



# 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 :

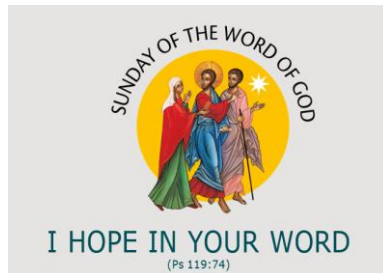
Every Third Thursday of the month in  
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

### Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

## Sunday of the Word of God



The Church marks the sixth Sunday of the Word of God on January 26, 2025, a day instituted by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. The theme for this year's edition is taken from the Psalms: "I hope in Your Word."

*Extracted from Vatican News*



## Chinese New Year Greetings

Fr Christopher Lee,  
Msgr Peter Zhang and  
Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna  
wish all parishioners  
a blessed and joyous Chinese  
New Year, filled with God's  
peace and abundant blessings.



May the Jubilee Year of Hope  
be overflowing with God's  
boundless love.

## Chinese New Year Mass Timing

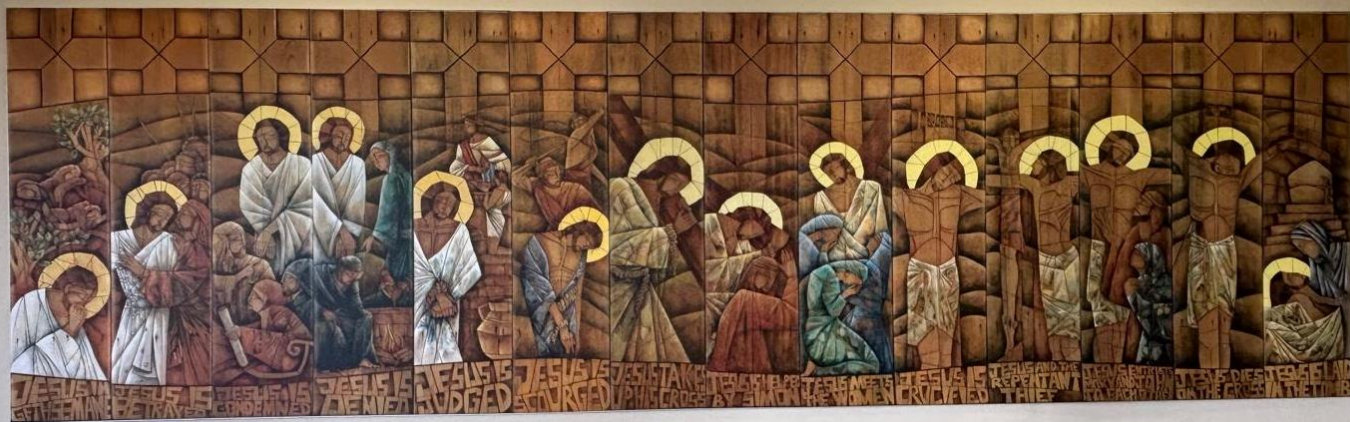
	CNY Eve	CNY	Public Holiday
Date	Tue 28 Jan 2025	Wed 29 Jan 2025	Thu 30 Jan 2025
Time	4.30 pm	8.00 am (M) 9.30 am 11.00 am	8.00 am
	NB : There will still be the 6.30 am Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.	Distribution of Oranges at all Masses	
Venue		Main Church	

Dispensation from fasting during Chinese New Year :

(1) That the Fridays of Jan 31 and 7 Feb, dispensation is given from abstinence.

(2) That the faithful substitute these days with other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

## Mural on the Scriptural Stations of the Cross



You would have noticed the mural that was installed on Fri 17 Jan 2025 at the foyer facing the Adoration Room.

Our thanks to the donor, **Mrs. Dorothy Chan**, without whom we would not have been in receipt of this fine-print art piece.

### Background

The Stations of the Cross depicts Jesus' journey from Gethsemane to Calvary.

There are many variations of the Stations of the Cross. In the traditional version, only nine of the 14 stations are explicitly mentioned in the Bible. Pope John Paul II introduced the Scriptural Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in 1991, featuring stations entirely grounded in Scripture.

In 2013, Sacred Heart Church in Samford, Australia commissioned the artist to paint the 14 Stations of the Cross. The commission took 16 months to complete.

