

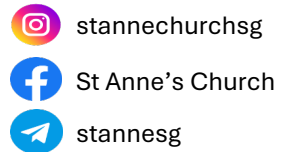


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Apr 25 & 26 2026

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Year A

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday/Vocation Sunday this weekend.

All collections this weekend are for the ongoing formation of our Seminarians and expenses relating to the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary.

We thank you for generous contributions, and all are invited to pray fervently for more vocations for the universal Church!



St Francis Xavier Major Seminary (SFXMS): Diocesan Vocation Retreat

The seminarians wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and prayers they have received throughout their years of formation. At present, there are 21 seminarians in the seminary.

For young men who feel called to the diocesan priesthood, we encourage you to reach out through the seminary's website (<https://seminary.catholic.sg/>) or social media channels for more information.

Do also save the dates **14 to 16 August** for this year's Diocesan Vocation Retreat. Registration sign-ups will be given closer to the date.

For all enquiries, you may contact the seminary at 6906 8450 or sfxms.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Public Holiday: Friday, 1 May 2026

Morning Mass will be at 8am. There will be no evening Mass.

Church gates will close at 1pm.

Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce (PEPT)

We are calling for more Medical Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics to join our Medical Teams for weekend Masses and Fire Safety Managers to join our Parish Fire Safety Committee.

We are also looking for more volunteers to join our Church Emergency Response Teams (for Fire Safety) and TOPSIS Teams (for Security).

Scan the QR code to join our PEPT team. For all enquiries, contact Daniel at 9660 3426.



Pilgrimage to Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland

Fr Jovita will be leading a pilgrimage to Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland.

The pilgrimage will be happening from **1 October 2026 to 13 October 2026 (13 Days, 10 Nights)**.

Those who are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please email and contact either Sheila (sheila@agapepilgrim.com / 9247 5322) or Florence (florence@agapepilgrim.com / 9338 6963) for more information.

St Anthony's Canossian Primary School (SACPS) Open House

SACPS is organising an Open House for parents who will be participating in the Primary 1 Registration Exercise this year. SACPS is an all-girls school, and parents are encouraged to attend the SACPS Open House, which will be held on **22 May 2026 (Friday), 2.30pm to 4pm**.

Scan the QR Code to register for the Open House.



'THE LAMB WILL BE OUR SHEPHERD'

We offer in sacrifice the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. He who was slain is now our Shepherd. He will lead to springs to living water all who do not reject him.



Reflecting on the Gospel

On an old television quiz show called *Let's Make a Deal*, contestants could choose to trade a modest prize for a chance at a grand prize. Suspense built as they picked door number one, door number two, or door number three. Only one door had the big prize – a trip, a car, or a bunch of money. The other two concealed a “zonk,” or a gag prize. Sometimes a contestant got lucky and chose the door with big prize.

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as the door that leads to the most desirable of gifts. Unlike the quiz show designers, who for their own gain might deliberately try to mask the location of the grand prize, Jesus shows himself openly to be the gateway, and declares his desire for all to choose this door.

At the beginning of the reading, Jesus speaks about himself as the shepherd of the sheep who enters the sheepfold properly, through the gate. He contrasts himself to the thief or the robber who scrambles into the sheepfold some other way, and who will have no success in getting the sheep to follow him out. The thief is a stranger and the sheep will run away from him; they do not recognise his voice. Later in this chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus elaborates further the image of himself as the Good Shepherd, but in today's gospel the focus is on himself as the gate for the sheep.

An important aspect of this image is that the gate swings in two directions. Not only do Jesus's followers come into the sheepfold through him but they are also led out by him. All who are led in by him find in the embrace of the believing community a place of refreshment and rest, a space where wounds can be healed, and where all can be nourished by the word and at the table. But whoever enters is also led out to find pasture, the verdant space of mission. Jesus is the gate that opens in and out.

Later in the gospel, the image of the open gate takes another form. Jesus's open side, pierced by the soldier's lance (19:34), also beckons us to enter, so that we can then go out in the power of his risen life. All who enter into his way of life, which offers the most forgotten and downtrodden verdant pastures of plenty, risk reprisals from those who try to enter another way.

The open tomb on Easter morning completes the image. The gates of death have been breached by the One who came so that all “might have life and have it more abundantly” (10:10). The door now lies wide open for all. The invitation to enter through Jesus and his way of life is difficult for some to accept. The Pharisees, representing those who choose not to understand, do not accept Jesus's invitation to come in and go out with him and through him. They think there is another way over or around the gate. But there is no trick to choosing the correct door. It stands wide open before us.

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
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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