



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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8.00am to 9.00pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm
Sat : 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
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

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

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

Epiphany of the Lord



On 4 Jan, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the biblical event where the Magi, also called the Three Wise Men or Three Kings, travelled from the East to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus Christ.

The Magi bring with them gold, incense and myrrh. The offer of gold is to proclaim Christ's Kingship, incense is to adore His Godhead, and myrrh is to acknowledge His mortality.

As we reflect on this sacred event, let us also approach our newborn King with humble adoration, worshipping Him with reverence and awe. May our hearts be filled with joy and praise, as we exclaim: Hallelujah!

New Year Greetings from the Priests of the Parish

Dear Parishioners

As we step into a new year, may God's love, grace, and peace fill your hearts and guide your paths. May the Holy Spirit inspire us to grow in faith, hope, and love, and may we walk together as a community of believers, shining Christ's light in the world.

The priests of the Parish wish you and your families a year filled with blessings, joy, and spiritual growth. May God's presence be your strength and comfort always.

Yours in Christ

Rev Fr Christoher Lee, Msgr Peter Zhang and Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna

Blessing of The Campanile Site (Bell Tower)



Praise be to God, our bell tower project is moving forward! After some delays, we are thrilled to share that construction is underway. In a beautiful start to the new year, our priests blessed the grounds on 31 Dec 2025. We are looking forward to seeing this special addition take shape, with completion expected by Ash Wednesday.

The garden of St Joseph

A garden has always been in or around our church during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Fr Anatole Mauduit had a nutmeg plantation and used the income for parish expenses while his parishioners cultivated vegetables, gambier and pepper (famous 19th century naturalist Russell Wallace commented on the greenery when he was a guest of Fr Mauduit). Parishioners of Fr Augustin Perie grew bananas and indigo. Fr Jean-Marie Belliot in the 1880s developed a rubber estate of 40000 trees to help villagers be self-supporting.

During the Japanese Occupation, the Brothers of St Gabriel and the students planted vegetables to overcome food shortage. After the war, Fr Joachim Teng had the ‘St Joseph’s Farm’ to sell durians and rambutans to cover church expenses.

In the 1970s, then parish caretaker Ah Soon started an orchid farm (on land facing the parish house, which is now the carpark), with the flowers beautifying the sanctuary and church.

Now in the 21st century, our parish has 19 fruit trees in our church compound. Unlike the other fixtures of the parish with specific locations, the garden of St Joseph is spread around the church.

Try to identify these fruit trees in different spots the next time you are in church : avocado, banana, bilimbi or bling bling, butter fruit, chiku, common fig, custard apple, durian, jackfruit, lime, mango, mangosteen, nutmeg, olive, papaya, pomegranate, rambutan, Sarawak longan and yellow stem fig.

The original chiku tree, estimated to be about 80 years old, had always been a landmark in our church as it produced bountiful sweet fruits. A new chiku shrub was planted in 2023 and is thriving well just like its predecessor! The youngest trees planted in 2024 were olive and Sarawak longan.

The parish also has a vegetable and herb garden behind the Rosary Garden. A parishioner with a passion for tilling the land had initiated the garden in 2016 to produce a bountiful harvest for the kitchens of the Presbytery and the Seminary.

There is also a hydroponic garden that uses technology to capture rainwater and channel to a nutrient tank. Remotely monitored sensors ensure that the acidity levels and nutrient concentration are suitable for the vegetables. This system has successfully produced herbs such as basil, dill, mint, rosemary, Chinese Kale and lettuce.

From 2024, the parish has donated vegetables to Friends-in-Need (FIN) families supported by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Conference of St Joachim. Since 50 families around Bukit Panjang, Choa Chu Kang and Teck Whye collect financial aid monthly from SSVP, the parish coordinated logistics for harvesting the vegetables and packing by SSVP for collection by the FINs.

So far, the FINs have enjoyed our garden’s kailan, Hong Kong choy sum, bai cai, sweet potato leaves, spinach and various herbs.

The garden of St Joseph has indeed evolved over the decades. Thanks to Fr Anatole Mauduit for acquiring the church land in 1857, the priests who had cultivated plantations and the many volunteers who had contributed to our lush environment.

By Peter Ling



The vegetable garden (above), the hydroponic garden (below left) and the new Chiku shrub planted in 2023 (below right).



