



# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 22 Dec 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)



620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
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Gate Opening Hours:  
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

*Love*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Candle of Love

*O loving Jesus, You are God's  
perfect love in human form. Those  
who believe in you and live in you,  
live in love. Love transforms and  
perfects all things. It never ends.*



As we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Love, symbolizing the unconditional love that God has for us. With Christmas just around the corner, we're reminded that the birth of Jesus is imminent, and we're invited to reflect on our preparation to welcome Him into our hearts.

The Candle of Love shines brightly, illuminating the profound truth that despite our shortcomings and sins, God's love for us remains unwavering. Jesus, the embodiment of that love, came to show us the way of love and compassion.

## Christmas & Year End Mass Timings

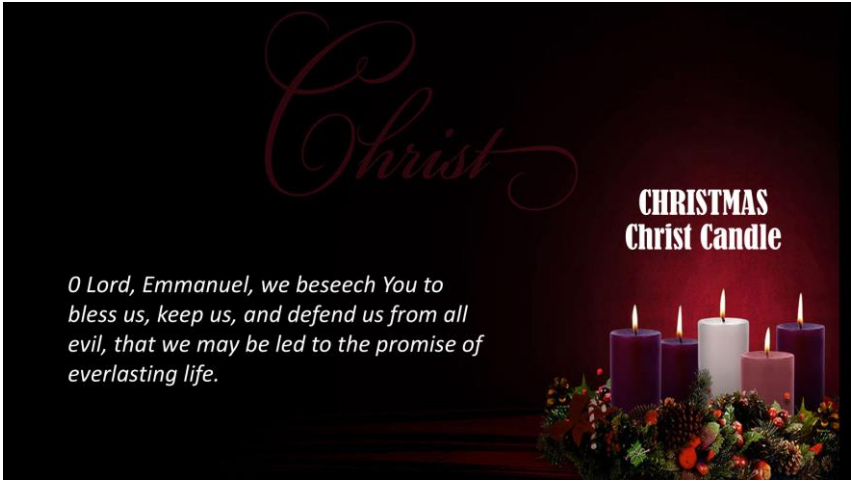
Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Tue 24 Dec	8.30 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Tue 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Mandarin)
Tue 24 Dec	11.15 pm	Carolling (English)
Tue 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Wed 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Tue 31 Dec	6.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass (followed by Fellowship)

## Closed for the Holidays

Parish Office	Media Centre (Bookshop)
Christmas Eve (from 1 pm)	Sat 28 and Sun 29 Dec
Christmas Day (Closed)	

# AROUND THE PARISH

## Christmas Day (Wed 25 Dec)



At the heart of the Advent wreath stands the Christ Candle, a radiant white pillar that heralds the birth of Jesus and the joy of Christmas. This sacred candle represents the resplendent light that Jesus, the Son of God, brought into the world through His incarnation. May the Christ Candle inspire us to reflect on the profound significance of Jesus' birth and the transformative power of His light in our lives."

## Christmas Greetings from the Priests of the Parish

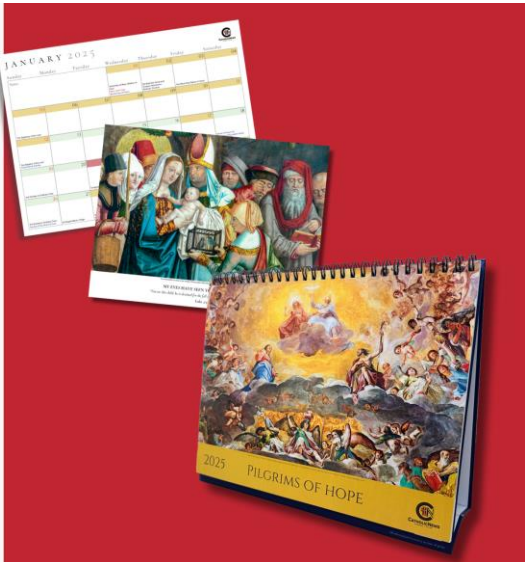
May this Christmas season be filled with immense joy, profound peace, and abundant blessings. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may His radiant light illuminate our lives, guiding us to walk in His footsteps and live as worthy children of God. May the unconditional love of Christ overflow in our hearts, filling us with unbridled joy. May His boundless blessings envelop us in peace, comforting us in times of need. Wishing you and your loved ones a truly joyful, peaceful and holy Christmas!



