



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 09 November 2025 • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)



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Gate Opening Hours:
8.00am to 9.00pm



stjoseph-bt.org.sg/



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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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

Find out more about the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

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Pope's Intentions for the Month of November : For the prevention of suicide



“Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.”

Leo P.P. XIV

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (cont'd)

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the mother church of all churches in the world.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

Jesus, the new Temple

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God’s constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a “house of God” in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, “O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof” (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. All the present distractions are what make the Lord’s face blurry. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, of our friendship with Him (cf. Heb 12:1-4), our faces will shine with light that flows from a “unified” heart. The serenity required is momentary, but it needs to develop over a life time of continuous entering within ourselves and heading straight for the “King’s room” (cf. The Interior Castle, Saint Teresa of Avila).

Extracted from the Vatican News

Did You Know?

There are four major basilicas in the world, all located in Rome, and over 1,800 minor basilicas worldwide. The four major basilicas are the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, Saint Peter's Basilica, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. All other basilicas are classified as minor basilicas.



Archbasilica of
St. John Lateran



St. Peter's Basilica

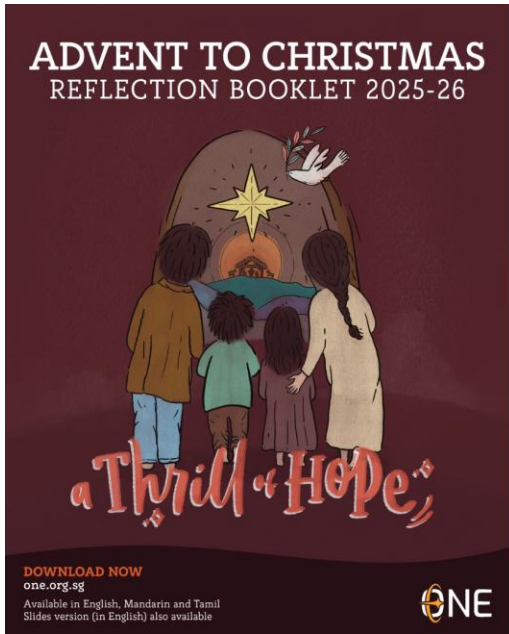


Basilica of St. Paul
Outside-the-Walls



Basilica of
St. Mary Major

Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklets



Discover the Hope
Christ offers us this
Advent and Christmas

Download Yours



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This Advent, let your heart be stirred by a thrill of hope.

Journey through Advent and Christmas with the Office for the New Evangelisation’s annual Advent to Christmas reflection booklet. Each week offers Scripture reflections, thought-provoking questions and sharing guides to help you break open the Word and discover how hope continues to dawn in our lives today.

Download your copy at one.org.sg or scan the QR code above.
Limited hardcopies are available at the entrance of the Main Church.

Registration for Infant Baptism on 04 Jan 2026 closes on 15 Nov

INFANT BAPTISM

Year 2026



RITE OF BAPTISM @ 1:30PM	PREPARATION SESSION 1 @ 1:30PM (Zoom) For parents and godparent	PREPARATION SESSION 2 @ 1:30PM (AVA SJ room) For parents and godparent	CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
4 JAN 2026	7 DEC 2025	28 DEC 2025	15 NOV 2025
12 APR 2026 (2 nd SUN)	1 MAR 2026	29 MAR 2026	15 FEB 2026
12 JUL 2026 (2 nd SUN)	7 JUN 2026	28 JUN 2026	15 MAY 2026
4 OCT 2026	6 SEPT 2026	27 SEPT 2026	15 AUG 2026
1 NOV 2026	6 SEPT 2026	27 SEPT 2026	15 AUG 2026

Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: **St. Joseph’s Church, Bukit Timah**.
Download the **‘Infant Baptism Registration’** form (*under Services>Sacraments>Baptism*) and submit your registration with the relevant documents to Parish Secretary.

