

# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon - Fri: 6.30am, 6.30pm : 6.30am

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Sat: 5.30pm (Sunset) Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin), 9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

#### **CONFESSIONS**

15 mins before all weekend Masses in the Reconciliation Rooms in Church.

#### OTHER SERVICES

#### **ADORATION ROOM**

Mon - Fri: 8.00am to 9.00pm Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm : 8.00am to 7.00pm Sun Public Holidays: 8.00am to 4.00pm

#### COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon - Sun: 8.00am to 8.00pm

#### MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

: 4.30pm to 7.00pm Sat : 8.30am to 1.00pm Sun

Every 2nd Sunday: 8.30am to 1.00pm, 5.30pm to 7.00pm

## **DEVOTIONS**

Holy Hour: First Friday @ 8.00pm in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

#### Mass in Honour of St Joseph:

First Wednesday @ 8.00pm in Main Church

#### Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri) in the Chapel of St Joseph

#### Garden Rosarv:

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

Grotto Rosary: Every 13th of the month after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

#### Holy Hour for Vocations:

Every Third Thursday of the month in the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Every Fourth Sunday of the month

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

## Exploring the 3 Pillars of Lent



Last week, we introduced the 3 pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, let's delve into practical ways to practice these pillars

### 1. Prayer

There are various prayer groups with activities organized throughout the week to suit difference preferences. Find one that suits you and deepen your spiritual journey this Lent.

**Daily**: Rosary at evening Masses and before selected weekend Masses Tuesdays:

- Tuesday Manna (11:05 am, St Joseph AVA Room)
- Meditation (8 pm, Adoration Room)

## Wednesdays:

- First Wednesday Masses in Honor of St. Joseph (7.30 pm, Main Church)
- Intercessory prayers focusing on church needs, others' needs, and personal intentions (every 2nd Wednesday, 8 pm, Adoration Room)

### Thursdays:

- Divine Mercy Way of the Cross (8 pm, Chapel of St Joseph)
- Holy Hour for Vocations (every 3rd Thursday, 8 pm, Chapel of St Joseph)

### Fridays:

First Friday Holy Hour (7.15 pm, Main Church) and Stations of the Cross

## 2. Fasting

In the Words of Pope Francis...)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen. Source: USCCB.org

#### Almsgiving

Open our hearts and give generously to the various calls for assistance. Your generosity can bring hope and joy to those in need - every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference in someone's life.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST (Cont'd)

## CAST YOUR VOTE FOR OUR 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOGO

## **Celebrating 180 Years of Faith and Community**

St. Joseph's Church is excited to announce our 180th Anniversary celebration next year! To commemorate this milestone, we've planned a 1.5-year journey of reflection, celebration, and community bonding.

## Join the Celebration: Vote for Our 180th Anniversary Logo!

For a start, we are excited to share four logo designs, carefully crafted by our talented Social Media Team. Now, it's your turn to decide which design represents our parish best!

### Cast Your Vote!

On Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent), the four shortlisted logos will be projected at all Masses. Bring your handphones and join the voting process. Your input will help shape our anniversary celebrations.

## **Here are Our Shortlisted Logos**

Take a sneak peek at the four designs and get ready to cast your vote:





A huge thank you to our Social Media Team for their creative efforts!

**2025 North District Lenten Penitential Services** 

# North District Parishes 2025 Lenten Penitential Services



Day & Date	Parish	Time
Tue 1 April	St Joseph's Church (BT)	8 pm
Wed 2 April	Holy Spirit	10.30 am & 8 pm
Thu 3 April	Christ the King	10.30 am & 8 pm
Mon 7 April	Our Lady Star of the Sea	8 pm
Tue 8 April	Risen Christ	10.30 am & 8 pm
Wed 9 April	St Anthony	8 pm

## **Charities Week 2025**



Please support and donate generously towards Charities Week 2025, an Archdiocesan annual fundraising project. The funds raised will enable the Caritas Singapore Family to provide vital programmes and services to serve the poor and elderly, persons with disabilities or special needs, migrants, youth-at-risk, lower-income families, and more.

Pick up a Charities Week 2025 envelope to donate and mail it to Caritas Singapore (for cheques only) or drop it in the donation box in the Cry Room. You may also wish to donate online by scanning the QR code:

Your contribution will make a difference to the lives of those in need. For more information, please contact us at 6801 7400 or visit our website at www.caritas-singapore.org.

## **LENTEN EVENTS**

## **Divine Mercy Way of the Cross (Thursdays)**

## Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

Every Thursday @ 8 PM 6, 13, 19 (Wed) and 27 Mar 3, 10 and 17 Apr Chapel of St Joseph

For more information, contact Michael @ 9270 1712.

