

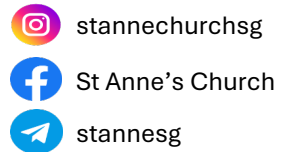


ST ANNE'S CHURCH

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Mar 7 & 8 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A

Serangoon District: Lenten Penitential 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

Parish Summer Camp: Information Briefing

Still unsure whether to come for the Summer Camp?

We will be having an information briefing and all are welcome to attend the info briefing even if you are undecided about attending the Summer Camp! Details of the Summer Camp are as follows:

Date: 12 March 2026, Thursday

Timing: 8.15pm – 9.30pm

Location: St. Joachim's Hall, Level 4

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

The Way of the Cross for Children

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

Assisi Hospice Fun Day

Staff and volunteers from Assisi Hospice will be at our church on 14th March from 3.30pm to 6pm and 15th March, 8am to 1pm to sell carnival coupons for their upcoming Assisi Fun Day on 14 June.

Assisi Hospice serves 3,500 patients each year, with 70% of them being means-tested at the lowest income tier and in need of financial support. The funds raised will help Assisi Hospice to continue their mission of providing compassionate, personalised and quality palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses. Please support them by purchasing the carnival coupons or making a donation.

Divine Mercy Devotion

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

THE LIVING WATER

Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.



Reflecting on the Gospel

Today's gospel account opens with a tired and thirsty Jesus asking a woman of Samaria for water. Like millions of women who even today spend hours of their day collecting water, the Samaritan woman comes, perhaps for a second time that day, to draw water. Most women would come to the well early in the morning, not at the hottest part of the day.

Most likely the Fourth Evangelist intends the noontime detail to be taken symbolically. In this gospel, light signifies coming to belief, while darkness corresponds to unbelief. In contrast with the preceding story of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night, and who is unable to believe, the woman of Samaria comes at the brightest part of the day and will come to full belief. Jesus and the woman enter into a deep theological conversation, laden with symbolism. As often happens in the Fourth Gospel, the two are cast as representative characters for the whole of their people. They begin by speaking of their thirsts, their shared human need, and this enables a conversation by which they can begin to break down the enmity between their two peoples. Elsewhere in the gospel, Jesus speaks of his thirst to draw all people to God through himself (12:32) and of his desire for all to be one (17:21).

Step by step Jesus and the woman reveal themselves more deeply to each other. They speak of some of their deepest thirsts: for worship, salvation, and the search for truth. They listen intently and allow their perceptions of the other to shift, just as we may need to change our former impressions of the Samaritan woman. The focus of the dialogue is not on her marital history nor is she said to be a sinner. Jesus does not tell her to go and sin no more, as he does to the man at the pool of Bethesda who had been paralysed (John 5:14) or to the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11).

The woman's understanding of Jesus progresses from the simple observation that he is a Jew to pondering whether he is greater than Jacob. Another step is her recognition of him as a prophet when he uses the marital metaphor favoured by Hosea to speak of the peoples' relationship with God. Finally, she arrives at the conclusion that Jesus is the Messiah, which she shares with her townspeople in question form, so that they too can enter into the process of discovery that will culminate in faith.

This encounter illustrates a process by which enmity can be transformed into friendship. The two start by focusing on common thirsts that spring from their shared humanity. They had to let go of their ingrained stereotypes of the other. They had to be willing to stay in the conversation and not give up when they stumbled over their differences. They had to be willing to overcome the objections of some of their own people. As the waters of understanding wash away ignorance and fear, the gift of living water wells up within them, making each one a spring from which others who thirst may drink.

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