





# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 17 Nov 2024 • 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
Singapore 678116

 Gate Opening Hours:  
8.00am to 9.00pm

 [stjoseph-bt.org.sg/](http://stjoseph-bt.org.sg/)

 [facebook.com/sjcbt/](https://facebook.com/sjcbt/)

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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

## Message from Fr Christopher Lee

My dear parishioners,

I am deeply grateful for your overwhelming prayers and support during this challenging time. Your love and well-wishes have profoundly touched my heart and significantly aided my recovery.

My thoughts and prayers are especially with the children who attended the Children's Mass. I hope you are all healing and recovering from the incident. May God's love and comfort surround you.

Let us not allow this incident to shake our faith or sow fear in our community. Instead, let us trust in God's watchful care and protection. I am thankful for the bravery and swift actions of those who intervened, preventing further harm.

Your solidarity and strong participation in the Masses on 10 Nov and the 8.00 PM Prayer Session have been a testament to our community's strength and resilience. We will not let adversity overcome us nor dampen our spirits. We will learn from this experience and move forward together, growing stronger and more united.

We will review our security measures to ensure a safe environment while maintaining a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. We will look out for one another and embrace newcomers, building a sense of belonging and community.

I look forward to returning home soon to continue serving you, my dear parishioners. Please continue to pray for me.

With heartfelt appreciation and blessings.

Fr Christopher Lee



# Pray for the Souls in Purgatory!

Visit to other Church  
Columbaria in November:

- Friday afternoons
- Saturday mornings

Please enquire at the Welcome  
Desk or scan the QR Code.



November is the month of praying for the souls in purgatory. The parish is planning visits to various church columbaria during this month of November. As an act of mercy, let us come together as a community to pray for our departed sisters and brothers in Christ that they may rest in peace. Transportation will be provided. Please visit the Welcome Desk outside St Joachim's Room for more information or scan the QR Code.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lourdes Experience – Collection of Tickets (between 15 – 30 Nov)



**Sat 07 Dec**  
**Singapore Indoor Stadium**  
**2 pm – 7 pm**

**THE 5TH**  
**LOURDES**  
*Experience*

We are happy to announce that all applications for tickets have been successful.

For those who have requested for transport, we will now be making the arrangements and will advise you on the cost once we have finalised it. Payment has to be made upon collection of the tickets.

Tickets can be collected between Friday 15 Nov to Saturday 30 November at the Parish Office.

**BE IT DONE UNTO ME  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL**

### Media Centre (Bookshop) : Christmas Fair



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

9 & 10 Nov and 16 & 17 Nov

Do come and do your early Christmas shopping!



## Sharing Christmas Joy (16 & 17 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 16 & 17 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 16 & 17 Nov to pick up a gift card. Thank you.

Prayer thru Music (Fri 22 Nov)



# Prayer thru Music®

(brought to you by SAHOP)



e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com

*Join us & be filled with God's presence!*

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

Joseph &  
Mary



Mr Zerah Goh

22 Nov 24 (Friday), 8pm

@ St. Mary AVA Room (Level 3) PCH

*"He Who Sings Prays Twice" – St. Augustine*

Fr Augustine Tay Golden Jubilee Mass (Sun 24 Nov @ 5.30 pm)

## Rev Fr Augustine Tay 50<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary (Golden Jubilee)

To commemorate the occasion,  
Fr Augustine Tay will be celebrating the :  
5.30 pm Mass on Sunday 24 Nov  
at our Parish.

Please come to join us for this joyous  
occasion.



Fr Augustine Tay served as Parish Priest in St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) from 1986 to 2002. He was instrumental in building the Rectory, the Parish Community Hall, the Chapel of the Resurrection and in the installation of the Stations of the Cross. He also commissioned Prof Wu Yong Liang to paint the Chinese paintings found in the Church.

Mysteries of the Rosary (starting 26 Nov)

**TUESDAY**  
**MORNING MANNA**  
presents

# MYSTERIES of the ROSARY:

## The Joyful Mysteries

**Journey through Advent with this video series filmed in the Holy Land!**


**Starting 26 November**

**Tues 11.05am, St Joseph AVA Rm**



As we prepare our hearts this Advent to welcome Jesus, come and learn about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary through this video series filmed in the Holy Land. Every Tuesday morning, 11.05am at St Joseph AVA Room. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/JoyfulMysteries2024>

Online Advent Reflections (starting 26 Nov)

**FAITH & BIBLE Community presents:**  
REFLECTIONS


# Online Advent Reflections

**Join us in reflecting on the Sunday Advent readings**

**Tues 8pm or Wed 9am**

**Starting 26 November**

**Online via Zoom**



Join the Faith & Bible Reflections Community of St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) for weekly online sessions to reflect and share on the Sunday Advent readings.