All are Welcome



## Fridays in Lent (Stations of the Cross)



Dates		
07 Mar	28 Mar	
14 Mar	04 Apr	
21 Mar	11 Apr	

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross: 7.30 pm

Mass: 8.00 pm Main Church

## **Holy Week Schedule**



## 2025 FEAST DAY (179<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY)

## Feast Day Food and Non-Stall Stalls

## 2025 Feast Day Food Stall Applications

THE GREAT ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY Saturday, 3 May 2025 \*Optional\* Sunday, 4 May 2025 (7am-2pm)

Applications for Feast Day Food Stalls is now open. Please register your interest at this link or QR Code :

https://forms.gle/SgdS9gqNQ1vh1ape6

Deadline for registration is 01 April 2025.

Meeting for all food stall holders will be held on

6 and 27 April @ 1pm in

St Thomas Aquinas #02-01

(Parish Community Hall)



For non-food stalls, you can use the same link or QR code to register your interest.

## Flowers for St Joseph

# St Joseph's Feast Day Flower Donations

Honour our Patron Saint with an offering of flowers.



Place your requests at this link: https://forms.gle/ECxJYeZDESALSKX78 or via this QR code.

All contributions will go to St Joseph's Church.

Closing Date: Mon 28 April



## AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Wed 26 Mar @ 8 pm)



- Praise & Worship
- **Scripture Readings** Scripture ReaSpiritual Talk
- **Community Bonding**

Rev Fr Joseph Zhang, CDD Superior of Congregation of the Disciples of the Lord (Congregatio Discipulorum Domini)

26 March 2025 (Wednesday) 8PM @ Level 3, St Mary, AVA Room Parish Community Hall





"He loved us"



e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Scripture Series: The Book of Esther (Commencing Thu 27 Mar)

## Scripture Series: Part IX – Book of Esther By Fr Ambrose Vaz



Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)

Time: 9 am to 10.45 am

Venue: St Joseph AVA Room

St Joseph's Church (BT)

Dates: 27 Mar

03 / 10 / 24 Apr

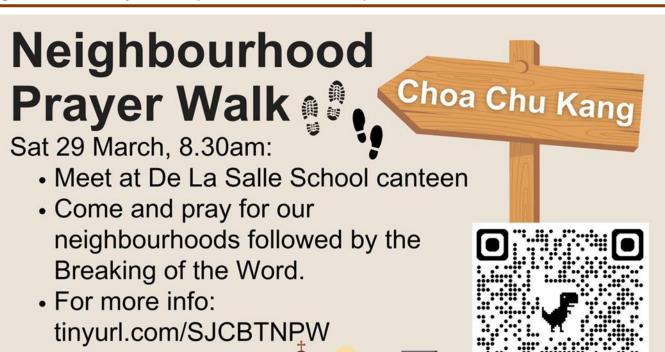
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(5 sessions)

No registration required. All are welcome. Do bring along your bibles.



Neighbourhood Prayer Walk (Sat 29 Mar @ 8.30 am)



Day of Recollection (Mon 31 Mar)



Calling ALL Ministry, Prayer Group, Service Team and Community members! Come and be refreshed! Let us gather as a community to reflect on God's call to serve His Church, so that we can be renewed in faith and be Pilgrims of Hope to others, in order to build a vibrant, evangelising and missionary church!

Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral (Sat 12 Apr @ 7.45 am)

# JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



## WALK TO THE CATHEDRAL





Starting from 7.45am





The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd is the local pilgrimage site for the Archdiocese of Singapore throughout the Holy Year.

In celebration of the Jubilee Year and as part of our Lenten preparation, come join in the Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on Saturday 12 April! Visiting the Cathedral in the Jubilee Year provides an opportunity for one to receive a plenary indulgence. For more information and to register, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/JubileeWalk2025

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PIETA (Tue 25 Mar @ 7.30 pm)

## Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tues 25 March 2025 from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom



We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every **fourth** Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

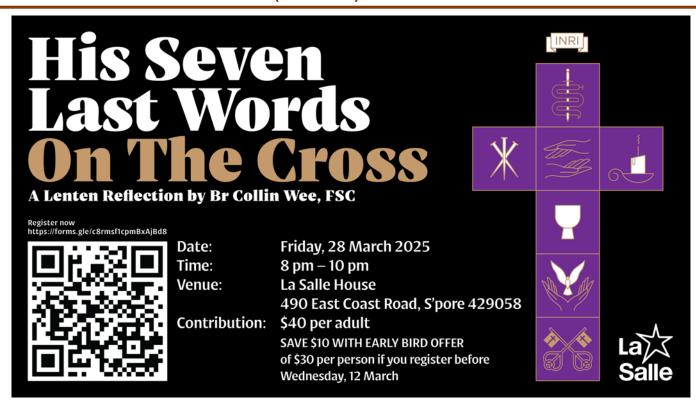
Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com

or <a href="https://pieta.familylife.sg/">https://pieta.familylife.sg/</a>

Please email us directly for the Zoom link.

