



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 20 Sep 2026 • 25th Sun Ordinary Time (Year A)

620 Upper Bukit Timah Road
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Gate Opening Hours:
6.00am to 10.00pm

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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

Feast of our Lady of the Rosary

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Sunday 4 October 2026

6 pm : Mass

7 pm : Candlelight Procession

Please note that the Mass will be at 6 pm
and not 5.30 pm.

Petitions

You can submit your petitions using the
petition cards placed in the Cry Room.



The Universal Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on Wed 7 Oct, but we as a parish will celebrate it on Sun 4 Oct and this will be followed by a candlelight procession.

Please note that our evening Mass that Sunday will be at 6:00 pm
(instead of 5:30 pm).

Come, let us gather to honour our Blessed Mother and entrust our
families to her prayers.

CHARIS - Appeal for Nepal Flood Emergency Relief

Charis has provided envelopes for parishioners who would prefer to
donate cash or cheques. The envelopes will be placed at the
entrances of the Church and you can deposit the envelopes in the
donation box in the Cry Room.

2027 Bible Diaries : 365 Days with the Lord

Bible Diary 2027 : 365 Days with the Lord



Now available from the Media
Centre
(Bookshop)
Price: \$20
Get your copy now!

Copies will be on sale at the Main Church foyer
on the weekend of 19 & 20 Sept (before and after all Masses).



Alpha Youth : Life Essentials (Commencing Sun 20 Sept)



LIFE ESSENTIALS

BY ALPHAYOUTH

Scan to register!



tinyurl.com/YAlpha2026

Fame
Friends
Dreams
Ghosting
Labels
Stress
Forgiveness
Tribes
Good & Evil
Jesus

Starting 20 Sept

Calling all Teens! Join us for our season of Alpha Youth from Sun 20 Sep. All teenagers from 13 to 19 are welcome to our sessions to explore identity, belonging, purpose, and faith: <https://tinyurl.com/YAlpha2026>

The Dignity of Work (25 Sep @ 8.00 pm)



The Dignity of Work

Catholic Social Teaching on labour, vocation and the worth of the worker

Presented by **Friar David Garcia**

Fri 18 Sept & Fri 25 Sept
8.00 pm – 9.30 pm

St Joseph AVA Room
St Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah

ALL ARE WELCOME



Scan to register

As part of our 180th Anniversary celebrations, we have invited Friar David Garcia to share on “The Dignity of Work”.

Friar David Garcia is a lecturer in Moral Theology at the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary and Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore and a well-known speaker on topics such as social justice and bioethics.

SHE (Sat 26 Sep)





A WOMEN-ONLY GROUP

Join us on a transformative journey, learning practical wisdom, in an environment for growth and love as God intended.

Day/Date: Every Saturday
(from 26 Sep to 21 Nov)
Time: 10am to 1130am
Venue: SJCBT, room #02-03

<https://tinyurl.com/SJCBSHE3>

Scan QR code to Register



'She Shall be called Woman' (SHE) Women's Fellowship is back with season 3: Love Unveiled! To truly understand the way the Lord views femininity is to live as one who is fully alive. This season will not only unpack the wealth of celebration of what Saint John Paul II called "The Feminine Genius" but will also give real advice on how to combat the mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges we, as women, face every day. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCBSHE3>

Prayer thru Music



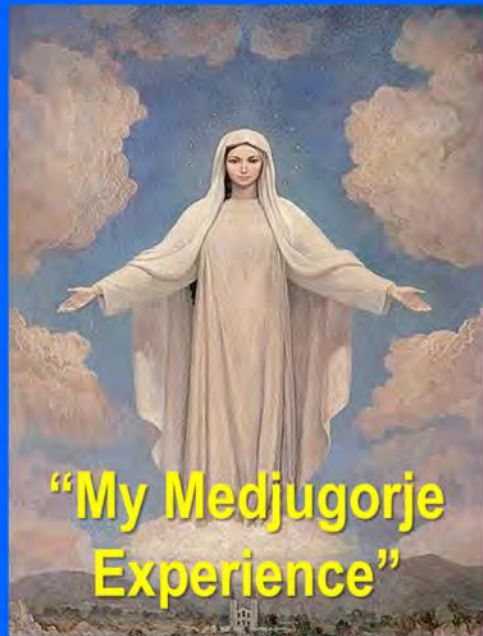
SAHOP®
(Prayer thru Music)