The 14 Stations have been prayerfully painted on the 1.2 m tall wooden kneelers stripped from the old church pews. Each Station panel was made by bracing two kneelers together in the same way early Christian icon panels were braced in the 3rd and 4th Century. The use of the kneelers brings to mind the prayers of anguish Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion. The worn edges, cracks and nail holes were deliberately retained to symbolise Christ's suffering.

The artwork's colors also hold deep meaning : white for Christ's purity, earth tones for His humanity, gold for His divinity, and wood grain symbolizing the cross.

When the Stations of the Cross are placed side by side, the top and bottom landscape lines begin to emerge like a rhythm flowing from left to right. The crosses at the top of each panel are meticulously hand carved and form the shape of the top landscape. The lower hills are filled with angular lettering, naming the individual stations.

### Artist Biography

Dianne Minnaar is a professional artist and calligrapher with over 35 years experience. After graduating with Biblical Studies and Graphic Fine Art degrees in Cape Town, South Africa, she immigrated to Australia in 2001, where she currently resides.

According to Mrs. Minnaar, the artwork's fragmented design represents the brokenness of human life, transformed and made whole through Jesus Christ's redemptive sacrifice on the cross.



# AROUND THE PARISH

## Closed



Parish Office	Canteen
Tue 28 Jan Closed from 1 pm onwards	Sun 26 Jan
Wed 29 Jan : Chinese New Year	Sun 02 Feb
Thu 30 Jan : Public Holiday	



## Commissioning of Lectors on Sunday of the Word of God (Sun 26 Jan @ 11.30 am Mass)



The proclamation of the Word of God is a sacred ministry in the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly.

There will be the commissioning of Lectors at the 11.30 am Mass. Do come to give them your support.

## Faith & Bible Reflections Community




### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

26 JANUARY 2025

“I HOPE IN YOUR WORD” (Ps 119:74)

Visit the Faith & Bible Reflections Community booth after Mass to learn more about the Word of God!



During the weekend of the Sunday of the Word of God, members of the Faith & Bible Reflections Community will be around after Mass to provide more information on the Bible and their Bible study sessions. Please visit their booth outside the canteen after Mass or join their Whatsapp Community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CD50EiCOOpXK0FiGE5t8eb>

## Blessing of Candles (02 Feb)

Parishioners can bring their candles to the Parish Office prior to 2 Feb. Please label the candles with your name and contact number.

The candles will be blessed at the 11.30 am and 5.30 pm Masses on Sun 02 Feb.

For parishioners who are not attending these two Masses, you can collect your candles the following week from the Parish Office.



## Scripture Series : Part VIII – Book of Judith 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)  
Dates : 06 / 13 / 20 / 27 Feb  
06 / 13 / 20 Mar  
(7 sessions)

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



Children's Mass (Sat 8 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

## CHILDREN'S MASS

**SAT 8 FEB  
5:30PM  
MAIN CHURCH**

\*THERE WILL BE ROSARY AT  
4:50PM LED BY THE CHILDREN  
FROM THE LEGION OF MARY  
JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM.



Mass for the Sick (Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

### Mass for the Sick Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm Mass



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who are ***suffering from grave illnesses or greatly weakened by old age.***

If you or a family member would like to receive this Sacrament, please email [sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg) or call the Parish Office at 6769 1666 to register.

Closing date : 4 Feb 2025

Bible4Beginners (Tue 11 & 18 Feb @ 8 pm via Zoom)

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**Bible4**  
BEGINNERS

FAITH & BIBLE  
REFLECTIONS



## Bible4Beginners

- Speaker: James Nichols, Director, Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Singapore
- Tuesdays Feb 11 & 18
- 8.00pm - 9.45pm
- Online via Zoom

Learn about the Bible, its origins, authenticity, structure, and how it can play a major part in your faith journey, bringing you closer to God.

Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/BibleBasics2025>

Infant Baptism (Closing Date : 15 Feb)

2025 Infant Baptism Schedule

- Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: St. Joseph’s Church, Bukit Timah.
- Please download the ‘Infant Baptism Registration’ form (located under Services>Sacraments>Baptism) and submit the completed form along with the relevant documents to the Parish Secretary at : [sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)



RITE OF BAPTISM @ 1:30PM	PREPARATION SESSION 1 @1:30PM (Zoom) For parents and godparent	PREPARATION SESSION 2 @1:30PM (St Joseph AVA Room) For parents and godparent	CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
6 APRIL 2025	2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025	30 MARCH 2025	15 FEBRUARY 2025

Praying with Scripture (Tue 25 Feb @ 8 pm via Zoom)

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 8.00-9.45PM,  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM



FAITH & BIBLE  
REFLECTIONS

[sjcibtbible@gmail.com](mailto:sjcbtbible@gmail.com)

Learn how to pray with the Bible using the ancient method of Lectio Divina.