## Catholic News Calendar (distribution on 21 and 22 Dec)

**The Priests of the Parish  
are presenting each family  
with one copy of the  
2025 Catholic News  
Desktop Calendar**

- Inspiring scripture verses
- Beautiful sacred artwork
- Church date reminders



You can collect your copy after the weekend Masses on 21 and 22 Dec while stocks last. Please be considerate and collect only ONE copy per family.



Youth Advent Reflections (Commencing 8 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>

Year End Gathering (Tue 31 Dec @ 6.45 pm)

## Year End Thanksgiving Gathering

Tue 31 Dec @ 6.45 pm

### Parish Community Hall

As we close the year, let us come together as a community to give thanks to God for His many blessings.

As there are limited seats, registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Please scan the QR code to register.



This will take place after the 6.00 pm Mass in the Main Church.

Christmas Visit to Dormitory (Sun 29 Dec)



# Christmas Visit to Dormitory

Join the Parish Befrienders Group as we visit a dormitory this Christmas season to share meals and gifts with the migrant workers.

Date: Sunday 29th Dec

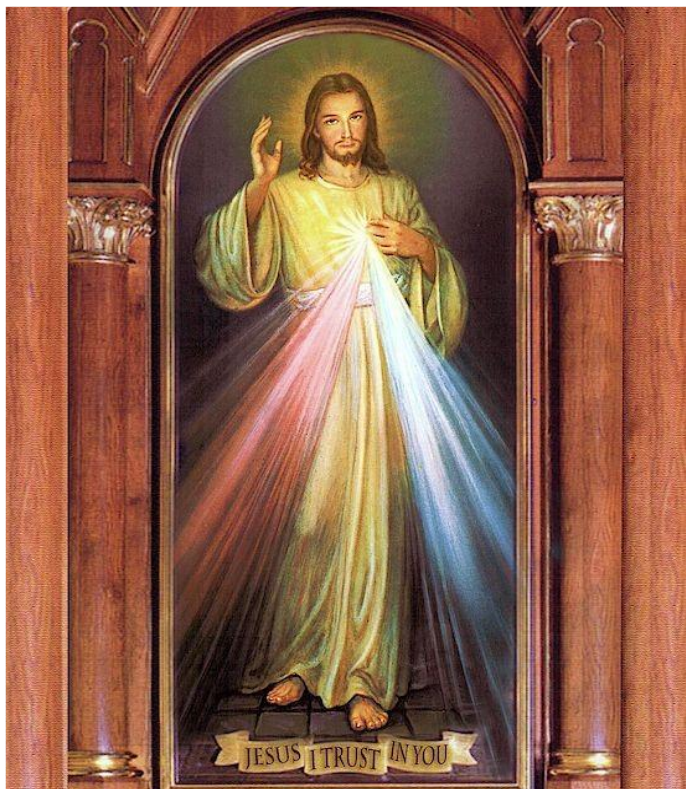
Time: 5–9pm

\*For those 18 years and above



The Parish Befrienders Group (PBG), in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People (ACMI), invites parishioners 18 years and above to visit a dormitory on Sunday 29 December to share meals and gifts with the migrant workers. Please register your interest at: [tinyurl.com/PBGVisit2024](https://tinyurl.com/PBGVisit2024)

Divine Mercy Anniversary (Fri 17 Jan 2025)



# DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

*23rd Anniversary  
Eucharistic Celebration  
and Thanksgiving  
7:30pm  
17 January 2025*



Art & Faith Talk on the Nativity (Sat 18 Jan @ 3 pm)

An  
Art&Faith  
Talk



# Art of The Nativity

Sat 18th Jan  
3.00-5.00pm  
St Joseph AVA  
Room (L2)

Speaker:  
Patricia Tan

Artists have depicted the Nativity, Adoration of the Shepherds and of the Magi in stunning beauty. Seeing with the eyes of faith, we can find spiritual value beyond the paintings' aesthetics. See and fall in love with the art that reminds us of the great love of God who became one of us.