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding



Mr Richard Tan

(Friday) 25 September 2026
8.00pm, AVA Room, Level 3,
Parish Community Hall



"My Medjugorje Experience"

E-mail: sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Scripture Series : The Gospel of Matthew

Scripture Series : The Gospel of Matthew (Part II)

By Fr Ambrose Vaz

Extended



*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 : Aug : 27
Sep : 3 / 10 / 17 / 24
Oct : 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29



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

Small Catholic Communities (Sat 17 Oct @ 6.45 pm)



GENERAL MEETING

for Small Catholic Communities

SERVING AS *Salt* AND *Light* IN OUR COMMUNITIES

1. Meet each other
2. Meet our new Parish Priests
3. Renew the Mission and Vision of SCCs



Scan QR to register

SATURDAY OCT 17

PARISH HALL

6.45PM to 9.00PM

Calling all Parishioners! Come together as the Small Catholic Community in your neighbourhood for a fellowship good time over dinner with our Parish Priests and each other, on 17 Oct, Saturday, after the sunset mass. All Parishioners are welcome. Please register your attendance as a simple dinner will be provided at: <https://tinyurl.com/SCCGM2026>



PIETA (Tue 22 Sep)

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tues 22 September 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 to pray and support each other.

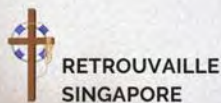
Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com

or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

Please email us directly for the Zoom link.

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

Retrouvaille Weekend (25 – 27 Sep)



Retrouvaille Singapore is an
affiliate of Catholic Family Life

a marriage lifeline

Is your marriage
tearing you apart?

Are you considering
divorce or separation?

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RETROUVAILLE WEEKENDS

25 - 27 SEP 2026

Register: bit.ly/RetroWESep26

Retrouvaille is an international programme that came to Singapore in 1993. The programme aims to help troubled couples mend their relationships.

If you are considering separation, divorce, or are already divorced and want to get back together, Retrouvaille may just be what you need as a couple.

Register here via bit.ly/RetroWESep26 or scan the QR code to register.

Catholic Social Teaching (Commencing 28 Sep)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

By Fr David Garcia, OP





28 Sep - 26 Oct 2026



Mondays
08.00PM - 09.30PM



Fr Francisco Maia's Hall,
St Joseph's Church
(Victoria Street)



\$50
Fee

Faith is more than going
to church and being nice

COURSE THEMES

28 SEP	Unhealthy Ideas About Ministry & Hierarchy
05 OCT	Work is Not a Job
12 OCT	Money and the Economy
19 OCT	Migrants
26 OCT	Crime and Capital Punishment

SCAN ME



bit.ly/cstsep2026

Faithfulness to the Gospel is more than going to church and being nice. We are called to build God's kingdom and transform our world.

Join us as we explore how the Church's social teaching can help us put our faith to concrete practice in daily life!

Getting Married : In Church or As Church (Fri 2 Oct)



Getting Married: IN Church or AS Church?

BY FR AMBROSE VAZ

What does it mean to be married "as the Church"?

How can marriages become a living sacrament?

SCAN HERE



FAMILYLIFE.SG/GM

2 OCT 2026 (FRI)
8PM - 10PM

\$20 PER PAX \$35 FOR TWO

THE CATHOLIC CENTRE,
LEVEL 2
55 WATERLOO ST
SINGAPORE, 187954

This session explores the Catholic understanding of marriage as both a sacrament celebrated within the Church and as a lifelong commitment that embodies the Church's mission. Participants will delve into the significance of marriage in the Catholic tradition, examining how the sacrament of Matrimony not only unites a couple but also calls them to live out their faith as a "domestic church."