Note: In April, we will be meeting in person at Catholic Family Life at Highland Road. Please email us for details.

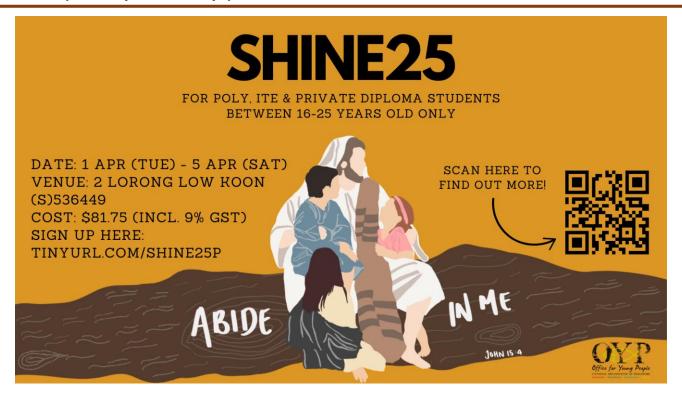
His Seven Last Words on the Cross (Fri 28 Mar)



Choice Weekend (29 - 31 Mar)



SHINE25 (Tue 1 Apr – Sat 5 Apr)



Calling all Polytechnic, ITE and Private diploma students between 16-25 y/o! SHINE is a Catholic encounter retreat for all who are currently studying or waiting to be enrolled in any local Polytechnic, ITE, or private diploma institutions!

Jesus calls you to abide and remain with Him as you enter into a new academic year! Come and accept His invitation!

## Seeds of Growth (Sat 5 & 12 Apr)



OYP is back with its next run of Seeds of Growth — happening over two Saturdays in April for all Alevels/IB students!

There'll be worship, faith formation sessions, prayer, and fellowship. Come and grow in friendship with God, and fellow A-levels/IB students!

**Heart-to-Heart Conversations (Sat 05 Apr)** 

## **HEART-TO-HEART CONVERSATIONS (H2H)**

Date: 5 Apr 2025 OR 3 May 2025

Time: 9.30am - 3:30pm

Venue: Kingsmead Centre

Cost: \$100/- (lunch included)







Register at: www.catholicleader.sg

Do you desire to be a better leader or a better companion in journeying with others? Start with being a better listener as listening is the foundation of accompaniment. This Listening Recollection provides participants a sacred time and safe space to reflect silently and listen to God in His Word. Thereafter they are invited to listen to one another without judgment and receive the gift of being listened to with undivided attention, within small groups.

## Companions (Sat 12 Apr)

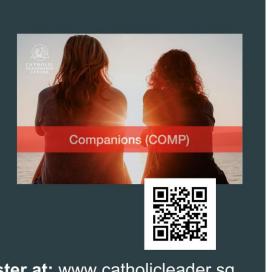
## **COMPANIONS (COMP)**

Date: 12 Apr 2025 & 17 May 2025

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Agape Village

Cost: \$60/- (teabreak included)

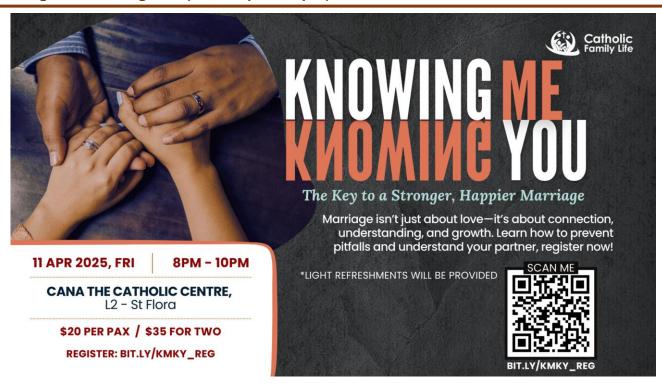




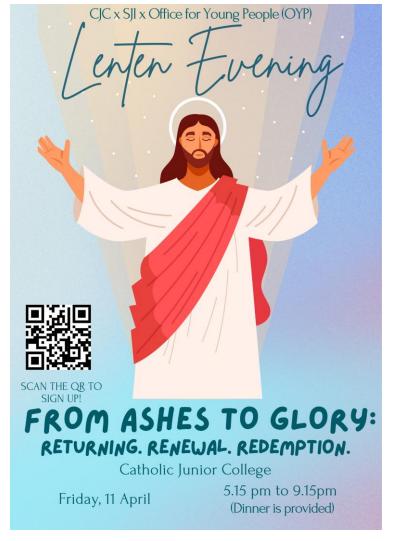
Register at: www.catholicleader.sq

As baptised followers of Jesus, we are all called to accompany one another in our journey towards holiness. Experience a taster of what it means to be walked with and to walk alongside another within a mutually enriching relationship, each supporting the other to grow in faith and holiness together.

