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12 & 13 September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

NOTICE: Change in Mass Timings and Weekend Confession Cut-Offs

1. Changes to Weekday Evening Mass Timings

Weekday evening Mass will be brought forward from 7.30pm to **6.30pm**.

This change will be **effective as of 26 October 2026, Monday**.

2. Changes to Weekend Confession Cut-Offs

Confessions before Mass on weekends will be adjusted to **finish by the end of the Gloria**. This change is to ensure that all parishioners are able to fully participate in the Liturgy of the Word.

This change will be **effective as of the weekend of 4 and 5 October 2026**.

Bible Diary: 365 Days with the Lord

The Bible Diary: 365 Days with the Lord is an annual Catholic devotional diary, that contains daily scripture, reflections and liturgical guides. You can get your copy at \$20 at our parish bookshop. Limited copies available so do get your copy today!

FINAL CALL: Sacristy to Sanctuary Tour for 26 September 2026

St Anne's Church is having our final Sacristy to Sanctuary Tour for the year.

Come journey through the heart of our church on this specially guided tour targeted for young families with children below 7 years old.

There are limited availabilities so we encourage all families to register via the QR code.

For all enquiries, please email Audrey at sac.pastoral.family@catholic.org.sg



CHARIS: Appeal for Nepal Flood Emergency Relief

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making an urgent appeal for those affected by the recent disaster in Nepal. CHARIS is raising funds to support Caritas Nepal and on-ground partners in providing immediate emergency assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, essential supplies, and long-term recovery efforts.

You can donate via credit card or PayNow through the CHARIS website. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "**Humanitarian Aid Fund**," indicating "**Nepal Flood**" at the back of the cheque, and mail it to:

CHARIS

55 Waterloo Street, #07-02 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954

For more information, please contact CHARIS at 6337-4119 or scan the QR code to visit our website. Your generosity will provide critical aid to those in need.



PIETA: Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

PIETA invites parents who have lost a child to meet to pray and support each other. The next prayer session is happening 22 September 2026, Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom.

For all enquiries and the Zoom link for the prayer session, please email pieta.singapore@gmail.com or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>



OUR FORGIVING LORD

We cannot celebrate today the Lord of compassion and love, the Lord who died for us and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of us has forgiven his brother from his heart.



Reflecting on the Gospel

People who are familiar with domestic violence will tell us that there is a dangerous side to Jesus's teaching to forgive endless numbers of times. What happens when we are not yet able to forgive? What happens when the offer of forgiveness is not met with repentance and restitution on the part of the offender? There are times, as in cases of domestic violence, when endless forgiveness fuels the cycle of abuse and does not bring peace and reconciliation. Processes of forgiveness and reconciliation are complex and cannot be reduced to simple formulas.

Today's gospel is a continuation of last week's, where Jesus outlines a process for initiating reconciliation when there are ruptures within the Christian community. He speaks about moving from one-on-one confrontation to mediation to involvement of the whole community. It is in response to this that Peter asks how often one must forgive. He rightly recognises the difficulties and complications that accompany such processes. Jesus's response is that there is no limit to the number of times one must try to forgive. There are endless hurts that require endless offers of forgiveness and endless acts of repentance. One must always be ready to do the difficult work of repairing and reconciling.

In the ensuing parable about the servant who is forgiven a great debt, Jesus shifts the emphasis away from the burden and the difficulty of the work of reconciliation, as he calls attention to the utter gratuity of the gift of forgiveness. The only way to respond adequately to such a gift is to pay it forward. The servant can never repay the king, but he can act in the same forgiving manner to those indebted to him. But, as the second act of the parable unfolds, we find him doing the exact opposite. Then, in a disturbing turn of events, the king retracts his forgiveness. Most troubling is that this is likened to God's reneging on forgiveness if we do not forgive from the heart. This verse recalls the ending of the prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples: "[F]orgive us our debts, /as we forgive our debtors" (Matt6:12), with the added admonition that our ability to offer forgiveness is intimately related to our ability to receive it (6:14-15).

The point is not that God is fickle about forgiveness, taking it back if we do not do likewise, nor that God is vindictive if we fail to follow the divine lead. Rather, the parable is a stark warning of the consequences of letting our hearts become solidified in unforgiveness. A heart hardened in revenge sets in motion endless cycles of violence. The parable exposes the way that our choice to forgive (or not) redounds upon us. If we try to forgive and pray for the ability to forgive even when we are not yet able to, we open ourselves all the more to the experience of God's tender mercy toward us, enabling us to extend that mercy and compassion toward others. Nothing we can do can take divine forgiveness away from us, but we can do things that hinder its powerful effect on us.

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
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COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm
Tues – Fri:
9am – 11.30am; 1pm – 4pm
Tel: 6386 3792
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.

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