What does it mean to be married "as the Church"? How can marriages become a living sacrament? What's the difference between a wedding in the church and a marriage that lives out the church's mission?

Divorce, Separation and Annulment (5 and 19 Oct)

What the Catholic Church
Actually Teaches About
**Divorce, Separation,
and Annulment**

By Fr Terence Pereira

Via Zoom on Monday

- Part 1: 5 Oct 2026
- Part 2: 19 Oct 2026

Time: 8 - 10pm

Fee: Love Offering



Organised by
Catholic Divorce Support Group
Affiliate of Catholic Family Life



Scan to register or visit
bit.ly/DSAOct26

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? This Symposium will help participants gain an insight into the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment.

Catholic Hackathon (9 – 11 Oct)



DIGITAL CHURCH OFFICE PRESENTS:

**A CATHOLIC
HACKATHON!**

9 to 11 October 2026

Bringing together people of faith, creativity, and innovation to build solutions for the Church!

Individual Sign Up: **\$20**

Group of 3 Sign Up: **\$50**

Registration
closes 30 Aug!

Open to:
Designers | Developers | Professionals |
Students | Creatives | Anyone curious!

📍 CTIS, 618 Upp Bt Timah Rd

📱 @fiat.hack 🌐 mycatholic.sg/hackathon

**Sign up now at
mycatholic.sg/forms**

Digital Church Office will be organising a hackathon on 9-11 Oct where you can help to ideate solutions for various archdiocesan organisations.

Sign up now to be part of building the church of tomorrow with your talents!

Early bird signups close by 31 July and signups close by 30 August.

Rest, Relish and Recharge (15 – 18 Oct)



REST, RELISH and RECHARGE

October 15-18, 2026
A Beach Retreat in Bintan

A time of rest, self-discovery, and spiritual growth.



**THE CENACLE
SISTERS**

with



**The
Jesuits**

Through an arrangement of rest and simple leisure activities, these days of reflection and prayer hope to root us in God's goodness and thus find God in all things, experiences & time. Most importantly, the retreat hopes to provide a safe space for self-discovery and emotional growth as we evaluate: WHY DO I DO THE THINGS I DO?

Crossroads (17 – 18 Oct)



**A Cenacle
programme**



PRAYING OUR CROSSROADS: A LIFE DIRECTION RETREAT

Whether one is at a crossroads in one's career, seeking personal growth, or looking for new inspiration, this retreat is designed to help you reconnect with your spiritual purpose and chart a meaningful path forward.



17-18 OCT 2026
@LA SALLE HOUSE

This transformative Life Direction Retreat is designed to help you reconnect with your spiritual purpose and chart a meaningful path forward. There will be a reflective exploration of values, desires, dreams and aspirations to help cultivate clarity and self-awareness. Whether one is at a crossroads in one's career, seeking personal growth, or looking for new inspiration, this retreat provides a nurturing and prayerful space to gain insights and develop practices for a fuller and more meaningful life ahead.

Apostolate for Catholic Truth presents

Love, Marriage & ^{the} Mystery of Sex

Date : 17 Oct 2026 (Saturday)

Time : 9.00am to 4.30pm

Cost : Love Offering

Venue : Church of St Francis Xavier, 63A Chartwell Drive



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<https://tinyurl.com/LMMS-oct2026>

Why do we have sexual desire? What is eros all about? What is marriage for? What is God's plan for us? Do we face issues in our married life? Or our sex life? Why? What can we do about it? Come and find out the answers to these questions and more as we explore them through the lens of the Theology of the Body

