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3 & 4 October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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 & 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.



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.



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 (en-suite room accommodation and meals included)

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

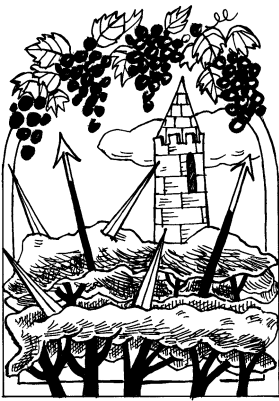


Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be Divine Mercy devotion on 10 October 2026, Saturday at 3pm in the Main Church Hall.

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

The Church rejoices in being the vineyard of the Lord. At the same time we have cause here for much heart-searching and prayer.



Reflecting on the Gospel

The situation described in today's gospel can be read as a peasant uprising against an oppressive landowner. Weary of their landlessness and powerlessness, the tenants do away with all the landowner's envoys and even his son, the heir apparent, hoping to gain control of the land themselves. Verse 40 then poses a critical question: What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do? The response is swift and brutal: violence breeds even more violence, and the tenants will be put to a miserable death. One way in which this parable can be read is as a commentary on the

futility of violence to accomplish change.

A more traditional reading of this parable is that it is an allegory, in which the vineyard represents Israel, the tenants are Israel's leaders, the vineyard owner is God, the messengers are the prophets, the son is Jesus. There are also clear allusions to a familiar parable from the prophet Isaiah that we hear in the first reading. But there is a decided difference in the endings of the two parables. In Isaiah, when the vineyard owner is disappointed in the lack of fruit, he destroys the vineyard. In Jesus's parable, the vineyard is not destroyed, but rather entrusted to new leaders. In both parables, a focal point is the necessity of bearing fruit and the inability of the current leadership to cultivate the desired fruit. An additional twist is that if the parable is an allegory of salvation history, the inheritance that God's people long to claim is a free gift of the son; it need not be wrested from the owner. If the vineyard owner is God, would the response even to the death of the son not be forbearance, loving-kindness, and extending one more opportunity for repentance, rather than violent destruction?

In the context of Matthew's Gospel, the parable is aimed at the religious leaders that oppose Jesus, and it points toward the necessity of new leadership. Some interpret the "others" to whom the vineyard is entrusted as the Gentile church that "supplants" Israel. This interpretation should be firmly rejected. In the gospel narrative, the change envisioned is from Jewish leaders who oppose Jesus to Jews who follow him. By Matthew's time Jesus's disciples, predominantly Jewish Christians, understood themselves as the "new tenants", even as they struggled to define themselves in relationship to their sibling, Pharisaic Judaism.

The parable poses a searing question regarding leadership of any organisation, institution, or nation. If the leaders are not cultivating the fruitfulness of all members, then the leadership must be entrusted to others who will do so. Within the literary context of the gospel, hope is held out that current leaders could repent and become fruit-bearers and cultivators of fruitfulness in others. But the parable also notes that vintage time is near – code language for the eschatological time – the moment when time to change runs out and the decisions made all along have a finality. The gospel invites us to insist on having leaders who can cultivate fruitful abundance for all and to pursue nonviolent means of bringing about change in leadership when that is needed.

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

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COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

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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

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