AROUND THE PARISH

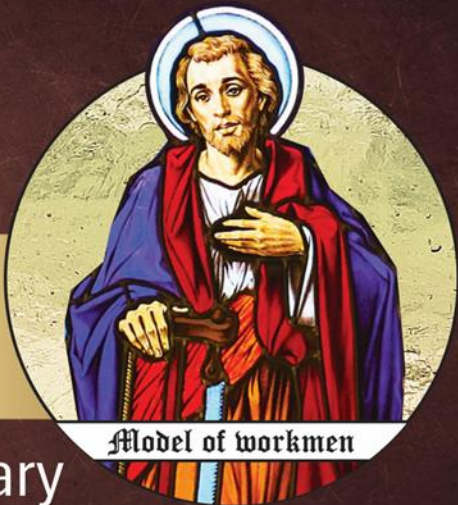
First Wed Mass in Honour of St Joseph (Wed 07 Jan 2026)



MASS
IN HONOUR OF
ST JOSEPH

FIRST WEDNESDAY
7 JANUARY 2026

7.30pm St Joseph Rosary
8.00pm Mass



Intercessory Prayers (Wed 14 Jan 2026)

*First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
should be made for everyone*
Come and join us for our monthly intercessory prayer session @ **Adoration Room**

Time: 7.30PM-8.30PM
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
Starting on 14th Jan 2026



Scan the QR Code to join!

Let us come before the Lord to pray for the needs of the Universal Church and for
our own needs and for Blessings for the NEW YEAR

(nbr 6:24-26)

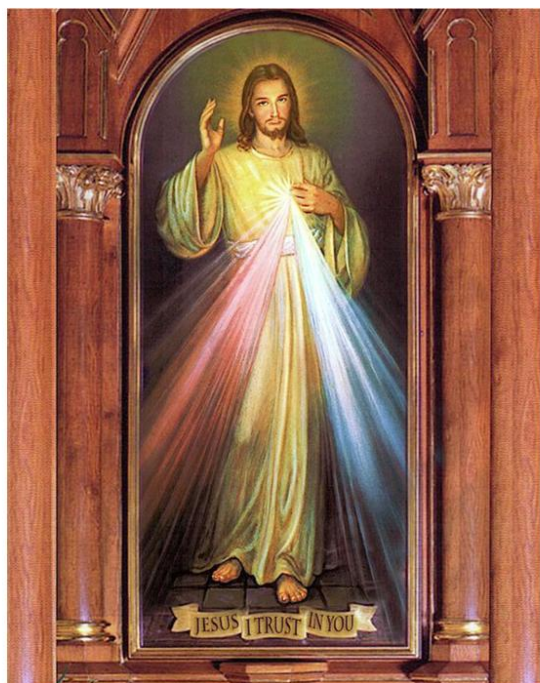
The intercessory prayer is about uplifting the needs of the church, the needs of others as well as our personal intentions.

Come join the intercessory prayer group. Please share with others and bring your rosary

Holy Hour for Vocations Thu 15 Jan 2026 Time : 8 pm Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

The seminarians from St Francis Xavier Major Seminary will be leading the Holy Hour every third Thursday of the month to pray for Vocations.

Please come and join them to pray for vocations to the priesthood!



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

*24th Anniversary
Eucharistic Celebration
and Thanksgiving
7.30 pm
Main Church
Friday 16 January 2026*

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at 7.00 pm in the Main Church.
After the Mass, all are invited to a reception in the Canteen.

Do note that there will be no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.

Scripture Series : Part XI –
Introduction to St Paul & Letters to the Thessalonians
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)
Day : Thursdays
Dates : Jan : 22 / 29
Feb : 5 / 12
(4 sessions)



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

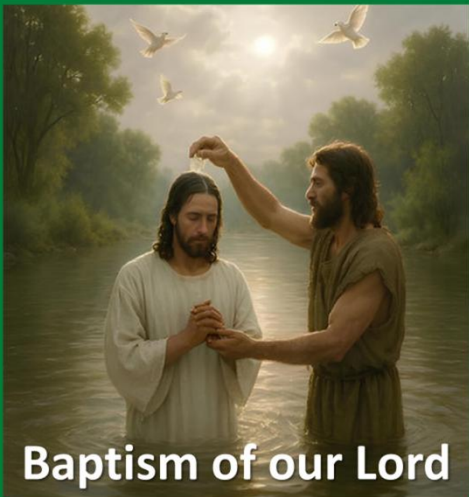
The Scripture Series will be resuming on Thursday 22 Jan 2026.
All are welcome.

