

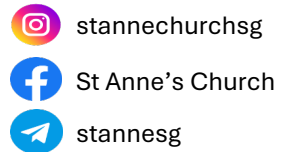


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Mar 14 & 15 2026

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Year A

"Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!" Isaiah 66:10

This weekend is Laetare Sunday, which means "rejoice" in the Latin. Laetare Sunday invites to a moment of respite from our Lenten fasts and penances. It marks the approximate halfway mark through this penitential season and today, we shift from a somber disposition to a joyful anticipation of our salvation!

As a sign of this joyful anticipation, St. Anne's Church is giving each family one Laetare Sunday themed magnet! May this magnet remind us that our Lenten penances are not ends in themselves, but to prepare us for the glorious joy of renewing our identity as God's sons and daughters.

Serangoon District: Lenten Confession Service

17 March (Tuesday), 8pm: Church of the Transfiguration

18 March (Wednesday), 8pm: Church of St. Francis Xavier

19 March (Thursday), 8pm: Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23 March (Monday), 8.15pm: St. Anne's Church

24 March (Tuesday), 8pm: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

25 March (Wednesday), 8pm: Church of St. Vincent de Paul

The Way of the Cross for Families

All families are warmly invited to join us for a special Family Stations of the Cross starting next Saturday, 14 March 2026 to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus. Come and pray together as parents, grandparents, and children, and grow closer to Jesus this Lent.

Dates: 14, 21 and 28 March 2026

Timing: 1.30pm

Location: Main Church

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

St Anne's Seniors Lenten Retreat

As we journey through this season of Lent, we would like to invite you to join us for a time of recollection and retreat.

Dates: 26 to 27 March 2026, Thursday to Friday

Location: Montfort Centre Singapore

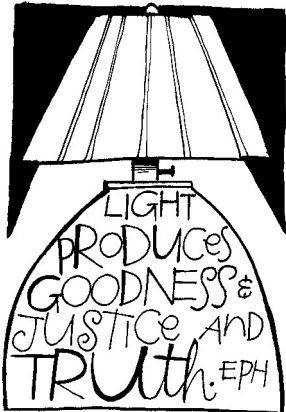
Limited slots are available. For registration, please sign up by **15 March 2026** via <http://tinyurl.com/seniorslentenretreat> or scan the QR code.

For all enquiries, please email Jonathan at sac.pastoral.outreach@catholic.org.sg



OUR SHEPHERD-KING IN THIS VALLEY OF DARKNESS

We walk in the darkness of this world, often assailed by fear and misgiving. But Christ, the Shepherd-King, the second David, lights up our way for us and cures our congenital blindness as he leads us to his kingdom.



Reflecting on the Gospel

In today's first reading, we hear of an unlikely choice of a leader. It goes against traditional thinking to look to the youngest to lead into the future. The prophet Samuel was sure that Eliab was the one to be anointed, but God instructed him not to judge by appearance and invited him to see as God does: by looking into the heart.

Today's gospel is also seeing with the heart and about the unlikely leadership of a man who had been born blind. By allowing the works of God to be made visible through him, he becomes able to lead others to faith, even if not all accept his testimony.

This same thing can be said of Jesus – he is an unconventional leader in the eyes of other leaders, whose objections and denials end with their refusal to see the works of God being made visible through him.

The man who was blind is open to the simple instructions of Jesus. He allows Jesus to put mud on his eyes, an ancient technique thought to have curative properties, and he obediently goes to the pool of Siloam, washes, and comes back able to see. In the lengthy exchanges that follow, first with his neighbours and then with the Pharisees, the man becomes more and more able to see with his heart, understanding more and more clearly who Jesus is. He moves from not knowing Jesus (v.12) to recognising him as a prophet (v.17), then as a man of God (v.31), and then as the Son of Man (v.38). In the end he worships him as Lord (v.38).

The other characters in the narrative throw up one obstacle after another, tenaciously refusing to see. The neighbours first debate about the identity of the man, insisting they do not see what they see. When the healed man settles that issue, they shift to the question of how the healing was done. Resisting the explanation of the newly sighted man, they turn to their leaders, who pick up the debate with the question of how the cure was done. The Pharisees latch on to another obstacle: Jesus must be a sinner because he did the healing on a Sabbath. When they turn to the healed man for his interpretation, he counters with, "He is a prophet." Unpersuaded, the leaders then revert to questioning whether there had actually been any blindness.

Coming back to the healed man, the leaders have now made up their minds about what they see: that Jesus is a sinner. They circle back to question the fact of the healing and how it was done. They shore up their certitude about what they know and what they see, claiming their faithfulness to Moses, and finally end by dismissing the healed man as a sinner too. What Jesus does is unheard of (v.32). The person he calls to lead others to faith is unconventional. The logical arguments about why it cannot be so are endless. Those who allow themselves to quell their objections and to see with the heart can lead the way into a transformed future.

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

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri & Sat:
9am to 6pm
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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

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