Facilitated by Pastoral Teams Coordinator, Jane Lau, and the Faith & Bible Reflections Community.

Learn how to pray with the Bible using the ancient method of Lectio Divina, which means 'Divine Reading'. Through contemplating and 'chewing' on the Word of God, we can learn to hear God's voice speaking more clearly to us.


Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/BibleBasics2025>







# VACHANABHISHEKAM 2025




“ നിങ്ങൾ എന്നിൽ വസിക്കുവിൻ; ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളിലും വസിക്കും  
യോഹന്നാൻ 15:4 ”

**Adults & Children Retreat (5-12 Yrs)**  
29th - 31st, Jan 2025 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday )  
@ Holy Innocents' High School, Hougang  
1191 Upper Serangoon Rd, Singapore 534786  
Lead by Rev. Fr. Daniel Poovannathil and Team

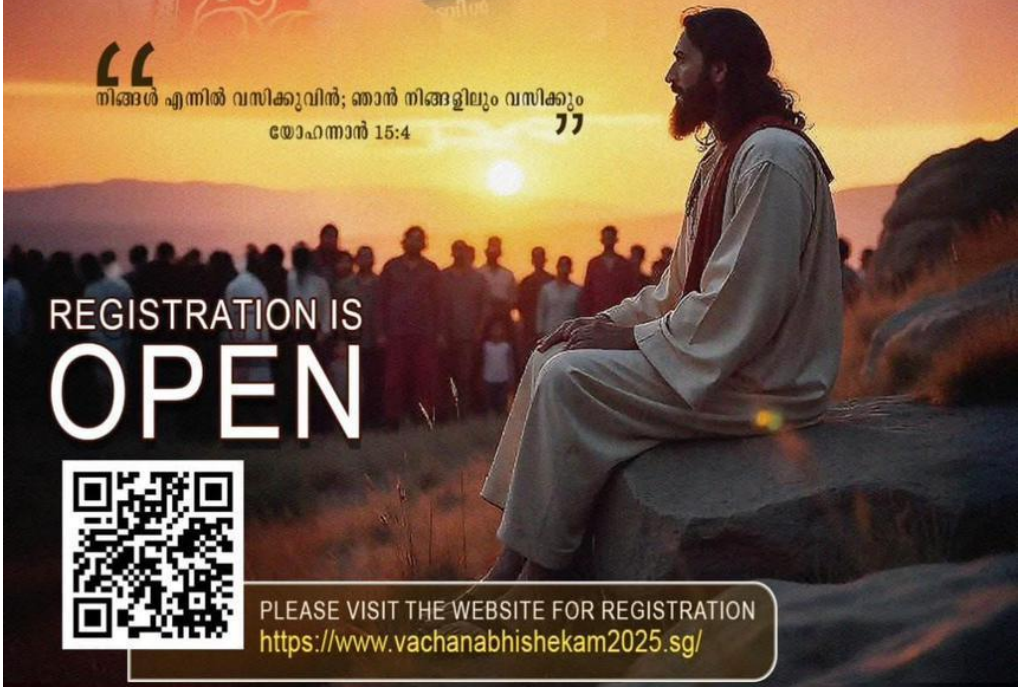
**Teens Retreat (13-17 Yrs)**  
28th - 30th, Jan 2025 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)  
@ SFX Retreat Centre, Punggol  
199 Punggol Seventeenth Ave, Singapore 829645  
Lead by Sr. Tessin and team, Kulathuvayal.

**Youth Retreat (18+ Yrs)**  
31st Jan - 2nd Feb, 2025 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)  
@ SFX Retreat Centre, Punggol  
199 Punggol Seventeenth Ave, Singapore 829645  
Lead by Rev. Fr. Soji Ollikkal and team

REGISTRATION IS  
**OPEN**



PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION  
<https://www.vachanabhishekam2025.sg/>



My Personal Moral Compass (Commencing mon 3 Feb)





# My Personal COMPASS

with **Fr David Garcia, OP**

Navigate moral issues in 10 sessions.

