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Mar 21 & 22 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

Lenten Confession & Holy Week Schedule Cards

The Lenten Confessions and Holy Week 2026 schedule cards are available for your collection around the doors of the church. Please take home one copy per family if you do not have one.

Charities Week 2026 Envelopes

Please take home a Charities Week envelope if you have not taken one, and to offer up almsgiving during the last week of Lent. Envelopes can be found at all doors around the church. All envelopes are to be dropped off at any donation boxes within the church compound.

St Anne's Church Lenten Confession Service

St Anne's Church will be having our Lenten Confession Service on **23 March, Monday at 8.15pm** in the Main Church Hall **after** the 7.30pm Mass.

Palm Sunday Mass Timings

28 March 2026, Saturday: 4.30pm

29 March 2026, Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm (Mandarin)

Please note that there is no 4.30pm Mass. Mass will be at 5.30pm with Solemn Procession.

Please gather in front of the Parish Centre before Mass.

There will be limited parking available. The church gates and columbarium will be closed after Mass.

The Burning Bush (TBB): Life In the Spirit Seminar (LISS)

TBB will be organising LISS where we come together to praise the Lord and learn more about the Holy Spirit, as well as to experience the power of the Holy Spirit's working in our lives.

Details of LISS are as follows:

Duration: 22 April 2026 to 3 June 2026

Timing: 8pm

Location: St Joachim's Hall (L4)

To register, scan the QR code to register your interest.



Last Call: The Way of the Cross for Families

All families are warmly invited to join us for final Family Stations of the Cross to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus. Come and pray together as parents, grandparents, and children, and grow closer to Jesus.

Dates: 28 March 2026

Timing: 1.30pm

Location: Main Church

Grandma's Kitchen Reopening

Grandma's Kitchen will be resuming operations from this Sunday, 22 March 2026.

CHRIST BREATHES INTO US HIS LIVING CHRIST

Today we open ourselves to Christ's life-giving Spirit. We pray too for those who are to be given the new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter.



Reflecting on the Gospel

One thing you want to be able to depend upon is that your loved ones will be with you in time of need. So the most puzzling part of today's gospel is that Jesus does not go right away to be with his dear friend Lazarus and his sisters after he receives word of Lazarus's illness. Why does he delay? Martha says to him forthrightly, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (v.21), and soon afterward her sister Mary confronts with the very same complaint (v.32). Later, the onlookers ask, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind

man have done something so that this man would not have died?" (v.37). The troubling question, voiced three times, is: Where is Jesus when you need him?

It adds to the puzzlement that at other times in the Gospel of John, Jesus does come to the aid of the persons in need of healing: the royal official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54), a man who was paralysed at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-18), and a man born blind near the pool of Siloam (9:1-41). Why would Jesus extend himself to these people and not to his close friends?

The two days Jesus delayed in going to Bethany may have been time that he needed to discern whether it was "the hour" for him to take this fatal step. It is clear that to go to Judea would put Jesus at great risk. His disciples twice try to dissuade him from going there (11:7-8,12). Thomas's wry remark, "Let us also go to die with him" (11:16), process to be exactly true; the chapter ends with the Sanhedrin planning to put Jesus to death (11:53).

As Jesus's followers try to build communities of equal disciples, it is a challenge to embrace as friends those who are not kin and those to whom they are not naturally drawn. It is even more difficult to be willing to lay down one's life for any of those befriended, as Jesus does. In the Fourth Gospel, Jesus's mission is to bring life to the full for all (10:10) by offering friendship to all persons and drawing them to himself (12:32). Jesus loves Martha, Mary and Lazarus (vv.3,5,35). But he also loves all other persons –to the death. There are no favourites or best friends. The anonymous Beloved Disciple stands for each person who allows himself or herself to be loved by Jesus and to love him in return. All of us beloved of Jesus can put ourselves in the place of the one who rests on Jesus's bosom (13:23).

When one chooses to abide in Jesus, then he is always present, even if not in the same physical, earthly way the first beloved disciples wanted him to be. As Martha professes her belief in the risen One, she affirms that he is always truly present and that all who die believing in him are likewise living and present still. Such belief does not take away grief for the dear departed but turns our mourning into hope-filled joy.

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

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