Every Tuesday 8-9.45pm or Wednesday 9-10.45am (you can attend either), online via Zoom from 26 November to 18 December 2024. For ages 20+.  
Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCBTAdvent2024>

Preparing for our Final Journey (Sat 30 Nov)

# Preparing for our Final Journey

The hour of death is a sacred moment as we pass from this life to the one promised by our Lord. Are we prepared for this journey? When the time comes, will we know what to do?

Day: Saturday 30 November  
Time: 3.30pm  
Venue: St Joseph AVA Room

*The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them.*

Wis3:1

Death is a natural part of life, and as Christians, we believe it marks the beginning of a new journey. Yet, many of us shy away from discussing it. Let's break this taboo and explore how we can prepare ourselves and our loved ones for this inevitable transition.

Youth Advent Reflections (Commencing 1 Dec)



**FAITH & BIBLE  
REFLECTIONS** presents:

## YOUTH ADVENT REFLECTIONS (Secondary to Tertiary)



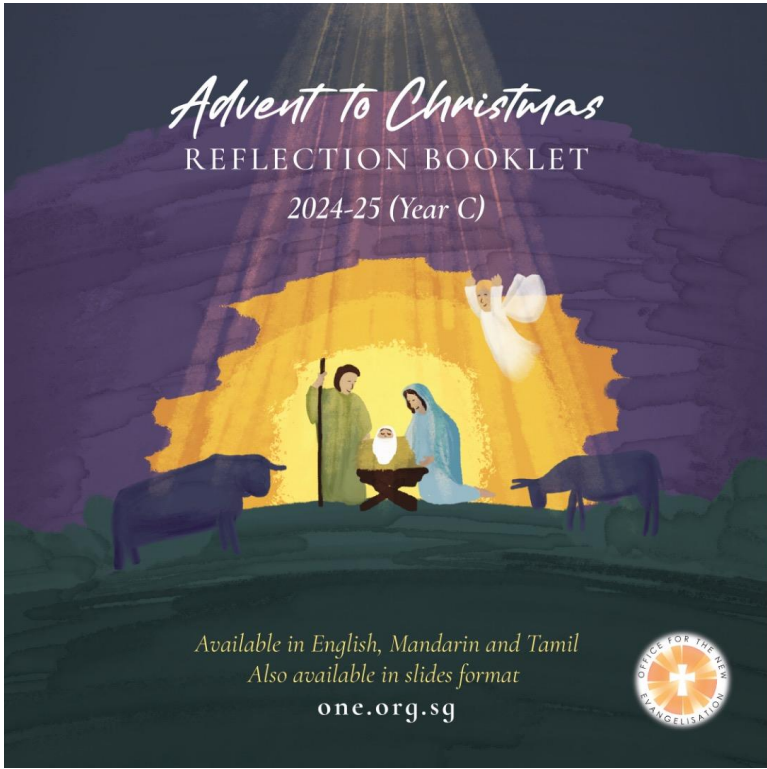
Let's come together and reflect  
on the Sunday Gospels!

- Sun 2-3.30pm, 1/8/15/22 Dec
- St Mary AVA Room

Calling all youth in secondary, tertiary and NS! Let us come together and prepare for Christmas with our weekly Advent Reflections. We'll be reflecting and sharing on the Sunday Gospels, every Sunday 2-3.30pm at St Mary AVA Room.

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/YFABAdvent2024>

Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklet



Prepare your hearts  
for our Lord Jesus'  
coming at Christmas

Download Now




bit.ly/ONEAdventChristmas24

In the midst of the busy holiday season, this booklet offers a beautiful way to pause, reflect on God's boundless love, and share meaningful moments of faith with those around you. It is our hope that through the breaking of the Word and the sharing of our own unique stories, we may bring one another closer to the heart of Christ.

FAITH Meets Artificial Intelligence (Wed 20 Nov)

# FAITH Meets Artificial Intelligence

**Presented by Fr Ricky Manalo, CSP**




Join us for an insightful introduction to artificial intelligence in pastoral ministry! This session will demystify AI, offering simple definitions and practical ways to integrate AI tools into ministry, catechesis, sermon prep, creative writing, and worship. We'll also explore the ethical and spiritual questions AI raises, sparking meaningful conversations on how it aligns with Christian values and the future of faith in a tech-driven world.

