme (Project Silver Screen) in St Anne's Parish Centre **on 7 February 2026, Saturday from 9.00am to 12.30pm**. This programme is for **Singaporeans aged 60 and above** and it aims to help them see, hear, and eat better and access assistive devices if needed.

An individual is eligible for this screening if their **last screening was at least 1 year ago**. Payment will be made in cash on the day itself.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or via this link:

<https://form.gov.sg/5c45c47aaf7dc60010e5dbb5>



For any queries or issues in registering, kindly reach out to AIC directly (1800 650 6060) or email Jonathan (sac.pastoral.outreach@catholic.org.sg).

Word of God Sunday Mass on January 24/25

In place of catechism, all children registered to St Anne's Catechism from K1 to L9 are to attend the Word of God Sunday Mass together with their families on the weekend of January 24/25.

Collection of Blessed Palms for Ash Wednesday 2026

Please return your old blessed palms which will be prepared for Ash Wednesday 2026 into the containers placed at outside the sacristy and Parish Office. Please remove the blessed palms from the bags that they were kept in, and do not dispose anything else into the containers.

The last day for collection of palms is 1 February 2026, Sunday.

Registration Links for The Search and RCIA (English)

Registration for The Search and RCIA is now open! The RCIA team will be setting up a physical booth for this weekend (10/11 Jan 2026) and next weekend (17/18 Jan 2026) outside the Main Church for registration and to answer any queries.

QR codes and physical registration forms will be available. These programmes are open to non-Catholics, baptised Christians and newly baptised Catholics.

Catholics who also wish to deepen their faith are also welcome to come and register!

The closing date for registration is **20 January 2026**.

For all enquiries, email Brandon at sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

The Search Details:

Dates: 3 February 2026 – 24 March 2026

The Search will be done online (Zoom) every Tuesday @ 8pm

RCIA begin with The Search and will continue on 7 April 2026, Tuesday at 8pm in St Joachim's Hall (Level 4). Thereafter, it is on every Tuesday at the same time and place.

The Search



RCIA



THE LAMB OF GOD

We celebrate the Servant of God who came to do the Father's will in perfect obedience. Yet he was more than a servant. John the Baptist calls him the Lamb, the chosen one of God.



Reflecting on the Gospel

As we begin Ordinary Time, in today's gospel reading, John the Baptist sets the stage for the first disciples to recognise and follow Jesus. His proclamation of Jesus as Lamb of God has caused debate among scholars. For some, this title evokes the servant in Isaiah, spoken of in today's first reading; subsequent chapters of Isaiah emphasise the suffering of the servant, who is oppressed and afflicted, "and did not open his mouth; / Like a lamb led to slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7). Others think of the lambs sacrificed in the temple as sin offerings (Leviticus 4:32-35).

Still others think it's a reference to the Passover lamb, whose blood was smeared on the doorposts of the Israelites the night before beginning their exodus from Egypt (Exodus 12:1-13).

One difficulty with the first interpretation is that it fits the Synoptic Gospels better than the Gospel of John. In the Synoptic tradition, Jesus doesn't answer back throughout his trial; he stands before his accusers in silence. In John, however, Jesus is depicted as fully aware and even in control of the events in the passion narrative. He doesn't remain silent but answers back in a confrontational manner when he is struck (18:23). In the book of Revelation, the victorious Lamb completes the picture begun in the Gospel of John.

The symbol of a sacrificial lamb isn't a good fit for the Gospel of John. Jesus stops the sacrificial process in the temple, driving out the sheep and the cattle (2:13-22). Moreover, in the gospel, he speaks of himself not as an unwitting victim but as the shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep (10:7-18).

Most likely it is the symbolism of the Passover lamb that the author of this gospel has in mind. Just as in the exodus, the lamb's blood protects the people as they begin their arduous journey toward new life. At the death of Jesus, the evangelist brings this symbolism to the fore again, by interpreting the decision not to break Jesus's legs, as they did to the other two crucified with him, as a fulfilment of the Scriptures that refer to the Passover lamb: "Not a bone of it will be broken" (John 19:36; cf. Exodus 12:46). As the new Passover lamb, Jesus protects his disciples (17:11-15) and opens the way for the new liberation of his people.

It is not as an expiatory sacrificial lamb that Jesus takes away the sin of the world, but as one who embodies a way of life that frees people from all sinfulness that holds them bound. He shares with his disciples the power to live this manner of life when he appears to them after the resurrection, breathing the Spirit upon them and commissioning them: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (20:23). Just as John predicts in today's gospel, Jesus bathes his followers with the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as he did, forgiving everyone we can. Living in this way extends John's testimony to the Lamb of God in our day and continues Christ's action of taking away the sin of the whole world.

The Living Liturgy

CHURCH GROUNDS OPENING HOURS

Mon – Sat: 6am – 10pm;
Sun: 6am – 6pm;
Public Holidays on Weekdays:
7am – 1pm.

MASS (ENGLISH)

Mon – Fri:
6.30am & 7.30pm
Sat:
6.30am & 4.30pm (Sunset)
Sun:
7.30am, 9.30am,
11.30am, 4.30pm
Public Holidays on weekdays:
8am (no evening Mass)

华文弥撒

每个月第一和第三个星期日
(主日弥撒)
下午1.30pm (圣堂内)

TAMIL MASS

Every 4th Sun of the month: 2pm

SECRETARIAT OFFICE

Mon – Fri: 9am to 6pm
2nd & last Sun of the month:
9am to 12pm
sac.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

PASTORAL OFFICE

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri & Sat:
9am to 6pm
Closed on Wed, Sun & PH
sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm
Sat: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm
Tel: 68813197 / 87984911
sac.catechist@catholic.org.sg

COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm
Tues – Fri:
9am – 11.30am; 1pm – 4pm
Tel: 63863792
sac.columbarium@catholic.org.sg

COLUMBARIUM PRAYERS & MASS INTENTIONS

On the last Sunday of the month
Prayers at the columbarium
after the 11.30am Mass

CHILDREN LITURGY

Every Sun at 11.30am Mass

CONFESSIONS

20 mins before English weekend
Masses in Church

HOLY HOUR

1st Thursday of the month
8.15pm in Church

COUNSELLING

by Catholic Family Life
Available for face-to-face
session in St Anne's Church every
Tues at 7.30pm & 8.45pm or via
Zoom from Mon to Sat by appt.
Tel: 66318963
(Mon – Fri: 12pm – 4pm)
<https://pbc.familylife.sg/>

BOOK & GIFT SERVICE CENTRE

Sat: 4pm – 6pm
Sun: 8am – 1pm
Contact Stephen @ 90880575