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22 & 23 August 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

SAC x SVDP World Youth Day (WYD) 2027

St. Anne's Church, alongside Church of St. Vincent de Paul, will be bringing a group of youths to Korea for World Youth Day (WYD) 2027. On this pilgrimage, they will learn more about how the faith spread in Korea and the Korean martyrs. The pilgrims will experience the Universal Church as they share their stories of faith with other Catholic youths around the world.

Scan the QR code to find out more details about the pilgrimage, how you can pray for the pilgrims and join in their fundraising efforts from this weekend till early 2027.



Hearts for the Lord (Day of Prayer)

Hearts for the Lord is a collaboration effort between various Religious Orders/Congregation. We welcome all single males & females Catholics aged between 18 and 35, who are open and looking to explore the possibility of a vocation to Religious Life.

Details of the recollection are as follows:

Date: 6 September 2026, Sunday

Time: 9.30am to 5pm

Venue: Kingsmead Hall, Singapore 266492

To register your interest, please scan the QR code.



Becoming Truly Myself: Praying My Personal Vocation

This retreat is a reflective spiritual retreat designed for those ready to move beyond what the world demands and embrace the unique, sacred purpose woven into the fabric of their being. This retreat uses the deep well of the Ignatian tradition to facilitate encounter and clarity through a gentle yet intentional structure of silence, prayer and reflection, moving from listening to discerning to affirming.

Details of the stay-in retreat are as follows:

Date: 12 to 13 September 2026, Saturday to Sunday

Venue: SFX Retreat Centre, Singapore 829645

To register your interest, please scan the QR code.



Church of the Transfiguration (COTT): Alpha Youth Programme

COTT is inviting all youths between 17 and 25 to participate in the new Alpha Youth Programme, a space where youths can come together to explore important questions about life, faith and purpose.

The Alpha Youth Programme begins on 22 August 2026, Saturday and will run for 9 weeks.

Dates: 22 Aug, 29 Aug, 5 Sept, 12 Sept, 19 Sept, 26 Sept, 3 Oct, 10 Oct, 17 Oct

Time: 12pm to 2pm

Venue: COTT, Auditorium (Level 3)

Lunch will be provided and everyone is welcome!

To register for the programme, please scan the QR code.



PETER THE ROCK

We rejoice today that Christ chose Peter in spite of his human failings to be the rock on which he built his Church. The reason for that choice lies in the unfathomable depth of God's wisdom. 'The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly.'



Reflecting on the Gospel

The question Jesus poses in today's gospel is not a pop quiz for the disciples. Since it comes halfway through Matthew's Gospel, at a critical turning point, we might be tempted to think Jesus is giving a kind of midterm exam to see how well the disciples are understanding him and to test whether they have what it takes to go the rest of the journey with him. But the scene may also reflect Jesus's own development in understanding his identity and mission.

In contrast to modern Western cultures in which an individual expends energy trying to find a unique identity as a person distinct from other persons, in Jesus's culture, characterised by dyadic personality, a person's understood himself or herself only in relationship to the groups in which she or he was embedded: family, clan, nation, and religion. Paul, for example, identifies himself to be "of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews parentage, in observance of the law a Pharisee" (Phil 3:5).

In today's gospel, Jesus seeks out others' perceptions as he solidifies his understanding of himself. The disciples first report that people align Jesus with revered prophetic figures: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah. While there are many parallels between Jesus and these prophets, Matthew clearly distinguishes Jesus from them. He is the "mightier" one "coming after" John (Matt 3:11). And it is John who embodies the returned Elijah (see Matt 11:14; 17:12).

As Jesus presses the disciples for their own response, Peter, the spokesperson for the group, rightly declares, "You are the Christ [*christos*]" (Matt 16:16). The Greek *christos* means "Messiah" or "anointed", a term used in the Old Testament for one who is set apart by God for particular service, such as kings (Ps 2:2; 89:20), priests (Lev 4:3,5), and prophets (1 Kgs 19:16). That Jesus is *christos* is not a revelation in Matthew's Gospel (see 1:1, 17, 18; 11:2). But the nature of Jesus's messiahship as entailing suffering and death is articulated for the first time in the ensuing verses (16:21-27), the gospel for next Sunday.

As Jesus's identity emerges and solidifies, so too does that of Peter. Verses 17 to 19 are unique to Matthew, with a wordplay on the name *Petros*, "rock", in Greek. Jesus exalts the emerging rocklike faith of Peter and of the whole community of disciples whose identity is tied up in that of Jesus. Yet in the very next verses, the "rock" will falter when confronted with the stumbling block (*scandalon*, 18:6, 7) of Jesus's passion. Nonetheless, as the gospel progresses, Jesus continues to call him "Peter", enabling him to become what he is named. Just as the disciples' naming of Jesus as "Messiah" and partnering with him in his messianic mission enabled him to embrace all that being the "anointed" one entailed, so too Jesus's identification of the believing community as "rock solid" brought forth that quality in them. Likewise, we are invited to let Jesus and our faith community call forth our deepest identity as followers of the anointed, whose solidity is sure.

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
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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
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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
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