

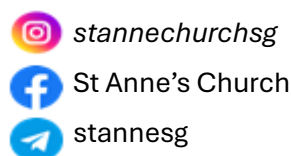


ST ANNE'S CHURCH

66 Sengkang East Way, S(548593) **Tel:** 6386 5072

Website: <https://stanne.catholic.org.sg>

Donations: PayNow UEN No. T08CC4037D



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Shaun Lim

shaun.lim@catholic.org.sg/Ext 610

Associate Priest: Rev. Fr. Majo Marottikkal

majo.marottikkal@catholic.org.sg/Ext 611

Associate Priest: Rev. Fr. Eugene Chan

eugene.chan@catholic.org.sg/Ext 612

17 & 18 October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Schedule of Masses for All Saints' and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day

31 October 2026, Saturday: 4.30pm

1 November 2026, Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm (Mandarin), 4.30pm

Attending one of these Masses will fulfil both Sunday and All Saints' Day obligations.

All Souls' Day

2 November, Monday: 6.30am, **7.30pm**

There will be the blessing of niches in the columbarium after the 7.30pm Mass.



Month of the Rosary: Multilingual Outdoor Prayer and Procession

Let's come together as a parish to honour Mary our Mother and draw closer to Jesus her Son, with an Outdoor Procession and Recitation of the Rosary in multiple languages.

Date: 23 October 2026, Friday

Time: Immediately following the 7:30pm Mass

Venue: St Anne's Church grounds

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 PEPT: Responders Plus Programme

Our PEPT team, together with the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), is organising a Responders Plus Programme (RPP) training programme in our parish. The RPP is SCDF's emergency preparedness training programme, which equips learners with core lifesavings skills, namely First Aid, CPR-AED and Fire Fighting. The details are as follows:

Date: 7 November 2026, Saturday

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: St Anne's Hall, Level 3

Registration and more information can be found in the Google form. For all enquiries, please email Daniel at sac.pept@catholic.org.sg



CFC Youth for Christ Singapore – Camp Mosaic 2026

Youth for Christ (YFC) Singapore invites all youths aged 13 to 21 years to come and join Camp Mosaic 2026. Youths will deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful friendships and discover their place in the wider Church. The details are as follows:

Dates: 13 to 15 November 2026, Friday to Sunday

Venue: The Girls' Brigade, Singapore 534667

To register for this camp, go to <https://forms.gle/9TJzSfqU4rFCgjuY9> or scan the QR code.



THE LORD OF HISTORY

God is king. Earthly rulers, political regimes, Cyrus or Caesar, are called by God to reveal something of his power and majesty and his plan for the human race. But they only hold their power for a day. Our concern is not with them, but with God whom we worship in this celebration.



Reflecting on the Gospel

In today's gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians, who pose the question to Jesus about paying tax to Caesar, are not seeking guidance about a difficult moral decision. They're trying to trap Jesus with a sticky question that has no easy solution. Since the Roman occupation of Palestine in 63 BCE, Jews were obliged to a census tax, or head tax, on each man, woman, and slave. The amount was one denarius (one day's pay) per year, and was to be paid with Roman coins, which in Jesus's day bore the image of the emperor Tiberius, who reigned from 14 to 37 CE.

The attitudes of Jesus's fellow Jews toward the Romans varied as did their strategies for resistance to the occupiers. Some resigned themselves to paying their taxes in order to live in peace. Some paid the tax because they regarded the Romans as representing God's authority. Some "kissed up" to the powerful Romans by openly advocating paying the tax. Some would have said that they should pay nothing to Caesar because everything belongs to God (Lev 25:23). Some would have opposed any collusion with Rome. There were those who harboured strong nationalist sentiments and fomented armed revolt against the occupying powers. The ancient historian Josephus tells of several first-century revolutionary leaders who led unsuccessful tax revolts.

In asking Jesus to take a stand on this thorny question, the Pharisees hope to discredit him. If he supports paying the tax, then he would be seen as cooperating with the enemy, and his credibility as a prophet who preaches God's ways as opposed to Caesar's imperial ways is compromised. If he replies that the tax ought to not be paid, then he places himself at risk vis-à-vis the Romans.

Jesus finds a clever way through these two opposite choices: one should give the coins back to Caesar, since they belong to him. He then turns the focus toward "what belongs to God," which, for believers, is everything. Thus, Jesus relativises the authority of the emperor by emphasising God's ultimate sovereignty over all. This clever answer leaves Jesus's pponents astounded. They have no response and they depart to await another opportunity to ensnare him.

In the gospel, Jesus's interlocutors are not asking a sincere question; they are intent on undoing him. Nonetheless, the text can be an aid for contemporary Christians who genuinely seek to discern how they will relate to a government that takes actions or enacts laws that they oppose on moral grounds.

Should one withhold paying taxes, for example, such as some Christians, like Raymond Hunthausen (former archbishop of Seattle, 1975-91), have done to express their opposition to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons? Should one refuse to pay federal income tax as a way to protest war, as Dorothy Day did? Or should one pay taxes, but diligently lobby, vote, and participate in nonviolent protests as ways to communicate an oppositional state?

Jesus's single-mindedness about the reign of God and his cleverness in turning a verbal duel into an invitation to become more deeply centered on the Holy One can help us discern our responses in our day.

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

sac.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm

Sat: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

Tel: 6881 3197

sac.catechist@catholic.org.sg

COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm

Tues – Fri: 9am – 4pm

Tel: 6386 3792

sac.columbarium@catholic.org.sg

PASTORAL OFFICE

sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / Psalm: 95:1,3-5,7-10 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 / Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21