Pilgrimage to Italy / Rome (6 – 20 June 2025)



*Jubilee Year 2025*

## (Walking) Pilgrimage ITALY/ROME

6-20 June 2025  
US\$2900/- (land only)


**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**  
Fr Prasanna



During the 2025 Jubilee Year, our parish is organising a walking pilgrimage through Italy to Rome from 6 to 20 June 2025. For itinerary and registration information, please go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/JubileePilgrim2025>



The Fruits of Meditation (Wed 15 Jan 2025)



World Community for  
Christian Meditation  
SINGAPORE

A NEW YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT

*Peace & Joy*

THE FRUITS OF MEDITATION


**Peter Ng | Fr Eugene Vaz**

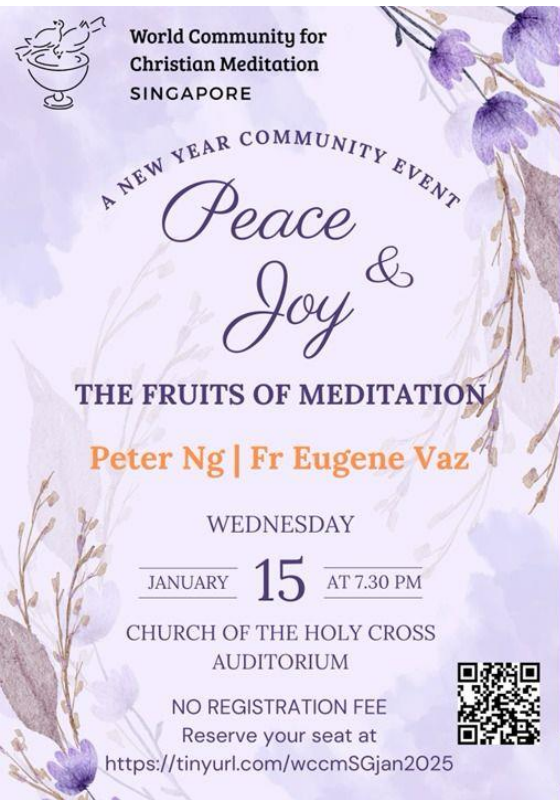
WEDNESDAY

JANUARY **15** AT 7.30 PM

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
AUDITORIUM

NO REGISTRATION FEE  
Reserve your seat at  
<https://tinyurl.com/wccmSGjan2025>





## A New Year Community Event

organised by **WCCM Singapore**

Date: 15 January, 2025 (Wednesday)  
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Venue: Church of the Holy Cross Auditorium

NO  
REGISTRATION  
FEE

Scan QR code to  
reserve your seat



Enquiries: [wccmsingaporenews@gmail.com](mailto:wccmsingaporenews@gmail.com)

Encounter (Sat 18 Jan 2025)

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”*


Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course


# ENCOUNTER


## Living As Missionary Disciples


Are you called to be a Catholic Missionary Disciple?


Are you called to support our overseas brothers and sisters in need or interested in mission trips abroad? Join us and discover “what”, “why”, and “where” your calling may be, to be open and have a courageous heart in becoming a missionary disciple.




 **Saturday, 18 Jan 2025**

 **9AM – 4PM**

 **Church of Divine Mercy**

 **Love Offering of S\$10  
(Lunch is Provided)**

Find out more:



[bit.ly/  
CHARISOHFC-5](https://bit.ly/CHARISOHFC-5)



The Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their lives’ faith journeys and answer the call to be living missionary disciples. The course features speakers like Fr. David Garcia, O.P., Khoo Peng Beng, and Christopher Chan. It will be held on 18th January 2025, from 9am to 4pm at Church of Divine Mercy.



# 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*