## *ST ANNE'S CHURCH*

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**14 & 15 Nov 2026** **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A**

### Office for New Evangelisation (ONE): Advent Booklet 2026

Take time this Advent to prepare your heart for Christmas with Reflections on the Journey to Christmas. Formerly known as the Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklet, this year's edition explores the theme "Jesus Leads Us to Holiness" through inspiring reflections, sharing questions, and activities for personal, family, and community use.

There are limited physical copies around the church. Alternatively, download your copy at one.org.sg or scan the QR code.

### St Anne's Church: Book of Remembrance

In conjunction with All Souls' Day, **a Book of Remembrance will be opened and placed near the altar, where prayer requests for the faithful departed will be enrolled**.
St Anne's Church invites all to pray for their departed loved ones by submitting prayer requests which will be collated. These prayer requests will be prayed and offered for your loved ones during the month of November.
**You may submit your requests by scanning the QR code.**

### 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.
**Dates: 17 to 20 December, Thursday to Sunday**
**Time: Thursday 9am to Sunday 6.30pm (Stay-In)**
**Venue: Catholic Spirituality Centre; 1261 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 534796**
Registration closes on 30 November 2026. To register, scan the QR code.

### CFL: Conversations that Matter: When Your Teen Questions Their Identity & Sexuality

What if your teen questions their sexuality or expresses views on identity that seem at odds with your Catholic faith? How can you guide them in the Church's teachings without making them feel rejected? Discover how to stay rooted in your faith while keeping the relationship with your child open, turning difficult conversations into opportunities for trust, understanding and accompaniment. More details below:

**Date: 28 November 2026, Saturday**
**Time: 1.30pm to 4pm**
**Venue: Church of the Holy Cross, Auditorium (Level 4)**
**Fee: $20 per pax, $35 for 2 pax**

Register at familylife.sg/CTM_B or scan the QR code.

### CFL: Our Lady of Guadalupe: Honouring the Patroness of Unborn Children

We invite all parishioners to join us at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration will begin with rosary, followed by Mass. There will be a healing prayer and blessing of pregnant women after Mass. More details below:

**Date: 12 December 2026, Saturday**
**Time: 1.30pm (Rosary) | 2pm (Mass)**
**Venue: Church of Our Lady of Lourdes; 50 Ophir Road, Singapore 188690**

## CHRIST, THE HEAD OF HIS HOUSEHOLD

*Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings him the talents of a good wife, devoted sons, and faithful servants.*



**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Today's parable involves a very rich man who entrusts his possessions to his servants before going away on a journey. One receives five talents, another two, and the last receives one. A talent (*talenton* in Greek) is a monetary unit or a weight measurement. It is a very large sum of money. Unlike the master in Luke's version in this parable, who instructs his slaves to invest the money, the master in Matthew presumes his servants know how to increase his holdings in his absence. While he is away, two of the servants invest and double the money. For this they earn the master's praise and they are given increased responsibilities. The third buries the money, which does not increase the yield but was a good way to safeguard money and possessions in antiquity. For this he receives harsh words and severe punishment.

An important key to understanding the parable is to keep in mind that Jesus did not live in a capitalist system in which it is thought that wealth can be increased by investment. Instead, people had a notion of limited goods: there is only so much wealth and any increase to one person takes away from another. A typical peasant would aim only to have enough to take care of his family. One who amassed large amounts for himself would be seen as greedy and wicked. In the parable, then, the third servant is the honourable one – only he has refused to cooperate with the system by which his master continues to accrue huge amounts of money while others go wanting.

The parable, then, can be a warning about the ease with which people can be co-opted by an unjust system, while also giving encouragement to disciples to take courageous measures to expose unfettered greed for the sin that it is. The last verse is sobering, depicting what can happen to those who blow the whistle on the rich and powerful. The parable also encourages disciples to find ways to stand together as they confront unjust systems.

Reading the parable from this perspective, one sees that the man going on a journey is not a figure for God, and the parable is not an exhortation for people to use their God-given talents to the full. While the latter is an important thing for Christians do, it was not likely to be the way Jesus's first hearers understood the parable, since *talenton* does not have this metaphorical connotation in Greek. Moreover, there is an eschatological dimension to the parable that such an interpretation misses.

In the literary context of Matthew's Gospel, this is the third of three parables that stress the need for disciples to be faithful in the time between Jesus's departure and his coming again. In contrast to slaves, who live in servile fear of a greedy master who metes out cruel punishment to those who will not go along with his programme for self-aggrandisement, Jesus's disciples live with trust in God, whose equitable love emboldens them to work for justice here and now while awaiting ultimate fulfillment.

*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 & 6.30pm
**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**
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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

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Psalm: 127:1-5 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30