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1 & 2 August 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that is ordinarily celebrated on 15 August, has been transferred to 16 August 2026, Sunday.

As such, the Mass timings for the Solemnity will follow the usual weekend Mass timings.

Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

15 August, Saturday; 4.30pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

16 August, Sunday; 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm (Chinese Mass), 4.30pm

Holy Hour

We will be having our monthly parish Holy Hour on 6 August 2026 at 8.15pm in the Main Church Hall. All are invited, and all ministry members are called to come together to pray as a body.



Grandma's Kitchen Break

Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on 2 August and 9 August 2026.

Recruitment Drive for Junior Legion of Mary

Calling for members age 8-16 to join the junior legionaries! Ministry meetings are held on Sundays at 3pm. For more information, please contact Rosalia at 84288208.

Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be Divine Mercy devotion on 15 August 2026, Saturday at 3pm in the Main Church Hall.

CSC: Intercession Retreat #11

CSC will be hosting their Intercession Retreat, Standing In The Gap, to help you gain a deeper understanding of intercession and grow in confidence to intercede for your family and loved ones.

Date: 5 Sept 2026 (Saturday), 8.30am to 6 Sept 2026 (Sunday), 6.45pm

Retreat Fee: \$109 (incl. of GST)

Registrations close on 26 August 2026.



CHOICE Weekend Programme

For all unmarried young adults - single or dating - 18 to 40. Ever wonder why some of your relationships thrive while others struggle? Join Choice for a transformative weekend of self-reflection to uncover the richness or poverty of your relationships. Receive authentic sharing from singles, couples and religious voices.

Experience how God wants you to deepen and transform your relationships.

Date: 8 to 10 August @ ME House (Punggol)

To register, scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/ChoiceSG26>





Reflecting on the Gospel

No one really knows the precise number of hungry people in our world, but the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates it to be 925 million – that's approximately one of every seven people.

Hunger was no stranger in the days of Isaiah and of Jesus as well. In the first reading, Isaiah voices the dream of the returning exiles. With their pitiful resources, they long for all to be able to eat well, without having to pay a cent. No one would die of thirst or malnutrition. In the gospel, Jesus enacts God's promise to fill the hungry with good

food, as he feeds a crowd of thousands. This is not only an act of heartfelt compassion, but it is also a politically subversive action. In Jesus's day, as now, food is about power. The rich who had control of land and the means of food production and distribution, who comprised about 2-3 percent of the people, were the ones who ate well and plentifully. The rest struggled daily to feed themselves and their children. Taxes, pestilence, and drought often ate up their reserves and left them on the brink of starvation.

In today's world, there is easily enough food for everyone, and then some. But not all have enough land to grow food or sufficient income to purchase it. In the gospel, Jesus's disciples presume that there is enough food for everyone, but they figure it is someone else's responsibility to provide it. They want to send everyone off to buy their own food, thinking that everyone has money and that the surrounding villages have the resources to feed the multitude. Jesus directs them away from an impulse toward self-sufficiency to a solution that depends on remaining in community and pooling and redistributing their resources. In a eucharistic action, he transforms all that they have, and there is enough.

At the end of the episode, Matthew's notice that the count of five thousand did not include the women and children is a reminder that children and their mothers are the ones who are hardest hit by hunger. Even when women make sure their husbands and children are fed before they themselves eat, some five million children die every year because of undernutrition.

The gospel today invites us to resist the temptation to consider it someone else's responsibility to address the problem of world hunger. When we gather at the Eucharist, we not only give thanks for God's gifts received freely and abundantly, but together we seek to understand the causes of hunger and redouble our efforts to galvanise the church's energies toward aiding peoples and nations to take the drastic measures needed.

The opening verses of today's gospel remind us that such actions provide opposition from those who benefit from the unequal distribution. On the heels of the execution of John, Jesus fed the crowds, knowing he could be the next victim of Rome. Was it because he was counting the women and children who would otherwise perish?

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
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.

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