

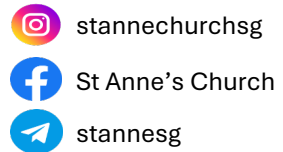


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9 & 10 May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Year A

Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

13 May 2026, Wednesday (Vigil): 7.30pm

14 May 2026, Thursday: 6.30am, 7.30pm



St. Anne's Church: Transport for Deacon Eugene's Ordination

Deacon Eugene, alongside Deacons Bernard, Kevin and Marcus, will be ordained on 1 June 2026, Monday.

We would like to thank you for supporting our deacons with your love and prayers.

Due to a growing number of people who have voiced their interest in attending the Ordination Mass, St. Anne's Church will be chartering **one-way transport** from our parish to St. Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah).

If you wish to take the chartered buses to the Ordination, please scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/9XXLtGXMKNswtmc7> to register your interest so that we can consolidate the numbers.



The closing date to register your interest is 21 May 2026, Thursday.

For all enquiries, please email sac.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Montfort Junior School Open House

At Montfort Junior School, we are committed to raising Montfortians in the teachings of Christ, nurturing students with our Catholic education and programmes.

We will be having an Open House for families and details are as follows:

Date: 23 May 2026, Saturday

Time: 9am to 12.30pm

To register your interest, you can scan the QR code.



Young Christian Students' (YCS) Movement Singapore – June Camp

YCS is having their annual June Camp where participants will be able to rest and recharge, while reflecting and returning to their daily routines with renewed focus, confidence and purpose. Details of the camp are as follows:

Date: 17 June 2026, 8.30am - 20 June 2026, 8pm

Location: St Gabriel's Secondary School

Age: 12 – 23 years old

To register your interest, you can scan the QR code.

The closing date for registration is 14 June.

For all enquiries, you may contact Ruel Goh @ 8898 4231 and Gabrielle Lau @ 8799 0728.



SAC Lectors Day of Recollection 2026

The Lectors Ministry will be having our yearly Day of Recollection next Saturday, 16 May 2026. We will also be commissioning our Lectors during the 4:30pm mass and we invite you to join us in this special moment.

Do keep us in your prayers as we deepen in communion and mission for Sacred Scripture in our Parish!

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

We celebrate the coming of Christ's Spirit of truth on the Church, the source of the Church's proclamation of the Christian message to the world.



Reflecting on the Gospel

In this Sunday's gospel, which is part of Jesus' farewell discourse, he assures his disciples that he will not leave them orphaned. His impending departure will not leave them bereft of his love. They will not be homeless and will not need to be cared for by strangers. He promises to send "another Advocate" to be with them always. The Greek *parakletos*, "paraclete," has a rich array of nuances. It literally means "called to the side" of another. It can have a legal sense, like "advocate," or "defense attorney". More generally, it can refer to a helper, mediator, or intercessor, one who appeals on another's behalf.

Another nuance is that of "comforter", as expressed in the sequence for Pentecost, when we pray, "You, of comforters the best," and ask for rest, refreshment, and solace.

What is paradoxical in this last aspect is that the kind of consolation provided by the Comforter is not of the sort that wraps us in a warm, fuzzy cocoon and allows us to remain there forever. It is more akin to the loving nudge with which a mother bird impels her fledglings to take wing. As theologian Timothy Radcliffe, OP, puts it, "This is what the Holy Spirit does, thrusting us out of our ecclesiastical nest into mission" (*Why Go to Church? The Drama of the Eucharist*). In order to be able to be thrust out, the Consoler also gives us the sure realisation that we are never abandoned. We have a home in the One who draws us ever more deeply into mutual indwelling: "[Y]ou are in me and I in you" (14:20).

The first reading gives us a glimpse into what results when disciples make their home in Christ and allow the generativity of the Spirit to be unleashed. Immediately before the passage chosen for today's first reading, the Acts of the Apostles tells us about the martyrdom of Stephen, who had been chosen as a minister from among the Greek-speakers, esteemed as one "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5). After Stephen's stoning, other preachers of the word were scattered but kept preaching. Among them is Philip, whom today's reading portrays as fearless enough to go into the region of Samaria and there proclaim Christ. His intrepid venture among a people previously thought to be enemies impels Peter and John also to leave the nest in Jerusalem and to continue Jesus' mission to the lost and forgotten. The Fourth Evangelist depicts the mission to Samaria begun by Jesus himself in an exchange with a woman at a well, who brings her townsfolk to believe in Jesus as saviour of the world (John 4:4-42).

Jesus does not leave any orphaned. He is the embodiment of a motherly God who never forgets her children (Isaiah 49:15) and a fatherly God who protects orphans and widows (Psalm 68:5). Just as parental love at its best is unconditional, so too is God's love. Although some translations of John 14:15 and 14:21 seem to imply that God's love and the sending of another Advocate are conditioned by human response, the focus is actually on the mutuality of the love. The divine love has been made manifest in God's gift of the Son (John 3:16); the human love of God is expressed in the keeping of the commandments.

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
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COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

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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