Knowing Me Knowing You (Fri 11 Apr @ 8 pm)



## CJC Lenten Evening (Fri 11 Apr @ 5.15 pm)

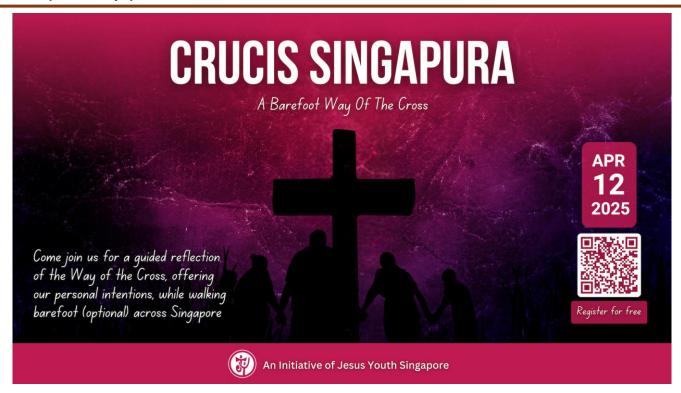


Catholic Junior College (CJC) warmly invites all Catholic youth aged 15 to 19 to participate in Lenten Evening 2025!

Held in collaboration with St Joseph's Institution (SJI) and the Office for Young People (OYP), this event aims to create an opportunity for all participants to encounter Christ more deeply in this Lenten season, as well as forge bonds across Catholic students from different schools.

Interested Catholic youths can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/cjclent25. Do note that consent from parents/guardians is required via a downloadable form in the sign up link. Please bring the hard or soft copy of the consent form and submit on arrival at CJC. We hope to see you there!

Crucis (Sat 12 Apr)



Jesus Youth invites you to join Crucis Singapura, a unique 'Way of the Cross" experience, where participants walk barefoot (optional) across the island, marking the sign of the Cross. Participants can choose from one of four pre defined routes, ranging from 6 to 18 km. The event is scheduled for 12th April 2025, and registration is free.

Register at https://singapore.iesusyouth.org by 6th April 2025. For any inquiries, contact Aji George at 8339 1887.

Paschal Triduum: Holy Week Retreat (17 – 20 Apr)



There will be daily input sessions, spiritual direction, Sacraments and Liturgies from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Due to limited rooms, early registration is recommended.

## St Gabriel's Foundation Church Outreach (26 & 27 April)





Mission to Bogor (30 Apr – 4 May)



St. I osemaria: "Do not forget that doing good means more than wanting to do good. We must sacrifice ourselves, by giving ourselves, for the good of others."

## **30TH APRIL TO 4 MAY 2025**

#### WHAT WE WILL DO

During this mission trip, we will engage in a range of impactful activities designed to bring hope, healing, and empowerment to the refugee community

#### **PILGRIMAGE**

We end the mission with a pilgrimage of thanksgiving and presentation of petitions to to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, a neogothic masterpiece and one of Indonesia's most iconic Catholic landmarks.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Be a part of the mission. Donate preloved or new items needed by the refugees. If you cannot join, consider sponsoring someone willing to serve but unable to afford the expenses. Pray for

https://www.gebirah.org/bogorrefugees

@ gebirahecharis-singapore.org



From Shifting Sand to Solid Ground (17 - 18 May)

## From Shifting Sand to Solid Ground

A Midlife Retreat by Sr. Bubbles, RC

Dates: 17-18 May 2025

Venue: La Salle House

We need to walk on shifting sand to find a home on Solid Ground.





The retreat will evoke significant questions during this life transition: Who am I? How have my relationships impacted me? How would I like to live meaningfully and fruitfully? While the approach to this retreat is psycho-spiritual, the call at this life stage is essentially to undertake a spiritual journey towards a more intimate relationship with self, others and God.

## Marriage Preparation Courses



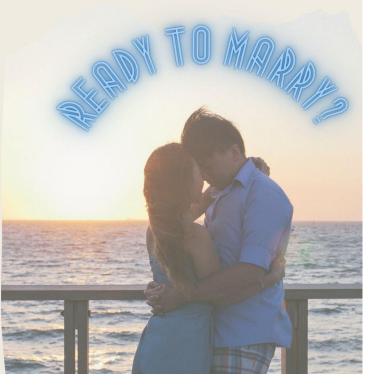
This course, spanning over 6 half-day sessions on weekends, is designed to help couples build strong foundation for a lasting fulfilling marriage.





Couples intending to celebrate your union in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend MPC as early as possible before your wedding date

For more info: www.mpcsingapore.com



## **AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Volunteers Needed** 



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