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7 & 8 Nov 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A**

Public Holiday: Monday, 9 November 2026

Morning Mass will be at 8am. There will be no evening Mass.

Church gates will close at 1pm.

St Anne's Church: Looking for Fire Safety Manager & IT Volunteer

Our Parish is looking for:

1. **Fire Safety Manager**

Requirements for Candidate:

- Must be a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident, at least 21 years old
- Academic/Entry Prerequisites: Generally require baseline credentials *(such as minimum grades in English, Mathematics, and Science)*

If untrained, the individual will be required to:

- Complete an approved Fire Safety Manager course via an SCDF-accredited training provider *(eg. Singapore Civil Defence Force, polytechnics, BCA Academy)*

2. **IT Volunteer**

Requirements for Candidate:

- Must be familiar with live streaming and presentation software or tools such as Zoom/Youtube Live
- Provide network and hardware support by troubleshooting Wi-Fi networks, routers, printers, computers (Mac and Windows), and cabling

For interested candidates, please write in to Fr Shaun (**shaun.lim@catholic.org.sg**).

St Anne's Church x World Youth Day (WYD) 2027 Merchandise Order Form

The St Anne's WYD team extends their thanks to all parishioners who supported the fundraising and exhibition efforts over the All Saints' weekend! If you missed our fundraising efforts last weekend, we are now opening an order form for you to place your orders.

The order form will **close on 15 November 2026, Sunday**; and is on a first come, first serve basis depending on the stocks we have for the different items.

For the full details, please go to https://tinyurl.com/SAC-WYD27FD 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.

Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be Divine Mercy devotion on 14 November 2026, Saturday at 3pm in the Main Church Hall.

THE BRIDEGROOM IS HERE!

The whole of the Christian life, our response to the love of Christ, our waiting with joyful hope for his coming is summed up in today's celebration in a single word: Wisdom.



Reflecting on the Gospel

It's good to be prepared. But there is something disturbing about today's parable plays out. The women come prepared for the long vigil won't share their oil with their needy sisters. Instead, they send them off on a foolhardy mission at midnight to go buy their own. How can such seemingly selfish hoarding be laudable?

Many biblical commentators would explain that parables are meant to make only one point, and selfishness versus sharing is not the point of this one. It is a parable about the end time, which speaks about how each person needs to be accountable for his or her own good deeds or lack of them. Just as in the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus says, "[Y]our light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matt 5:16), so in today's gospel, the oil that fuels the light is also to be understood as good deeds, and no one can share theirs with someone who has none.

Nonetheless, there is still a disturbing dynamic set up by the parable. It constructs a dichotomous world in which some are wise and some foolish, some are completely prepared and some not at all; some are welcomed into the feast and some locked out. Matther has a penchant for binary oppositions like this: weeds and wheat, sheep and goats, house built on rock and one built on sand, the wise and the foolish. But real life seems always to be somewhere in between: each of us a little bit foolish in our growth toward wisdom, all of us somewhat prepared, but never completely.

When placed in the context of the whole gospel, instead of inducing fear, the parable instead gives assurance that when we are responding all along to the lifelong courtship by the Bridegroom, we will be ready for the moment of consummation. We prepare for the critical moment of meeting the Beloved face-to-face with all our daily choices for living justly. Every time we resist hoarding oil for ourselves, not stockpiling so that others are left wanting, we allow Christ's light to fill us and spread to others.

It is as Isaac of Nineveh, a seventh-century Nestorian bishop, describes "There is a love, like a small lamp, fed by oil, that goes out when the oil is ended; or like a rain-fed stream which goes dry when rain no longer feeds it. But there is a love, like a spring gushing from the earth, never to be exhausted" *(Early Fathers from the Philokalia)*. Wise ones become one with the inexhaustible river of Christ's love; their oil is continuously replenished as it is consumed.

Being wise also means knowing that, as the first reading describes, it is not our efforts alone that make for the light: Wisdom herself, who is unfading resplendence, seeks us out. Moreover, a closed door is never the final act. Just as God's power burst through the stone door of the tomb, Holy Wisdom can daily open the door of our hearts, transforming our lack of oil into an inexhaustible river of light and love.

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
sac.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

CATECHETICAL OFFICE
Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm
Sat: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm
Tel: 6881 3197
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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: Wisdom 6:12-16 / Psalm: 62:2-8 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13