COURSE DETAILS

3 FEBRUARY - 14 APRIL 2025

MONDAY

TIME 8:00 TO 9:30 PM

FEE \$100

VENUE | CANA AT CATHOLIC CENTRE 55 WATERLOO ST, LEVEL 3

SCAN ME NOW



NO CLASS ON 31 MARCH

Get introduced to the basics of morality, which are applicable to all and not just Christians. Come and build an ethical foundation so you can journey towards fulfilling your potential as a person made in the image of God.

Lead Like Jesus (Commencing 15 Feb)

## LEAD LIKE JESUS (LLJ)

**Date:** 15 & 22 Feb 2025 OR  
15 & 29 Mar 2025

**Time:** 9am - 5:30pm

**Venue:** Agape Village,  
7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

**Cost:** \$200/- (lunch & tea breaks  
for 2 days & workbook included)



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE





**Register at:** [www.catholicleader.sg](http://www.catholicleader.sg)

Effective leadership - whether on the job, in the community, at church or in the home - starts on the inside. Knowing who we are, and to whom we belong to. One deals with one's relationship to Christ. The other with one's life purpose.

A foundational module based on the servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ, exploring the 4 domains of leading like Jesus: the heart, head, hands and habits.



# Come and Encounter Jesus...

...who heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds  
(Psalm 147:3)

**REQUIREMENT:  
ATTENDED PRAYER  
EXPERIENCE RETREAT  
(PER)**

**SEMI - SILENT,  
STAY-IN RETREAT  
THUR 8.30am  
til  
SUN 6.30pm**

**REGISTRATION STARTS  
20 DEC 2024**



**FEE \$320  
(excluding 9% GST)**

**Conducted By  
JULIANA KOH  
& CSC RETREAT TEAM**



- Talks •
- Prayer Sessions •
- Wounds & their Effects •
- Healing of Past Wounds •
- Healing of Relationships •
- Healing of Emotional Wounds •
- Pray-over for Healing & Empowerment •

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Encountering God • Healing Hearts • Empowering Lives

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## INNER HEALING RETREAT

### FEB 13 - 16 2025

# Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse **OPEN HOUSE**

Sat 15 Feb 2025 | 9am - 12pm



**LSS @ St Joseph's Church**  
(Bukit Timah)



**LSS @ Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
(Yishun)



**REGISTER  
YOUR VISIT!**

[www.tiny.cc/lssopenhouse15feb2025](http://www.tiny.cc/lssopenhouse15feb2025)



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FRIENDSGIVING: Praying Our Friendships (21 – 23 Feb)



Friendship is a sacrament of God’s love and a gift. In this uniquely crafted retreat, you are to bring a friend (could be a family member, a colleague, etc) and celebrate this gift together. You will also discover how Jesus continues to draw you into a deeper friendship with Him.

Register early using QR code

Landings



Thinking about starting your journey back to the Church in 2025?  
Are you searching for a journey back to the heart of the church?  
It's time to answer the call.  
Landings, a reconciliation ministry built for returning Catholics, is conducting a 10-week programme at two locations:-  
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS) on Tuesday evenings, 8pm - 10pm beginning 4th March 2025 –  
Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Friday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm, beginning 7th March 2025 - 30th May 2025 with a weekend Retreat.  
Recover the faith that never left you!  
Register to find out more here: <https://landings.typeform.com/comehome>

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Building Trust (Commencing 8 Mar)

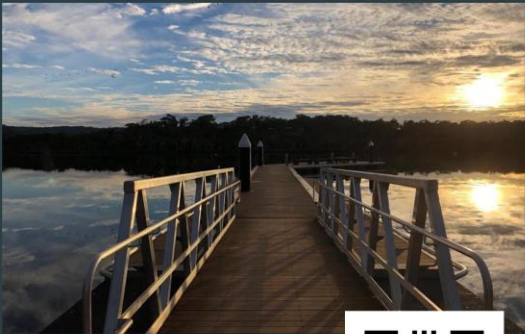
BUILDING TRUST (TRU)

Date: 8 Mar 2025 OR  
12 Apr 2025

Time: 9.30am - 3:30pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lor 8  
Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

Cost: \$100/- (lunch included)



CATHOLIC  
LEADERSHIP  
CENTRE

Register at: [www.catholicleader.sg](http://www.catholicleader.sg)

Through conversations and interactive group activities, participants will develop a shared understanding of trust and take personal responsibility for how they can develop deeper levels of trust at an inter-personal and group level.