Sing a Hymn of Praise (Fri 30 Jan)



Prayer thru Music ©
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- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding



Baptism of our Lord



Sharing by
Rev Msgr James Yeo

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(Friday) 30 January 2026 @ 8:00pm,
Level 3, AVA Room, Parish Community Hall



God Money & Me (Sat 24 Jan)

GOD, MONEY & ME

A personal financial management course

CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

- ☁ Worried about providing for your family?
- ☁ Regretting past purchases or investments?
- ☁ Stressed because your savings never seem to grow?

You're not alone – and you don't have to stay stuck.

SIGN UP NOW to make financial decisions with clarity, confidence, and faith.

-  **Orientation:** Sat, 24 Jan 2026 (11am – 12pm)
-  **Sessions:** Sat, 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar,
21 Mar, 28 Mar 2026 (9am – 1pm)

Registration closes 16 Jan 2026.



[catholicfoundation.sg/
god-money-and-me](https://catholicfoundation.sg/god-money-and-me)

Emmanuel (Wed 28 Jan)

Emmanuel WALKING WITH GOD in our Golden Years



**Nearing retirement or already
navigating your golden years?**

**Join us as we reflect on this life
stage with confidence and clarity.**

SIGN UP HERE **DATE** 28 January 2026
(Wednesday)



TIME 9:30am - 12:30pm

VENUE
Church of
Saint Michael

Are you approaching retirement or already navigating the joys and challenges of your golden years? Join us for a meaningful time of reflection as we explore how to navigate this stage of life with confidence and clarity.

Landings (Beginning March 2026)



Landings
Singapore

REDISCOVER THE FAITH
THAT NEVER LEFT YOU

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY BACK TO THE
HEART OF THE CHURCH, WHERE
LOVE, HEALING AND HOPE AWAIT.

A new 10-week program designed
for Catholics who have been away
from the Church, offering a
welcoming space to reconnect
with God, rediscover the faith, and
experience healing and renewal.



SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!!

New Landings Singapore runs weekly on

- 17th Mar 2026, 8pm on Tuesdays
(Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)
- 19th Mar 2026, 8:00pm on Thursdays
(Church of St Ignatius)

Feeling distant from your faith?

Landings is a gentle 10-week journey for Catholics who have been away from the Church and are considering a return. It is a safe, non-judgmental space to reflect and explore—without pressure or expectations.

Begins March 2026
17 Mar (OLPS) |
19 Mar (St Ignatius)

Scan the QR code or visit
landings.org.sg to learn more.

Marriage Encounter Weekend



MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND
2026

 *Go on a Date!*

English
6-8 Mar ♥ 17-19 Apr ♥ 5-7 Jun ♥ 3-5 Jul
28-30 Aug ♥ 2-4 Oct ♥ 6-8 Nov ♥ 4-6 Dec

Mandarin
27-29 Mar ♥ 19-21 Jun ♥ 18-20 Sep

Bahasa Indonesia
27 Feb-1 Mar ♥ 30 May-1 Jun ♥ 16-18 Oct

STAY-IN WEEKEND BEGINS FRI 8PM &
ENDS ON SUN EVENING WITH MASS

Find out more at www.mesg.org



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER SINGAPORE (WMESSG) IS
AN AFFILIATE OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE



CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD

- ARE YOU FACING LEGAL ISSUES OR DISPUTES AND FEELING LOST?
- DO YOU REQUIRE SOME HELP TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION AND LEGAL OPTIONS?
- HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER OR DO NOT QUALIFY FOR OTHER PRO BONO SERVICES.

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NAVIGATING LEGALITY,
SECURING JUSTICE



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



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1. Online registration is required before an appointment will be given to you (*CLG reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its sole discretion)
2. In order for our lawyers to assist you better, you will be asked to provide some basic information / background of your legal matter.
3. If you have any queries on the CLG Pro Bono Legal Clinics, see contact details above



Start Your Journey
HERE

Build a Strong Foundation for a Lifetime of Love

Getting married in the Catholic Church?

Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) offers **six focused, half-day weekend sessions** to help you and your partner grow closer and prepare for a strong, faith-filled marriage.

✨ **What to expect:**

Practical tools for married life

Deeper communication and connection

Faith-based guidance rooted in Catholic values

 **Plan ahead – attend well before your wedding day!**

 Register or learn more: www.mpcsingapore.com

MPC 2026

Q1: 11 Jan - 01 Mar

Q2: 12 Apr - 17 May

Q3: 05 Jul - 16 Aug

Q4: 20 Sep - 25 Oct



Strengthen your bond. Grow in love. Start with Marriage Preparation Course.