**Date & Time**  
20 November 2024  
7.30pm

**Venue**  
CANA The Catholic Centre  
55 Waterloo St, #02-01,  
Singapore 187954

**Contribution**  
\$20.00

SCAN ME



Scan the QR Code  
to get your tickets  
bit.ly/FaithAI

Organised by  
**CANA the Catholic Centre**  
Phone: 6338 4080

Fr Ricky CSP, Ph.D is a Paulist priest, a composer, a theologian and author. who is visiting from New York.

Treasure (21 – 24 Nov)



young working adults,  
**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Have you been feeling spiritually dry — lost, weary or searching for something more in your life?

**It doesn't have to stay this way.** For the Lord says, “I am about to do a new thing” (Is 43:19).

Come and see what God has in store for you at **Treasure #16, a stay-in Catholic Encounter Retreat** organised by OYP for young working adults (21 to 35 years old) in Singapore.

God's goodness awaits you!

Dates: 21 Nov (Thur) 7.45pm to 24 Nov (Sun) 6pm

Venue: OYP, 2 Lorong Low Koon, S536449

Cost: \$163.50 (incl. 9% of GST)

Sign up: [tinyurl.com/OYP-Treasure16](https://tinyurl.com/OYP-Treasure16)



CFC Camp (22 – 24 Nov)

CFC YOUTH FOR CHRIST SINGAPORE CLUSTER 2 YOUTH CAMP

# CAMP AURORA

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” Ephesians 5:8

Boy's Brigade, 1200 Sembawang Rd S758526

**22 NOV 6PM - 24 NOV 12PM**

Register here!  
Open to all  
12-21 year old youths!

[cfcyouthforchristsingapore](https://www.facebook.com/cfcyouthforchristsingapore) [cfcyfcsgapore](https://www.instagram.com/cfcyfcsgapore)

# My Family in God's Heart:

An Afternoon of Prayer, Worship and Communion

"Is my family part of God's plan?" — We are all part of a family, regardless of whether we feel close or distant to our kin. Our families influence our plans and actions, affect our thoughts and feelings, and are probably the main reason why we are here as migrants.

Let us together pray for our families.

**Date: 24 November 2024**

**Time: 1.30pm – 5.00pm**

**Venue: Catholic Spirituality Centre**



Scan the QR code  
to register

Open to all migrants. Locals are also welcome.

A collaboration between



For many migrants, family is the driving force behind their decision to work abroad.

ACMI, in collaboration with the Missionary Families of Christ, warmly invites all migrants to join us for an afternoon of prayer, worship, communion, and reflection on God's purpose for your family!

# PIETA Singapore



PIETA (a support group for bereaved parents) invites any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith.

Details of our next session via zoom :

Date : Tue 26 Nov 2024

Time : 7:30pm to 9:15pm

Please email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

Courage : Advent Retreat (29 Nov – 1 Dec)



# WHAT *child* IS THIS?

HEBREWS 1:1-4

An Advent retreat for those who are same-sex attracted or identify as LGBTQ. A quiet and safe space for prayer, reflection and conversations on Advent.

This stay-in retreat invites you to prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas. Mass, eucharistic adoration, confession and spiritual direction will be available. The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Adrian Danker and Lance Ng.

 St Francis Xavier Retreat Centre  
199 Punggol Seventeenth Ave  
S(829645)

 Fri, Nov 29 (6pm) to  
Sun, Dec 01 (4pm)

Kindly reach out to us at  
our email for more information or  
to register by 20 Nov

 [spdircourage@gmail.com](mailto:spdircourage@gmail.com)  
 [courage.sg](https://www.instagram.com/courage.sg)  
 [courage.org.sg](https://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



Review of Life Workshop (Sat 30 Nov)



# REVIEW OF LIFE WORKSHOP

"When the disciples walk with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, they begin by remembering the events they have experienced; then they recognise the presence of God in those events; and finally, they act by returning to Jerusalem to proclaim Christ's resurrection. To see, to judge and to act."  
— Pope Francis

**30 NOVEMBER 2024**  
9:30AM - 1:30PM SAT

CANA AT CATHOLIC CENTRE, 65 WATERLOO ST (LEVEL 2)

