

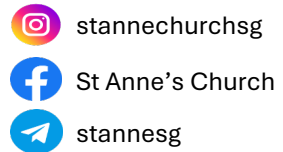


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Mar 28 & 29 2026

Palm Sunday

Year A

Holy Week Schedule Cards

The 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.

Children's Liturgy Break

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as the Church will be celebrating these Masses as a whole.

The team will resume sharing the word of God with your children on **12 April 2026, Sunday** during the 11.30am Mass. Have a blessed Holy Week!

Grandma's Kitchen: Easter Fiesta

There will be an Easter Fiesta on 5 April 2026, Easter Sunday in the canteen.

Grandma's Kitchen will be providing free breakfast from **7.30am to 11am** while food lasts. There will be no takeaways. Love offerings are greatly welcomed.

Catholic Grandparenting Talks in April at St Anne's Church

We're running a 3-part series of Grandparenting Talks this April. This is a ground-up initiative by Catholic grandparents who are active in the ministry.

Details of the Grandparenting Talks:

Dates: 11, 18, 25 April 2026

Time: 9am to 12pm

Location: St Anne's Hall (Level 3)

If you're interested, please sign up by 5 April 2026 via tinyurl.com/grandparentingapril2026



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

TBB will be organising LISS to come together to praise the Lord and learn more about the Holy Spirit. Details of LISS sessions are as follows:

Duration: 22, 29 April; 6, 20 May

Timing: 8pm

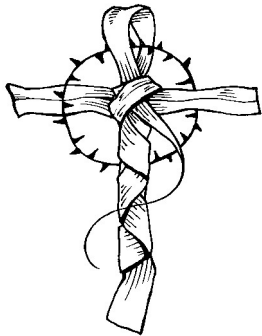
Location: St Joachim's Hall (Level 4)

As part of LISS, there will also be a half day retreat on 2 Sundays, 10 May and 24 May. The last session is the Commissioning Mass on 3 June, Wednesday. To register, scan the QR code to register your interest.



PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.



Reflecting on the Gospel

Ask any Christian why Jesus died, and most will respond, "to save us from our sins." There are, in fact, a great many differing theological explanations for the death of Jesus in the New Testament. The Gospel of Matthew is the only one in which Jesus, with his words over the cup at the Last Supper, interprets his death in terms of forgiveness of sins (26:28).

There is a particular emphasis in Matthew's Gospel on the shedding of blood and its consequences, which reaches a climax in the passion narrative. Previously, Jesus had exposed the refusal of the religious leaders to recognise their complicity in the shedding of the blood of the prophets (23:30), just as Pilate tries to do when he washes his hands, declaring, "I am innocent of this man's blood" (27:24).

In contrast, the crowd responds with recognition that the effects of Jesus's execution will continue to redound not only upon them but also upon their children (27:25). This verse is most often read as an acceptance of responsibility or guilt for the death of Jesus. However, there is no verb in the sentence, making it possible to read it as a statement: His death is upon us and upon his children. It is a recognition that the effects of violence committed by leaders reverberate onto the people as a whole and continue to affect future generations. At the same time, with Jesus's words over the cup, Matthew asserts that the forgiving effects of the shedding of Jesus's blood also redound to them.

Jesus's invitation to drink from the cup of his "blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (26:28), brings together two powerful symbols: blood and cup. Blood signifies the life force over which only God has power (Deut 12:23). The cup connotes suffering, as in Jesus's plea in Gethsemane, "let this cup pass from me" (26:39). By accepting Jesus's invitation to drink from the cup, disciples accept the suffering that befalls them as a consequence of living the gospel.

At the same time, partaking of the blood signifies acceptance of the life force of God, which empowers disciples to endure and overcome suffering and evil. In the Gospel of Matthew this power is explicitly linked with forgiveness. Jesus has lived and taught forgiveness as a means of breaking cycles of violence. He has accepted "the cup" of opposition that such a life has engendered, which will culminate in his death. His own blood seals again God's covenant with God's people, just as Moses did with blood sprinkled on the people (Exod 24:8). The pouring out of Jesus's blood "for many" leaves no one out, as the Greek word *pollôn* reflects a Semitic expression where many is the opposite of one, thus the equivalent of "all". When the angel announces to Joseph, "he will save his people from their sins" (Matt 1:21), it is not by a single sacrificial act but by an entire way of life into which his followers are invited.

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
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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