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23 & 24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

Public Holiday: Wednesday, 27 May 2026

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

Church gates will close at 1pm.

Fr Simon's Farewell Dinner Tickets

We will be having a farewell dinner for Fr Simon as he embarks on his further studies in Rome.

The dinner will be a sit-down 8-course Chinese dinner and the details are as follows:

Date: 7 June 2026, Sunday

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: St Anne's Church Canteen

Dinner tickets are priced at \$50 each and will go on sale on 31 May, Sunday from 12.30pm to 2pm. Ticket counters will be stationed in the church canteen and it will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Do note that payment will be cashless and made to the church's UEN number. During the dinner, physical tickets **must be produced** at the registration counter.

PEPT: Parish Security Volunteers

Our Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce (PEPT) has arranged for AERO to conduct a series of Threat Oriented Person Screening Integrated System (TOPSIS) training in our parish.

Details of the training are as follows:

Run 1: 6 July (Mon) and 13 July (Mon); 7.30pm to 10.30pm

Run 2: 11 July (Sat) and 18 July (Sat); 9am to 12pm

All ministry members, community members and parishioners are welcome.

More information is available in the Google registration form. Please scan to register and join us!

For all enquiries, you may WhatsApp Daniel @ 9660 3426.



Deacon Eugene's First Mass

Deacon Eugene will be celebrating his first Mass on 6 June 2026, Saturday at 4.30pm.

There will be a buffet dinner for all after the Mass. Do note that food is limited and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All are invited to come and attend Mass!

Grandma's Kitchen Break

Grandma's Kitchen will be taking a break from 31 May 2026, Sunday.

They will resume operations on 28 June 2026, Sunday.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring his peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.



Reflecting on the Gospel

“The day will come when,” wrote Teilhard de Chardin, “after harnessing winds, the tides, and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of Love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, [humankind] will have discovered fire” (*Toward the Future*). Teilhard’s likening our ability to harness the forces of love to that of controlling fire for good purposes taps into one of the metaphors used by Luke in today’s first reading.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the metaphor of tongues of fire is used to describe the divine power unleashed in the disciples at Pentecost. Although some Christian artwork depicts this literally, with little flames hovering over the heads of the disciples, Luke is clearly using symbolic language that evokes the same earth-shattering experience of the Holy One by the Israelites at Sinai. Moses had brought the whole of the twelve tribes to the foot of the mountain to encounter God. The mountain was then “completely enveloped in smoke, because the Lord had come down upon it in fire” and “the whole mountain trembled violently” (Exod 19:18).

So, too, at Pentecost, the whole entourage of Jesus’s followers were gathered together in one place (Acts 1:14). The believers numbered 120 persons (Acts 1:15), a symbolic number for the full people. A strong driving wind fills the house, much as the mighty wind that swept over the chaotic waters at creation (Gen 1:2). The wind and fire are symbols evocative of re-creation, not only on a personal, level, emboldening frightened followers, but also signals of a rebirth on a cosmic scale that will result from their mission to ignite Christ’s love everywhere.

Images of rebirth are strong in Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul speaks about the groaning of the whole of creation, still in the throes of labour, as God’s work of birthing new life continues unceasingly. He speaks also of how our groaning joins that of the cosmos, as we experience the pangs of redemption and hope coming to fruition through the Spirit’s movement in and through us. Paul affirms that the Spirit herself echoes these inexpressible groanings, as she acts as a midwife, drawing forth the new life longing to emerge.

What is notable about the image of birthing that Paul uses to speak about the unleashing of the power of the Spirit is that it concurs with the direction in which the power of the cosmos moves. The movement of birth from inside the womb outward to life in the world mirrors the dynamic of the universe that is ever expanding, exploding with life from the centre outward, in gorgeously creative, chaotic, irreplicable patterns. Pentecost, then, is not so much about the power of God coming from outside us down onto us but a releasing of the power that is already within us, breathed into us by God at creation (Gen 2:7) and by the risen Christ still among us (John 20:22). As the gospel affirms, it is particularly through acts of forgiveness that we can harness for God the energies of love, setting a contagious fire for the re-creation that is groaning to emerge.

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