

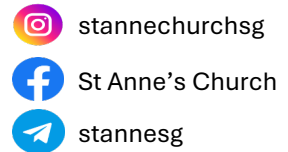


## ST ANNE'S CHURCH

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**7 & 8 Feb 2026**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

### **CNY & Ash Wednesday Masses; Stations of the Cross during Lent**

16 February, Monday (CNY Eve): 6.30am

17 February, Tuesday (CNY Day 1): 8am (Mandarin) & 10.30am (English)

18 February, **Ash Wednesday** (CNY Day 2): 8am (English) & 10.30am (English)

The Parish Office will be closed from 16 February to 18 February.

**On 17 and 18 February, the Adoration Room closes at 1pm and the Columbarium at 10pm.**

There will be Stations of Cross every Friday from 20 Feb to 27 March 2026 at 7pm, followed by evening Mass.

### **Parish Summer Camp**

All are invited, singles, families, young and old! This camp will be full of renewal, formation, fun and fellowship.

Location: HARRIS Resort Bareleng Batam

Dates: Tuesday 2 June to Friday 5 June 2026 (4D3N)

**Registrations are still open! Sign up closes on 28 February 2026.**

Scan the QR code or click this link: [tinyurl.com/sacsummerinterest](https://tinyurl.com/sacsummerinterest)

*(More information in the interest form)*

For enquiries, please email us at [sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg)



### **Lenten Holy Hour and Formation Series**

As a follow up from our Inaugural Parish Gathering, we will be having a 5-part formation series with Holy Hour over Lent starting Saturday, 21 Feb. We will focus on prayer, communion, and mission as we prepare our hearts for Easter and as we move towards becoming a missionary parish.

Location: Main Church

Dates: 21 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar (Every Saturday)

Time: 8pm – 9.30pm

**All are invited, and ministry members should be present.**

### **Malayalam Catholic Community – Annual Retreat 2026**

#### **Adult Retreat (Malayalam): 16 to 18 February 2026**

Venues: 16 February – Catholic Spirituality Centre, 1261 Upper Serangoon Road, S(534796)

17–18 February – Holy Innocents' High School, 1191 Upper Serangoon Road, S(534786)

#### **Youth Retreat (English, 18yrs and above): 13 to 15 February 2026**

Location: St. Francis Xavier Retreat Center, 199 Punggol 17th Avenue, S(829645)

#### **Teens Retreat (English, ages 13–17YRS): 16 to 18 February 2026**

Location: St. Francis Xavier Retreat Center, 199 Punggol 17th Avenue, S(829645)

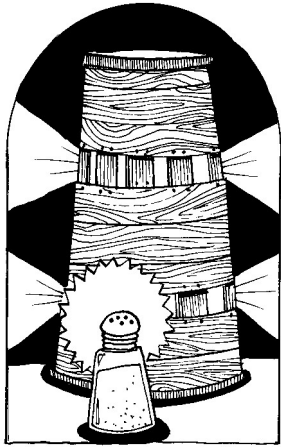
**For all enquiries, contact Jimmy Manuel @ 9061 3563 (Adults) or Jois @ 8113 9492 (Youth & Teens).**

### **Divine Mercy Devotion**

There will be Divine Mercy devotion on 14 February 2026, Saturday at 3pm in the Main Church Hall.

## CHRIST'S CHURCH: A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The Church is a light shining in the darkness of the world. But today's celebration is overshadowed by a great If. How much more brightly would that light shine if we who are Christians were really like Christ.



### Reflecting on the Gospel

Today if we say someone is “the salt of the earth,” we understand that person to be solid and dependable, someone who can be counted on through thick and thin. We might also say that someone's speech is salty to mean that their language is coarse, like that of a sailor who has been out to sea for a long time and who has not had to be concerned about using polite expressions in refined company. But when Jesus said to his disciples that they were the salt of the earth, they might have understood the metaphor in light of several biblical connotations.

First, salt was a critical necessity for human life, along with water, fire, and iron, as Sirach 39:26 states. Salt was important for seasoning and preserving food. Job questions, “Can anything insipid be eaten without salt?” (Job 6:6). A second way salt was important was for liturgical functions. It was included with cereal offerings (Leviticus 2:13) and burnt offering (Ezekiel 43:24). Blending salt with incense kept the fragrant powder pure and sacred (Exodus 30:35). Salt was what Elisha used to purify a polluted spring of water (2 Kings 2:19-22). In Catholic liturgical traditions, the baptismal ritual included putting salt on the infant's tongue, as a symbol of incorruptibility. Another way in which salt was used to ratify covenants (Numbers 18:19; 2 Chronicles 13:5). As a preservative, salt symbolised the lasting nature of the agreement.

Jesus then queries, “But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?” (Matthew 5:13). It seems like a trick question. Salt can be diluted, but could it ever lose its taste entirely? It is possible that Jesus was quoting an ancient proverb to which his disciples would respond, “Impossible!” In the Talmud there is an account of Rabbi Joshua ben Hananya (ca. 80–120 CE) who was asked by philosophers in the Atheneum at Rome, “With an after-birth of a mule” (*b. Bek. 8b*). The point is that just as it is impossible for a mule to give birth, or for salt to become insipid, so disciples cannot cease to be who they are and to season the world with the good news.

The accompanying image of disciples as light reinforces the message. As impossible as it is for a city set on a mountain to be hidden, and as unthinkable as wasting fuel by lighting a lamp only to extinguish it immediately, so inconceivable is it that disciples would cease to let their light shine before others. Although trials and tribulations may threaten to dilute disciples' “saltiness” or dim their light, nothing is ever able to take away their capacity to illumine God's love for others.

Finally, salt and light are most effective when they do not call attention to themselves. Just as in well-seasoned food the salt is not noticeable and in a properly lit room the lamps are not the focus of attention, so disciples' good deeds do not redound to themselves but lead others to glorify God.

*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

### INFANT BAPTISM

12 Apr, 9 Aug & 13 Dec at 1.30pm  
Applications close 1 month before  
each Infant Baptism Mass.

### COUNSELLING (BY CFL)

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