Quieting The Soul (7 – 9 Mar)

Take some time out with the Lord as He invites you to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." [Mark 6:31]

This is a 3-day silent retreat suitable for beginners and busy people.

Register early using QR code.



A Cenacle  
Programme

Quieting  
THE SOUL

3-day Silent Retreat  
@SFX retreat center  
Punggol  
7-9 March, 2025





Creating Safe Spaces (22 – 23 Mar)

# Creating Safe Spaces

*in Communities and Religious Institutions*



A Cenacle-organized workshop

**WHEN:** 22-23 March 2025; 9:00-5:00 pm

**WHERE:** La Salle House Conference Room

Facilitated by Fr. James Gascon, SJ

## Who should attend?

Leaders and members of Church ministries/Catholic organisations

Persons who accompany others  
*teachers, mentors, catechists, facilitators, etc.*



**REGISTER NOW**

This two-day workshop seminar introduces Safeguarding as Charism and Spirituality, starting with its theological and spiritual foundation. Abuse and all its forms will be defined. The dynamics of victimization and offending will also be explored. This workshop is highly recommended to all holding leadership positions in the Church.

As Pope Francis insists, “We are a sign that the ministry of safeguarding belongs to all of us as it is part of the Church's ministry, indeed of evangelization itself,” and without safe spaces and interior freedom from the heart, our Church will never be safe where the Gospel is freely proclaimed.

## Marriage Preparation Courses



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

**2025 DATES**

**CLOSED** 09 Feb – 16 Mar

Q2 04 May – 08 Jun

Q3 20 Jul – 31 Aug

Q4 05 Oct – 09 Nov



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)





# CSC

## CELEBRATES JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**RETREATS: CER** **CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT:**  
Encounter the living God, conducted by William Cardinal Goh

**PER** **PRAYER EXPERIENCE RETREAT:**  
Grow in your prayer life

**IHR** **INNER HEALING RETREAT:**  
Experience the healing love of Jesus

**IR** **INTERCESSION RETREAT:**  
Experience the power of intercessory prayers

**HR** **HOPE RETREAT(Young Adults):**  
Overcome hopelessness; Live in hope

**BR** **BREATHE (Youth in the Spirit Seminar):**  
Encounter the love of God & learn to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit

**2nd SAT VIGIL: COME AS YOU ARE**

"In those days, he went onto the mountain to pray, and he spent the whole night in prayer to God." (ref Luke 6:12)

**4th SAT MASS with HEALING SERVICE**

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

**FRIDAY GROWTH: HOLY SAINTS  
WITNESSES OF HOPE, SHOW US THE WAY**

Make friends with the Saints and see their fullness of life and hope in all circumstances

**JAN**  
ST THOMAS AQUINAS  
ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA  
ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

**13-16 FEB IHR** **FEB**  
ST BERNADETTE & OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

**29-31 MAR PER** **MAR**  
ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY  
ST OSCAR ROMERO  
ST JOHN BP DE LA SALLE  
ST MAGDALENE OF CANOSSA

**APR**  
ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA  
ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA

**MAY**  
ST CARLO ACUTIS  
ST DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI  
ST RITA OF CASCIA  
ST PHILLIP NERI  
BLESSED NICHOLAS BARRE

**6-8 JUN HR** **JUN**  
**18-22 JUN CER**  
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA  
ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

**18-20 JUL PER** **JUL**  
ST MARIA GORETTI  
ST LOUIS MARTIN & MARIE AZELIE GUERIN  
ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

**30 JUL-3 AUG CER** **AUG**  
**23-24 AUG IR**  
ST ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI  
ST DOMINIC  
ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD  
ST MONICA & ST AUGUSTINE

**3-7 SEP CER** **SEP**  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
FR PIUS OF PIETRELICINA  
ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

**17-20 OCT IHR** **OCT**  
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
ST TERESA OF AVILA  
ST JOHN PAUL II

**28-30 NOV PER** **NOV**  
ST LEO THE GREAT  
ST GIUSEPPE MOSCATI  
ST GIACOMO ALBERIONE

**4-7 DEC BR** **DEC**  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
ST JOHN OF THE CROSS  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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# Career Counselling for PME

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- ✓ CAREER TRANSITION
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Sessions conducted via Zoom



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