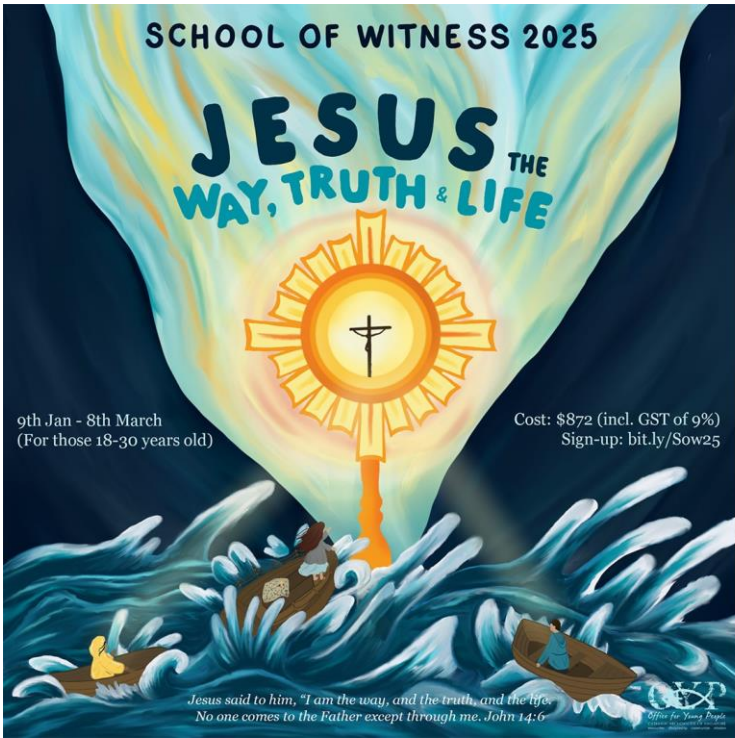
ENTRY FEE: LOVE OFFERING WELCOME

Join us at CANA on 30 November morning for a guided and facilitated discussion of personal and social issues using the See-Judge-Act method. Used by the Holy Father and many Catholic organisations, the method helps us to apply our faith as a family or community to our situations and also the wider society. Every participant will contribute to enrich the discussions!

Sign up now at [bit.ly/caritas-rol-form](https://bit.ly/caritas-rol-form)

For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at [formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation.cst@caritas-singapore.org)

OYP School of Witness 2025 (Applications Close : Mon 2 Dec)



This live-in discipleship school is for young Singaporeans aged between 18 to 30 years and runs from 9 January 2025 to 8 March 2025.

Young people, is the Lord calling you to turn to Him, to live in Him and for Him? Be courageous to allow the Lord’s way and truth to lead you in the storm and to commission you to bring this life to others and to show them the way to Him! Sign up for School of Witness 2025!

Catholic Prayer Society



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

**NEW**

**2025 DATES**

- Q1 09 Feb - 16 Mar
- Q2 04 May - 08 Jun
- Q3 20 Jul - 31 Aug
- Q4 05 Oct - 09 Nov

Scan to Register!



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](http://www.mpcsingapore.com)

READY TO MARRY?





# Verbum Dei Family Camp

15 - 17 MARCH 2025  
HARRIS RESORT WATERFRONT BATAM

Struggling to hear God's voice or find time for family prayer? Come away and discover what God has in store for you this upcoming 2025 March school hols! Experience a faith-filled adventure for the whole family this Lent and re-discover the plans and wonders God has for your family. Hear from fellow Catholic parents about their life experiences on how to grow closer to God as a family. Kids' programmes for ages 3 – 12 years will be provided, including a special bonfire on Saturday night! We promise a spirit-filled getaway for the whole family with plenty of fun, food and fellowship!

**Date:** 15 - 17 March 2025 (3 days, 2 nights)

**Venue:** Harris Resort Waterfront, Batam

**Cost:**

Twin/Triple - Sharing :

\$290 per adult (above 12 yrs)

Child w Bed : \$190 per child (5 - 11 yrs)

Child w/o Bed : \$135 (5 - 11 yrs)

(Extended Stay @ \$75 room/night with  
Breakfast for two)

Return ferry ride to Batam & land transfer  
included

**Meals:** Full board (2 x breakfast, 2 x lunch,  
2 x dinner included)

Registration Closing Date: **11 November 2024**

For enquiry, please contact **Michelle @ 9683 0817** or **Diana @ 9689 0919**

Email: [vdeifamilies@gmail.com](mailto:vdeifamilies@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/VdeiFC2025> to register.





# Career Counselling for PME

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7*

✓ CAREER EXPLORATION

✓ WORKPLACE WELL-BEING

✓ CAREER TRANSITION

✓ JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Sessions conducted via Zoom



Scan the QR Code to Register

*There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs. All PMEs are welcome*