Email: [sjcibt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

Christmas Fair (Sat 8 Nov & Sun 9 Nov)

Media Centre (Bookshop) : Christmas Fair



The Daughters of St Paul Media Centre (Bookshop) will be having it's annual Christmas Fair on the weekends of :

Sat 8 & 15 Nov (4.30 pm -7.00 pm)

Sun 9 Nov (8.30 am – 7.00 pm) &

Sun 16 Nov (8.30 am – 1.00 pm)

Do drop by and you may be able to pick up some delightful Christmas presents for your family and friends.



Breaking of the Word (Sun 9 Nov @ 10.45 am)

BREAKING OF THE WORD



with the Small Catholic Communities

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

- Sun 9 Nov, 10.45am-12.15pm, #02-01 Community Hall Building

All are welcome!
Come join us!



Come and get to know your Catholic Neighbours - join us for the next combined Small Catholic Communities gathering next Sunday 9 November at 10.45am as we break open the Word of God together! Please join our WhatsApp Community for more details: tinyurl.com/SJCBTNCC

Eternal Rest (Tue 11 Nov and Wed 12 Nov)

FAITH & BIBLE
REFLECTIONS



ETERNAL REST™

THE ART OF DYING WELL

Tues 8-9.45pm & Wed 9-10.45am
October 28/29,
Nov 4/5, 11/12, 18/19
ONLINE via Zoom





November is the month of praying for the dead. Join the Faith & Bible Reflections community as we explore the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Every Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 9am, ONLINE via Zoom. Join our Whatsapp Community for more information: tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB

Heritage Trail Talks (Wed 12 Nov or Sat 06 Dec)

Heritage Trail Talks





As we count down to our 180th Anniversary Celebrations in 2026, we are excited to invite you on a journey through time with our Heritage Trail tours! Join our talks to learn about the history and developments that have shaped our Church into what it is today.

You can attend either one of these talks :

Date : Wed 12 Nov OR Sat 06 Dec

Time : 10 am to 11.30 am

Venue : St Joseph AVA Room

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your connection with our community!
We would also welcome anyone who would like to assist as a Heritage Trail guide.

Sign up at : <https://forms.gle/rbbu2rd2mZgz6xqF6>
Or scan the QR code.



AROUND THE PARISH

Intercessory Prayers (Wed 12 Nov @ 8 pm)

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: 8.00 – 9.00pm
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
12th November 2025



Scan the QR Code to join!

Let us come before the Lord to pray for the needs of others and for our own needs
Join us as we will be praying for our intentions through the intercession of **Mother Mary and All Saints for the month of November**

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory (Sat 15 Nov @ 9.00 am)

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory!

Visit to other Church
Columbaria in November:

- Saturday 15 Nov 9.00am
- Friday 21 Nov 1.30pm

Please scan the QR Code to register. Bus transport provided from and to St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah).



November is the month for praying for the dead. Join us as we visit the columbaria of 4 parishes. Bus transport will be provided. Kindly register by 10 November so we can make the necessary transport arrangements: <https://tinyurl.com/2025ColumbariaVisit>



CONVENT OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

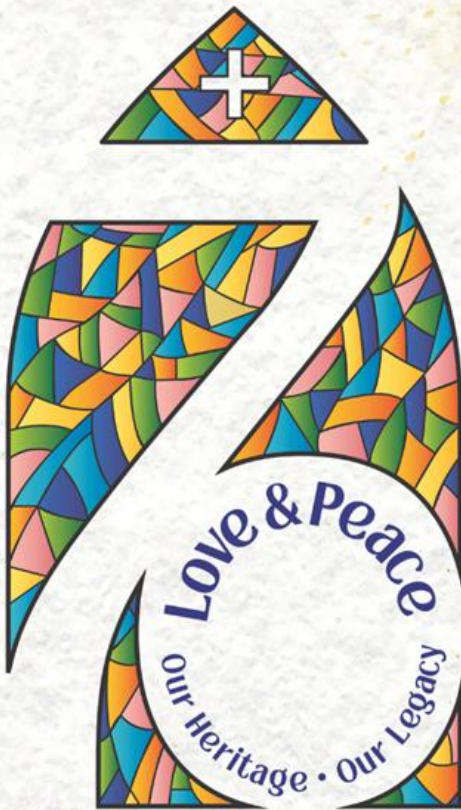
We joyfully celebrate 70 years of Catholic education and mission.

