

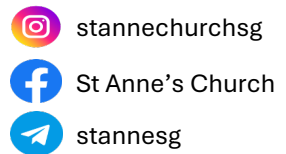


ST ANNE'S CHURCH

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31 Jan & 1 Feb 2026

3rd 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 650 060) or email Jonathan (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. both online and hardcopies.

St Anne's Church: Parish Summer Camp

Join us for our Parish Summer Camp at HARRIS Resort Barelang Batam from **Tuesday 2 June to Friday 5 June 2026 (4D3N)**! All are invited — singles, families, young and old! This camp will be full of renewal, formation, fun and fellowship.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT* for those who register by **6 February 2026**

via the QR code or this link: tinyurl.com/sacsummerinterest

(*more information in the interest form)

For enquiries, please email us at sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg



OUR NOTHINGNESS

Yes, we can celebrate today our nothingness in the eyes of the world, because God has looked on our humility and lowliness and given us the wisdom, virtue and holiness of Christ. He alone is our boast.



Reflecting on the Gospel

How do we find fulfilment and joy when the effects of sin and strife have marred the past and when hunger, poverty, devastation of the planet, ongoing wars, and terrorism point to a bleak future? In today's gospel Jesus sums up in eight statements a way of life that brings true happiness and blessing already in the present, along with the promise of fullness of joy in days to come. There is nothing terribly new in this teaching. The prophets and wisdom teachers before Jesus spoke in a similar manner (e.g. Proverbs 3:13; 28:14; Sirach 25:7-9; Isaiah 30:18; 32:20). Each statement of the Beatitudes begins, *makarioi hoi*, "Blessed (or "happy") are those who..." Each is in the third-person plural, indicating

communal action and relationship. The first thing the Beatitudes tell us, then, is that living them is not an individual pursuit.

The Beatitudes name the ways in which peoples' happiness is threatened: grinding poverty (the Greek *ptōchos* in v.3 denotes "beggar", one who is destitute), grief, landlessness, hunger, war, and persecution. Jesus does not advise that those so afflicted simply wait for a reversal of fortune in the hereafter, though the final verse does speak of great reward in heaven.

Jesus also counsels attitudes and actions that will bring about the reign of God, already tasted in the present. To be poor in spirit is not to accept poverty as an inevitable state of life, but rather to find one's wealth in God, to trust in God's care for the poor (Exodus 22:25-27; Isaiah 61:1), and to seek righteousness, which rectifies the unequal distribution of goods, so that all have enough to thrive.

To be meek is not to be shrinking violets who accept injustice but, rather, to know our proper place as children of God and to ensure that all are treated as full heirs to God's realm. To be peace builders, we are to engage in acts of mercy and forgiveness, which cleanse the heart and allow us to see God in the faces of our brothers and sisters here and now. And like the grieving women who went to the tomb of Jesus, we do not mourn in despair when we suffer loss but we allow our sorrow to be transformed by hope in the Risen One.

Such a manner of life is able to heal the hurtful memories of the past and to transform the present toward a hope-filled future. This is not proposed as an intense form of Christianity meant for only a few select persons (as some in past generations suggested). Jesus addresses this teaching to all his disciples and to a great crowd, inviting them to recognise their capacity for happiness in the present by espousing attitudes and actions that will influence the future.

Jesus's teaching is different from the often-quoted maxim of Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804 – 64): "Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you." Happiness is available to us when we pursue Jesus's manner of living, which is already within our grasp.

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
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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
Tel: 63863792
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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