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4 & 5 July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

St Anne's Feast Day 2026: City on a Hilltop

Our Parish Novena begins on 15 July, culminating in the Feast Day and Food and Fun Fair on 26 July. All of us need to come together to make this happen.

Feel called to serve in our Feast Day this year?

Scan the QR code to find out more, and sign up to serve in one of the teams or run a stall.



Fr Jovita's Farewell Dinner Tickets

We will be having a farewell dinner for Fr Jovita, to give thanks to God before he moves to St Josph's Church (Bukit Timah). The dinner will be a sit-down 8-course Chinese dinner and the details are as follows:

Date & Time: Sunday 19 July, 6.30pm

Venue: St Anne's Church Canteen

Dinner tickets are \$50 each and will go on sale in the **church canteen** on **12 July, Sunday from 12.30pm to 2pm.**

Do note that payment will be cashless and made to the church's UEN.

During the dinner, physical tickets **must be produced** at the registration counter.

Mass for the Sick and Homebound

Our parish's Ministry to the Sick (MTTS) is organising a Mass for the Sick and Homebound, to pray for those who are ill and their caregivers, and to offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

The Mass will be held on 8 August 2026, Saturday at 10am in the Main Church Hall in St Anne's Church.

Catholics who have serious/chronic illnesses, the elderly whose health is no longer good, as well as the homebound are encouraged to attend with your families and/or caregivers.

Due to a limited service team, registration is required for those who require anointing of the sick.

To register, please scan the QR code. The closing date for registration is 12 July 2026, Sunday at 12pm. For all enquiries, you may contact Michael @ 80618398



ACTS Singapore: Registration is Open for November & December Mission Trips

ACTS Singapore (A Call To Share) is a Catholic lay organisation arranging short mission trips to reach out to the needy across the region. Each year, ACTS organises week-long mission trips in collaboration with local Catholic churches and religious congregations.

We invite you to join us in sharing your talents and resources across initiatives in health, education, and community work. This November and December, ACTS will organise six mission trips to Cambodia and the Philippines.

Registrations are open online from 26 June – 26 July 2026. For more details, please visit acts-singapore.com



Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be Divine Mercy devotion on 11 July 2026, Saturday at 3pm in the Main Church Hall.



Reflecting on the Gospel

A mother balancing a child on one hip and a huge sack atop her head filled with items to sell in the market carefully makes her way through the crowded streets of La Paz, Bolivia. In addition to her physical load, she carries other burdens: economic stress, poor education, health challenges, racial discrimination. Like her sisters the world over, her daily life is characterised by valiant struggle against unimaginable desires.

When Jesus promises rest and an easy yoke in today's gospel, it's as if he knows precisely how such burdens feel.

In this section of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus takes on the persona of Woman Wisdom – the personification of divine wisdom – speaking with the words and images attributed to her in the books of Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch. In the verses preceding today's gospel, the witness of both Jesus and of John the Baptist is rejected, just as was that of Woman Wisdom (Sir 15:7-8; Wis 10:3; Bar 3:12). Jesus, identifying himself as Wisdom incarnate, concludes with the assertion that "wisdom is vindicated by her works" (Matt 11:19). This is followed by Jesus's denunciation of those towns that have rejected him (11:20-24). Today's gospel is the final section of this chapter, where Jesus, like Woman Wisdom, is a sage who reveals mysteries, interprets Torah, and calls disciples.

Jesus, like Wisdom (see Sir 51:26), invites disciples to take up his yoke, that is, his instruction. In other places in Scripture, "yoke" signifies an oppressive burden unwillingly placed on the people's shoulders, like enslavement in Egypt (Lev 26:13) or exile in Babylon (Isa 47:6). God breaks such weighty bonds (Jer 2:20) and replaces them with the yoke of obedience to Torah. The lightness of Jesus's yoke is not a lax interpretation of Torah – quite the contrary! He teaches his disciples that merely keeping the law is not good enough; they must go further (Matt 5:21-48). If the law allows "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Lev 24:20), Jesus's disciples must instead try to short-circuit cycles of violence by taking nonviolent action that confronts evildoers, while praying for an loving such enemies (Matt 5:38-48).

Instead of being a restrictive and burdensome way to live, this teaching is freeing; it lightens burdens of oppression. This is the opposite of what some of the other religious leaders of Jesus's day do: "They tie up heavy burdens [hard to carry] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them" (Matt 23:4). By contrast, disciples of Jesus are yoked with him and with one another, intent on lifting the weight born of injustice from the backs of the downtrodden.

The rest that is promised by Jesus echoes that bestowed on those who let themselves be yoked to Woman Wisdom's teaching (Sir 6:28). It also echoes that of the Creator (Gen 2:1-3), who rested in order to delight in the goodness of all that had been made. Woman Wisdom, also present at creation (Prov 8:23-31), shares in this unbounded joy.

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
sac.catechist@catholic.org.sg

COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm
Tues – Fri:
9am – 11.30am; 1pm – 4pm
Tel: 63863792
sac.columbarium@catholic.org.sg

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