To celebrate this milestone, we warmly invite all former students of CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace.

NOV 14		9.00 AM		ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH (BUKIT TIMAH)
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We are deeply honoured to have His Eminence William Cardinal Goh, Archbishop of Singapore, as the main celebrant.

Please be seated by 8.45 am.



*Simple in Virtue,
Steadfast in Duty*

Sharing Christmas Joy (22 & 23 Nov)



Sharing Christmas Joy

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul
Invites you to share Christmas Joy
With Families-In-Need**

**For more details, please visit us
@ St Joachim Room
on 22 & 23 Nov
& pick up a Gift Card**



The Society of St Vincent De Paul invites the Parish community to share Christmas Joy with those in need by purchasing a Christmas gift, goodie bag items or bookstore vouchers for the families served by SSVP. Come to St Joachim Room on 22 & 23 Nov to pick up a Gift Card. Thank you.

Mass with Youth (Sun 23 Nov @ 11.30 am)

In celebration of World Youth Day in St Joseph's Church, join us for

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING





MASS WITH YOUTH

11.30AM | 23 NOV 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Rosary @ 11am
Lunch & Fellowship after Mass
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)
<https://tinyurl.com/SJCBTWYD2025>



Join us as we celebrate World Youth Day 2025! All Youth and Young Adults 16-35 years old are welcome to join us for a Mass with Youth followed by lunch and fellowship. For catering purposes, kindly indicate if you will be attending by 13 November 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCBTWYD2025>

AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Fri 28 Nov @ 8 pm)



Prayer thru Music ©
(brought to you by SAHOP)



JUBILEE 2025
Pilgrims of Hope in Community



**Sharing by
Sr Wendy Ooi**

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



**“St Carlo Acutis and
St Pier Giorgio Frassatti ,
models of joyful faith in
the modern world”**



**(Friday) 28 November 2025
@ 8:00pm, Level 3, AVA Room,
Parish Community Hall**

e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com

Talk on Advent and Wreath Making Workshop (Sat 29 Nov)

- Saturday 29 Nov
- 2-5pm, Parish Community Hall
- Speaker: Sr Elizabeth Sim,

Want to know more about the Advent Season? Sr Elizabeth Sim, FDCC, will be sharing on the Symbolism & Meaning of this Holy Season of Advent, followed by a Family Advent Wreath making activity. Have the wreath blessed at sunset 5.30pm Mass.
\$20 per set of advent wreath making materials. Limited sets only!

Register:





Talk & Advent Wreath-making Workshop

Advent



Sr Elizabeth Sim will be sharing on the Season of Advent and this will be followed by an Advent Wreath making workshop. Register now!

North District Advent Penitential Services

2025 North District Advent Penitential Services

Day & Date	Time	Venue
Mon 08 Dec	8 PM	St Anthony
Tue 09 Dec	8 PM	St Joseph’s Church (BT)
Wed 10 Dec	10.30 AM & 8 PM	Christ the King
Thu 11 Dec	8 PM	Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fri 12 Dec	10.30 AM & 8 PM	Holy Spirit
Note : Church of the Risen Christ is undergoing renovation and hence will not be scheduled this year.		

Registration for 2026 Primary Catechesis

Registration for Primary Catechesis 2026

- For (1) new registrations and (2) those who are currently attending primary catechesis but have not registered using myCatholicSG, please go to <https://mycatholic.sg/welcome> and have the parent and child’s myCatholicSG account ready. Scan the QR code for the step-by- step guide to register your child.
- For those children who are already attending primary catechesis and have registered previously using myCatholicSG, you need not register again.
- If you have any queries regarding registrations, please email primarycatechesis@stjoseph-bt.org.sg
- For technical queries on the myCatholicSG account registration, please email Digital Church Office : mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg



Scan for the step by step guide for registration via myCatholicSG

SSVP Statement of Accounts



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Conference of St Joachim
Statement of Income and Expenses for October 2025

Donations	\$ 24,970.75
Expenditure	\$ 16,915.75
Surplus	\$ 8,055.00

Thank you for your support for our Friends-in-Need!