Presenters



Alphonsus & Cyrine Gregory
TOB Parenting Team



Fr David Garcia
Moral Theologian



John and Geraldine Hui
TOB Parenting Team

Hosted by Church of St Francis Xavier

CHOICE WEEKEND

FOR YOUNG ADULTS
SINGLE OR DATING
18-40
A CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE AFFILIATE

Learn how to *love deeply* and *live authentically*

- Reflect on your relationships
- Hear raw, honest stories from singles, couples and religious voices
- Grow in self-awareness navigating relationships, faith and identity



Secure your spot today

FINAL CALL FOR 2026

23 to 25 October (Fri – Sun),

📍 Stay-in @ ME House (Punggol)

BIBLE SYMPOSIUM

ORGANISED BY VERBUM DEI MISSIONARIES

Bible in the City

SCRIPTURE FOR THE CONCRETE JUNGLE

City life moves fast. Deadlines. Decisions. Constant demands.

It is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. What if Scripture could help you navigate it?

Hear keynote speakers and panelists explore Scripture's relevance, learn practical ways to root your life in God's Word, and be equipped to share its life-changing message.

Event highlights: two talks, a panel discussion and the celebration of the Eucharist.



Monday, 9 November 2026 (Public Holiday), 8.30 am ~ 1.00 pm

Novena Church Auditorium, Pastoral Block, Level 2

\$30 per person / \$50 for two (Special Price)

Light Refreshments Included

Keynote Speakers



Sr. Sandra Seow,
S.T.B., S.T.L.
Verbum Dei Missionary



Fr. Michael Cheong,
S.T.B., S.T.L., S.T.D.
Verbum Dei Missionary



Moderator
Melissa Yuen
Senior Tech
Executive



Sr. Leticia C. Lopez,
S.T.B., S.T.L.
Verbum Dei Missionary



Irene Chan
Senior Healthcare
Administrator



Albert Ho
Director
Investment &
Asset Management Firm

Panelists

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Alternative link:

tinyurl.com/VdeiBibleSymposium

Closing date:
18th October 2026



Don't just survive the urban rush but root your life in the living Word of God.

Organised by the Verbum Dei Missionaries, this symposium is an invitation to pause and let Scripture speak into your busy city routine. Hear from our keynote speakers and panelists.

Day for Life (31 Oct)

Day For Life 2026

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE



A day of encouragement and renewal to serve and uphold the sanctity of life, through Prayer, Keynotes, The Sacraments And Healing Ministry.



JENNIFER HENG
Founder and Director
of Safe Place

KEYNOTE: HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Jennifer Heng is the Founder and Director of Safe Place, an organisation that empowers women with unsupported pregnancies to make life-giving choices. Drawing from over 20 years of ministry and her own personal experience, Jennifer will talk about finding hope and healing after abortion and how the Church can accompany families who may carry this wound.



DR BERNARD THIO
Founder of Couple
Empowerment
Programme (CEP)

KEYNOTE: CALLED TO PROTECT: MEN AND THE CULTURE OF LIFE

Dr Bernard Thio is a practicing doctor, graduate lecturer, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a pioneering leader in developing post-marriage catechesis for young marrieds and has served as a presenter at the Couple Empowerment Programme for the past 20 years. Dr Bernard will speak into the myth that men do not have a say in the issue of abortion, and the primary role of men in protecting and championing a culture of life in Singapore.



Father Bartolo
Maria
OCD

KEYNOTE: THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Fr Bartolo Maria, OCD obtained his Bachelor of Sacred Theology (SThB) at the Teresianum, the Discalced Carmelite Pontifical Faculty in Rome. Reflecting on the Holy Family of Nazareth who remained faithful amidst poverty, exile and great trials, Fr Bartolo will speak on the heart of Jesus as the source of all hope and the Christian family's missional call to love and serve life.

TICKETS

\$13 EACH

Better TWO-
gether Bundle

2 FOR \$21

Bring a friend along!

SIGN UP HERE



tinyurl.com/dayforlife26

31
Oct
2026

930AM- 4PM

Registration will begin at 9am.

CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY

St Gregory's Hall



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2026

Upcoming Weekend Dates

ENGLISH	28 - 30 Aug 2 - 4 Oct 4-6 Dec
MANDARIN	18 - 20 Sep
BAHASA INDONESIA	16 - 18 Oct



FRIDAY 8PM - SUNDAY 6PM
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Gebirah Missions to Hong Kong (6 – 10 Nov)



GEBIRAH MISSIONS
FAITH IN ACTION. LOVE IN SERVICE.



HONG KONG

MISSION 2026

6 – 10 NOVEMBER 2026

*After All Saints and All Souls,
COME WITH US
TO SERVE CHRIST
IN THE FORGOTTEN.*



*"Whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers
and sisters of mine,
you did for me."
— Matthew 25:40*

Hong Kong is a city of bright lights and hidden poverty. Many live unseen—homeless, refugees, migrants, elderly poor, and families struggling in difficult conditions.

Gebirah Missions will return to Hong Kong for a follow-up mission of service, solidarity, prayer and pilgrimage.



*Rooted in our Catholic Faith.
Sent by Love. Moved by Mercy.*

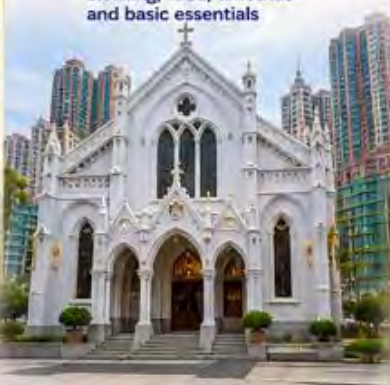
WHAT WE WILL DO

- Homeless outreach and dignity encounters
- Distribution of winter clothes, food, toiletries and essentials
- Support for refugees, migrants and marginalised families
- Menstrual health education and reusable pad distribution
- Follow-up visits from last year's mission
- Prayer, reflection and Catholic fellowship



WHO WE WILL SERVE

- Homeless persons
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Migrant families
- Women and girls in need of menstrual health support
- Elderly poor
- Families living in hardship
- People who need winter clothing, food, toiletries and basic essentials



WHAT BENEFICIARIES NEED

- Winter jackets, sweaters, hoodies
- Warm socks, scarves, beanies, gloves
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sanitary pads and reusable sanitary pads
- School supplies
- Non-perishable food
- Basic medicines where appropriate
- Financial sponsorship for mission expenses and aid distribution



WE WILL END OUR MISSION WITH A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

After days of serving Christ in the poor, we will go to Mary to give thanks to God, to pray for our friends in Hong Kong, and to ask Our Lady to continue watching over them.

This pilgrimage is the spiritual crown of the mission — a moment to bring everything we have seen, carried, loved and suffered back to God through the hands of Mary.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



JOIN
as a volunteer missionary



DONATE
winter clothes and essentials



SPONSOR
a missionary or aid packs



HELP
with packing and logistics



SHARE
with your parish, family & friends



SEND
prayer petitions



PRAY
for the mission and the people of Hong Kong

UNABLE TO AFFORD THE MISSION?

If you are sincere in serving the marginalised, you can apply for **PART SPONSORSHIP**. We don't want cost to stop a sincere heart from serving.



THE POOR CANNOT WAIT.
Let us go where love is needed.

SIGN UP NOW
Places may be limited.



Be Christ. Bring Hope. Change Lives.

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- +65 9234 7889

Come to Hong Kong with Gebirah Missions. Serve. Pray. Listen. Give. Let God enlarge your heart.

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RETREAT #4



A YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR YOUTHS & YOUNG ADULTS (16 – 30)

Come as you are and encounter Jesus anew.
Rest in Him and learn to walk in His ways.

Retreat Dates: 17 – 20 Dec 2026, Stay-in
Fee: S\$160 Early Bird (till 11 Oct) • S\$175 thereafter
Registrations: Now open • Closes 30 Nov 2026

REGISTRATION



bit.ly/breathe4



2026: A JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP WITH ST PETER

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