

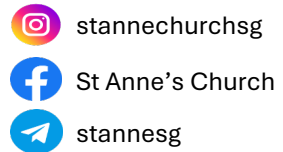


ST ANNE'S CHURCH

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25 & 26 Jan 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Holy Hour

We will be having our monthly parish Holy Hour on 5 February 2026 at 8.15pm in the Main Church Hall. All are invited, and all ministry members are called to come together to pray as a body.



St Anne's Church: Rolling Good Times

As part of our St Anne's Seniors Wellness Programme, we have partnered with HPB to launch another round of Rolling Good Times, an exercise and strengthening programme that happens twice a week over the course of 6 weeks. The programme will begin on 23 February 2026. More details of the programme are as follows:

Programme Days: Mondays and Thursdays

Timing: 2pm – 3.30pm

If you are interested, please sign up for the **Registration Day screening on 5 February, Thursday**. You will only be confirmed into this programme if you pass this screening. You may scan the QR code to sign up.



Sign ups will close on 1 February, Sunday. For all enquiries, please email Jonathan via sac.pastoral.outreach@catholic.org.sg

Infant Baptism 2026

The Sacrament of Baptism is important for our children because through it, they are united to Jesus and become God's adopted children. They also enter into Christ's Body, the Church and its sacramental life and mission. This year we will embark on a new programme to prepare both parents and godparents on the essential role of Baptism in God's plan for salvation to better appreciate the life-changing effects of Baptism, the meaning of the rite of Baptism and the mission of Christ that Baptism commits us to.

Dates for Infant Baptism in 2026: 12 April, 9 August, 13 December

Time: 1.30pm

There will be **two preparation sessions** that all parents and godparents are required to attend before Baptism. The sessions will be held on **two consecutive Saturdays before the Baptism, from 9am to 11am**. The Baptism Application form will be available by Chinese New Year, both online and hardcopies.

The Burning Bush (TBB): Anchored and Alive – Prayer Meeting

TBB will be holding the following prayer meetings at St Joachim's Hall (Level 4) on Wednesdays at 8.15pm:

21 January 2026: P&W and Testimony

28 January 2026: Memorial Stones: Remembering what God has Done

4 February 2026: Living Stones: Becoming what God is Doing

No registration is needed. Come and see, all are invited!

Grandma Kitchen will be temporarily closed for rectification works with effect from 25 January till further notice. We seek your understanding.

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Good News we have heard is like a beacon light which draws men irresistibly to Christ. We must not be content with lesser light.

Reflecting on the Gospel



In the Gospel of Matthew, the account of Jesus's forty days in the desert – fasting, resisting the temptations of the devil, quoting Scripture, and being ministered to by angels – immediately precedes the passage that we hear proclaimed as our gospel reading today. These preparations in the desert make him ready to begin his prophetic ministry.

The Gospel of John notes that after Jesus' baptism, he spent time baptising in the Judean countryside, while John was baptising at Aenon near Salim (John 3:22-23), a location likely in Samaria. Matthew's Gospel picks up the story with John having been arrested, which prompts

Jesus to return to Galilee. It is likely that John had moved on to Galilee with his baptising ministry, since it is Herod, tetrarch of Galilee, who imprisons him (Matthew 14:1-12). The reason for Jesus's return to Galilee may have been to pick up where John left off. This is an ominous move. Jesus does not go to his hometown of Nazareth, a sleepy village of a few hundred families, but to Capernaum, a bustling fishing town on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was located at the crossroads of the territories of Herod and Philip, along the Via Maris, the "Way of the Sea", the international trade route that connected Damascus and Syria with Phoenicia and Egypt. This was a strategic choice by Jesus. The light he would ignite with his preaching, teaching, and healing would have a far greater reach from such a locale.

One of the first things the gospels recount is that, like moths drawn to a light, others are attracted by Jesus's invitation to share in "catching" people in the net of the reign of God that is now at hand. It is a communal endeavour. In today's gospel, two pairs of brothers are called. In Luke's Gospel, Mary from Magdala, another important fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, follows Jesus and ministers along with Joanna, Susanna, and many other Galilean women (Luke 8:2-3); their healing has prompted them to join Jesus to be agents of healing for others. The response of the disciples in today's gospel also initiates radical changes in their lives. They leave their occupation, though they bring their skills with them to be used in a new way. There are also changes in their family relationships, as the relationship with Jesus and devotion to his mission becomes their primary focus. While it is said that James and John left their father, later episodes in the gospel imply that in the case of Peter, his family home becomes a hub for the mission, in which his family members play an important role (see, for example, Matthew 8:14-17).

Together, Jesus and his disciples spread the light of hope for those who struggle against the despair of disease, illness, and sin. The forces that tried to extinguish this light in John will be no more successful in doing so with Jesus and his followers.

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
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PASTORAL OFFICE

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Closed on Wed, Sun & PH
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CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm
Sat: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm
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COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm
Tues – Fri:
9am – 11.30am; 1pm – 4pm
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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