House of Blessing (Sat 8 Nov)

HOUSE of BLESSING
Our Home, His Dwelling

Catholic Family Life saccre

Register Here

What is home to you?

Discover simple ways to grow closer to God as a family.

8 November 2025, Saturday, 9:00am to 3:30pm
Saint Francis Xavier Retreat Centre (Punggol)

Deeper into Catholic Social Teaching (Commencing 12 Nov)

DEEPER INTO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

NAVIGATING THROUGH GLOBAL CRISES

By Fr David Garcia, OP

12 – 26 Nov 2025 Wednesdays 07.30PM – 09.30PM CANA The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, Level 3 \$30 Fee

COURSE THEMES

12 NOV	The Church's role in the world economy	19 NOV	From trade wars, xenophobia and isolation to global solidarity
		26 NOV	Is technology making everything worse?

SCAN ME

bit.ly/cstnov25

Join us at CANA as we explore how the Church's social teaching tradition can give us useful perspectives on the role of the Church and how we can adopt the healthy attitude to many issues. Special attention will be given to Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical that was published during 2008 financial crisis.

Register now at bit.ly/cstnov25

Apostolate for Catholic Truth presents

BATTLING PORNOGRAPHY

*What's wrong with pornography? How does pornography affect us and our children?
How do people get addicted to it? Can we overcome pornography addiction? If so, how?
And how can we protect our children from its snares?
Come and find out the answers to these questions and and more as we explore them
through the lens of faith and science.*

Date : 15 Nov 2025 (Saturday)
Time : 10.00am to 4.00pm
Cost : Love Offering

Venue :
CANA The Catholic Centre
55 Waterloo St, Level 3

10.00am
to
12.00pm



Dr Christopher Cheok
Psychiatrist
"The Lure of Pornography and its Effects"



Dr John Hui
Family Physician
"Understanding Sexual Desire - Good or Bad?"



scan to register
<https://tinyurl.com/battleporn-2025>

2.00pm
to
4.00pm



Dr Richard Davis
Software Architect
"Protecting our Devices, Protecting our Children"



Ms Natalie Lim
Principal Psychologist
"Help! My Child is Watching Pornography"



Sharing by Mr X
"From Addiction to Freedom"

Use the registration link or scan the QR code above to register for this seminar

Love Makes Room

A retreat for the Advent Journey toward Christmas

Advent and Christmas reveal a God whose love always makes room: in God's promise, in Mary's trust, in the manger, and in us. This retreat invites those who are same sex attracted or identify as LGBTQ, to pray and notice how God makes room for them, and to discern how to make room in love for others.



21 Nov (7pm) - 23 Nov (4pm)



St Francis Xavier Retreat Centre, S(829645)

Register your interest at tinyurl.com/courageadvent25
or via QR code, by 3 Nov



spdircourage@gmail.com

courage.sg

courage.org.sg

Providing care for men and women experiencing same sex attraction to know God's love
& support for loved ones accompanying LGBT persons to keep their faith and family



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Waffles & Spaghetti (Fri 21 Nov)

WAFFLES SPAGHETTI

Ever notice how MEN zoom in while women connect the dots?

It's not just you—it's how we are wired!

How can we make it work in marriage?
Join us for an exchange of ideas and exercises celebrating the complementarity of male and female

Register here:

bit.ly/WSHS25

21 NOV 2025, FRI | 8PM - 10PM
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
\$20 PER PAX / \$35 FOR TWO

Organised by  in collaboration with 

Ever wonder why men focus on one thing at a time while women seem to connect everything at once? It's not just you—it's how we're wired! Man and woman, the masterpiece of God's creation, were created for each other, to complete each other in the most profound way. Equal in dignity, yet as different as waffles are from spaghetti.

