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25 & 26 July 2026

St Anne's Church Patronal Feast Day

Year A

St Anne's Church 63rd Patronal Feast Day

The clergy and staff of St. Anne's Church wish all parishioners a blessed and joyous Feast Day!

May we continue to be vessels of hope to others, as we journey heavenward together
with our brothers and sisters, and with St. Joachim and St. Anne as our guides.



Grandma's Kitchen Break

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

CSC: Intercession Retreat #11

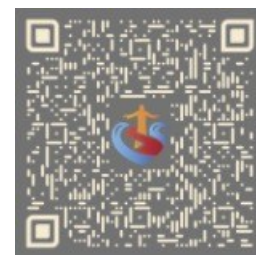
CSC will be hosting their Intercession Retreat, Standing In The Gap, to help you gain a deeper understanding of intercession and grow in confidence to intercede for your family and loved ones.

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

Retreat Fee: \$109 (incl. 9% GST)

Registrations close on 26 August 2026.

To register for the retreat, go to <https://bit.ly/CSCIR11> or scan the QR code.



St Francis Xavier Major Seminary: Diocesan Vocation Retreat 2026

Have you felt a desire to give more? Do you think the Lord may be inviting you to consider the diocesan priesthood?

The St Francis Xavier Major Seminary invites all young men aged 21 to 35 for their annual Vocation Retreat happening from **14 to 16 August**.

Priority will be given to first timers. Registration closes on 31 July.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/vocationretreat2026> to sign-up.



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?

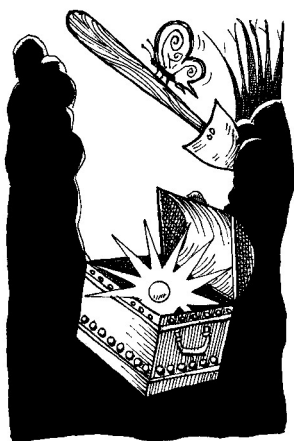
Join Choice for a transformative weekend of self-reflection to uncover the richness or poverty of your relationships – with family and significant people God placed in your life. Receive authentic sharing from singles, couples and religious voices.

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

What to do when weeds are discovered sprouting among the good grain? Do you pull out the destructive intruders or let them grow? How did they get there? And who or what were the “weeds” in the minds of early Christians who heard this parable? Were they Gentiles who were infiltrating with their corrosive influences? Were they evildoers in general or persecutors of the followers of Jesus? Why is the evil one still exercising power?

Today’s gospel opens myriad questions and gives helpful directions toward finding answers. The householder who sowed the good seed first acknowledges that the onus off the worried slaves who might have been blamed for not

tending the field well or for sowing inferior seed. The parable focuses more on what to do than explaining how it happened.

One line of response proposed by the slaves is to pull up all the weeds immediately. The landowner decides against the course of action. Pulling up the weeds might uproot the wheat along with them. The separation can happen later, at the harvest time.

Is this a wise decision? Are the ones who actually work the land thinking that this absentee landlord doesn’t know anything about farming? Will his approach be shown to be unrealistic when his what has been choked out by the weeds and when it proves impossible to sort out darnel from wheat by winnowing?

Authoritative voices in the early church agreed with the householder and urged forbearance toward sinners. Saint Augustine, for example, used this parable to argue that heretics or the lapsed should not be cut off from the church, contrary to the position of the Donatists. Around the same time, Pope Callistus I likewise interpreted “Let the tares grow along with the wheat” as “Let sinners remain in the church.”

If the parable proper (vv. 24-30) reflects struggles of the early Christians to include as full participants Gentiles and other “sinners”, the allegorical explanation (vv. 36-43) points outside the Christian to “the world” (v.38) as the ground of conflict. In these verses, the patient forbearance of the householder is gone as the end-time reapers throw all the evildoers into a fiery furnace. There is a distinct difference from the situation in verses 24-30. Now it is harvest time, a metaphor for end-time judgment, and the action is carried out by God’s angels, not human beings. There is an implicit warning to us not to impetuously assume the role of the divine judge, who alone sorts out good from evil.

The nonretaliatory reproach of the householder who has been humiliated by his enemy can seem weak. The brief parable of the yeast, also included in today’s gospel, speaks instead of the womanly strength of God, whose transformative work is hidden in the agitating action of kneading the bread. With the first reading from Wisdom, it points to divine justice and might become manifest in leniency, clemency, and kindness. It is this paradoxical approach to rooting out evil, exemplified in Jesus’s boundless forgiveness and inclusive table practices, that we are offered.

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
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.

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