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26 & 27 September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Holy Hour

We will be having our monthly parish Holy Hour on 1 October 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.

St Anne's Church: Domestic Violence Awareness Talk

Our Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce (PEPT), together with the SPF, is organising a Domestic Violence Awareness Talk (DVAT), which will be conducted by representatives from the MSF.

The session aims to raise awareness about the various forms of household abuse and to provide information on available support channels and resources for those affected.

Details of the talk are as follows:

Date: 3 October 2026, Saturday

Venue: St Joachim's Hall, Level 4

Time: 10am to 11.30am

We welcome everyone to come and join in this talk. More information is available in the registration form.

To register, please scan the QR code. For all enquiries, email Daniel at sac.pept@catholic.org.sg

SCAN TO REGISTER
Registration is required.



The Search 2026: 2nd Run Registration

Our friends at the Augustine Institution have created a video-based series called 'The Search' which explores fundamental questions about God, Faith and Church. We are bringing it to our parish again for our spiritual benefit and growth and we are forming small groups to watch, discuss and truly benefit from this programme.

Dates: 19 October 2026 – 30 November 2026

The Search will be done online (Zoom) every Monday at 8pm.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/search-sac2026-2nd-run> or scan the QR code.

The closing date for registration is 5 October 2026.

For all enquiries, email Ricky at sac.nccchairman@catholic.org.sg



Catholic Divorce Support Group (CDSG): Divorce Separation and Annulment Symposium

Couples enter into marriage with faith and hope that it will be a happy union that lasts. However, there are occasions when a couple faces an unhappy end to their married life together. How can Catholics in such a situation continue their life journey in a way that keeps them in full communion with the Church?

Dates: 5 October 2026, Monday (Part 1) & 19 October 2026, Monday (Part 2)

The Symposium will be done online (Zoom) from 8pm to 10pm.

To register, go to <http://bit.ly/DSAOct26> or scan the QR code.



CHOICE Weekend: Final Retreat for 2026

CHOICE Weekend is inviting all unmarried young adults aged between 18 and 40 to come uncover the richness or poverty of your relationships. The details are as follows:

Dates: 23 October to 25 October

Location: ME House (Punggol)

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



CHRIST OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH

*We celebrate Christ who obeyed his Father's will not only in word but also in deed.
And Christ assures us that it is not too late to turn to God and to do his will.*

Reflecting on the Gospel

In the literary context of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus directs the parable we hear proclaimed today at the religious leaders who have tried to shame and discredit him publicly by challenging his authority. Jesus uses a technique similar to that of the prophet Nathan, who confronted King David about his sin with Bathsheba by telling a story about a rich man who took the one precious lamb of a poor man (2 Sam 12:1-12). Nathan invited David to pronounce judgement on a hypothetical situation, which ended up being a pronouncement on himself.

In similar fashion, Jesus's parable is designed to jar the religious leaders into conversion, so that there is coherence between what they say and teach, and what they do. Earlier, Jesus had warned disciples that merely saying "Lord, Lord" was not sufficient; they must also do the will of God (7:21-27). In Matthew 23:3, Jesus warns the crowds and his disciples not to follow the example of the scribes and his disciples not to follow the example of the scribes and the Pharisees, because they do not practice what they preach. Today's gospel holds out hope to the religious leaders: there is still time to turn around and make their deeds match their words.

A startling statement at the conclusion of the parable is meant to jolt the leaders into a change of heart: tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the reign of God ahead of them. This saying does not refer to the actual makeup of the retinue of Jesus's disciples. Rather, it is a hyperbole meant to contrast the best and the worst imaginable. The point is that the religious leaders who should be the ones leading others into God's reign are not, while those who are thought least able to do so are repenting and believing and entering the reign of God.

Of course, it is always easier to see the discrepancies between saying and doing in someone else's behaviour. I can smugly point a finger at the Pharisees in the gospel, or at other contemporary leaders, and see their need to change. It is harder to see the lack of a match between my own words and deeds. It is easy to say yes to following Jesus, but how difficult it is to do what that demands of us. If I say I value prayer, for example, do I actually carve out a consistent time and place to do it? If I say I am concerned for those who are poor, how is that visible in my lifestyle choices?

Fortunately, the burden of arriving at consistency in word and deed does not fall on our shoulders alone. Christ's "yes" to the self-emptying love described so eloquently by Paul in today's second reading is the empowering force that allows us not only to say yes, but also to do the corresponding deeds. Each day Christ's "yes" is pronounced anew in us, giving us myriad opportunities to open ourselves to conversion of heart and let those we regard least likely to do so to show us the way to enter God's reign.



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

Sat: 9am to 1pm

2nd & last Sun of the month:

9am to 12pm

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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 – 4pm

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COLUMBARIUM PRAYERS & MASS INTENTIONS

On the last Sunday of the month

Prayers at the columbarium

after 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

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