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10 & 11 October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saints Alive! 2.0 Exhibition: Children's Artworks

As part of our Saints Alive! exhibition this year, we want to feature your child's voice!

We encourage all children, up to 12 years old, to submit one A4-sized artwork to answer the question:

If I was a saint, what would I be patron saint of?

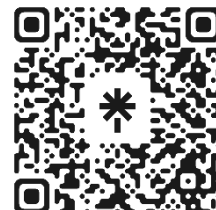
All artwork submissions can be dropped off in the box outside the Secretariat Office by

23 October 2026, Friday.

We are excited to see what your children will create for this exhibition! Happy creating!

For all artwork requirements, scan the QR code to find out more.

For all enquiries, please email sac.comms.design@catholic.org.sg



St Anne's Church: All Saints' Day Family Celebration

Is God inviting your family to journey in faith with other young families? Come together to honour and celebrate the life of our Saints. Discover our "Saints Alive" exhibition and dress your children in their favourite Saints. Enjoy family games & bring a dish to share with fellow families.

Dates: 31 October 2026, Saturday

Time: 2pm to 5.30pm (Community Celebration at 2pm, Mass at 4.30pm)

Venue: St Joachim's Hall (Level 4), Main Church (Mass)

To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/saintsfamily> or scan the QR code.



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.



Catholic Leadership Centre: Inner Healing Retreat

A specially commissioned stay-in retreat for those carrying inner wounds from broken relationships caused by divorce in the family, including children, parents and other family members impacted by the separation.

Discover the path to inner healing through teaching, prayer, personal reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, and a one-to-one session with a spiritual director, as you entrust your wounds to Jesus, our Divine Healer. The details are as follows:

Dates: 24 to 25 October 2026

Venue: Punggol Retreat Centre, Singapore

Fee: \$390 inclusive of GST (ensuite room accommodation and meals included)

To register, scan the QR code. For all enquiries, please email catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com



CSC: Breathe Youth Retreat

Been feeling dry? Join us at the BREATHE youth retreat as we seek to encounter Jesus and find rest in Him. Dry seasons don't last, come and walk with Jesus.

Early bird promo price till 11 October, registration closes on 30 November.



THE LORD'S WEDDING FEAST

*In Christ Jesus, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can.
All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the wedding feast
of his Son. We have only to enter.*



Reflecting on the Gospel

While beautifully embossed paper invitations sent by “snail mail” are still used for very special occasions, a much easier and less formal “e-vite”, sent electronically for our email inboxes, has become increasingly common for more informal occasions.

In today's gospel, the host of the great banquet seems to have used the ancient equivalents of both of these as he prepared for his son's wedding. When those who received formal invitations are summoned to the feast, they refuse to come, even after two attempts by the servants. The king then instructs the servants to

go out to the streets and invite everyone they find. They do so, gathering in the “bad and good alike,” and the banquet hall is filled.

Matthew's version of the parable doesn't highlight the status divisions between the first the last invited. Nor are the latter said to be poor, crippled, blind, and lame, as in Luke's version (14:15-24). Instead, Matthew focuses on the generous extravagance of the host and the expected responses.

This is the third in a series of three parables directed at the religious leaders, who would be expected to be the first to receive and respond affirmatively to God's invitation through Jesus. But these are not the ones who fill the banquet hall. Jesus, as Woman Wisdom incarnate, calls out to all “from the heights out over the city,” extending an e-vite to any who are willing to “advance in the way of understanding” (Prov 9:3,6).

But there is a catch. One must come properly attired. In the Pauline letters we find frequent use of the metaphor of putting on clothing to signify the way of life one embraces. The Colossians are exhorted, “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” (Col 3:12; see also Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27). Likewise, Matthew would have all the guests clothe themselves with good deeds and faithfulness, ever ready for the banquet. More is needed than just showing up.

The Matthean version of this parable veers away from parabolic form, as it becomes a highly allegorised sketch of salvation history. While the extravagant generosity of the king in opening the banquet hall to all is a most apt depiction killed the king's servants and the burning of the city are not depicting God's doings; they are allusions to the killing of servants like John the Baptist by Herod, and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE by the Romans.

As in other Matthean parables, where unresponsive characters are “driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” (Matt 8:12; cf. 13:42, 50; 24:51; 25:30), there is a warning that refusal of the divine invitation has dire consequences. God does not inflict fiery punishment, but those who ignore God's invitation and do not allow themselves to be clothed in the garment of Jesus's ways of love, forgiveness, inclusivity, and nonviolent action for justice, choose for themselves a place at the table of retaliatory violence and destruction.

The Living Liturgy

CHURCH 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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PASTORAL OFFICE

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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

30 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