How can we make it work in marriage?

Come and enjoy a light-hearted exchange of ideas peppered with exercises to celebrate our differences and complementarity as male and female.

Sec 4 / 5 Outreach (Sat 22 Nov)



SEC 4/5 OUTREACH



SATURDAY, 22 NOV 2025
10AM - 1PM
2 LORONG LOW KOON



SIGN UP HERE!

Graduating from secondary school this year? Or know someone who is? OYP welcomes all who are graduating to join us for a time of prayer and getting to know fellow Sec 4/5 students!

SAVE THE DATE

**Join us on 29th and 30th November
for a 2-day non-residential Family Weekend**

This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen family bonds,
deepen your faith together, and enjoy fun,
interactive activities for all ages.
Book now to create lasting memories as a family,
reconnect, refresh, and renew!

29TH NOVEMBER (SATURDAY)

2PM - 8PM

30TH NOVEMBER (SUNDAY)

9AM - 7.30PM (WITH MASS)

REGISTRATION \$50 PER FAMILY

For families with children aged 7 - 21 years

Venue: St Patrick's School

490 East Coast Road (429058)

Register: www.familylife.sg/FamilyWeekend

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SCAN HERE

YCS End-of-Year Camp (10 – 13 Dec)

The YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' MOVEMENT invites you to

Camp Congrega



Theme: Commitment
Camp verse: Job 13:15
10-13 December 2025 | Church of the IHM | \$60/pax
For all 13-18 year olds

For any enquiries:
Ethan 8950 5903 / Rex 8389 4498

 @ycssingapore

Sign-up now!





We hope that through the camp, our participants can understand the purpose and importance of commitment and can then make a commitment to their faith.

Landings



**Feeling distant from your faith?
You're not alone. Reconnect with
peace, purpose, and community**

In our 10-week journey back to the heart of Catholicism. Explore your questions, rediscover the sacraments, and find belonging in a safe, nonjudgmental space. No pressure—just open hearts and open doors. Your journey home starts here

landings.org.sg





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.

PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

NAVIGATING LEGALITY,
SECURING JUSTICE



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Contact details

- +65 6801 7494
- www.clgsingapore.com
- probono@clgsingapore.com

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend



Discover the Joys of a
Richer, Fuller Life Together!



2025 Weekend

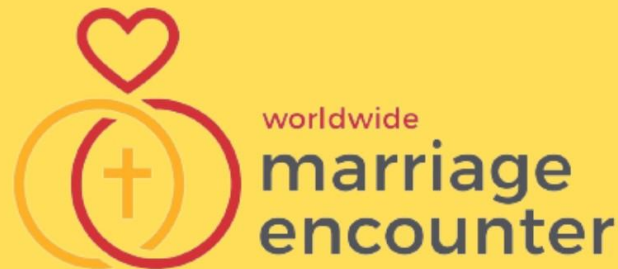
Date Options*

- Feb 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Feb 14 - 16 (IndoME)
- Mar 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Mar 14 - 16 (HuaKen)
- Apr 4 - 6 (Eng)
- Jun 6 - 8 (Eng)
- Jun 20 - 22 (HuaKen)
- Aug 22 - 24 (IndoME)
- Aug 29 - 31 (Eng)
- Oct 3 - 5 (Eng)
- Nov 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Nov 21 - 23 (HuaKen)
- Dec 5 - 7 (Eng)

The Weekend (stay-in) begins on Fri at 8 pm,
and ends on Sun evening with Mass.

Yes, all you need is one Weekend!

*Conducted in English, Bahasa Indonesia
(i.e. IndoME) or Mandarin (i.e. HuaKen).



Singapore

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Singapore (WWMESG)
is an Affiliate of Catholic Family Life.

Find out more at
<https://tinyurl.com/WWMESGsignup>



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.