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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph) Mon - Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm : 6.30am Sat

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 : 8.00am to 7.00pm Sun Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon - Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

: 4.30pm to 7.00pm Sat : 8.30am to 1.00pm Sun 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

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Gate Opening Hours: 🗰 stjoseph-bt.org.sg/ 8.00am to 9.00pm

facebook.com/sjcbt/

From the Desk of the Parish Priest

Holy Week



Next weekend, we will embark on Holy Week, the last week of Lent, which commemorates the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in his crucifixion and resurrection.

Please take note of the Mass timings for this week and pick up a copy of the handy pocket-size cards that have been printed for you.

180th Anniversary Logo

Thank you for casting your votes for our 180th Anniversary logo. We have received very good response and it was a close contest between the logos but the votes have spoken and the selected logo is :



Feast Day Food Stall First Compulsory Meeting Sun 06 April @ 1 pm in #02-01 (Parish Community Hall)

The First Feast Day Food Stall meeting will be held on Sunday 06 April at 1 pm in the Thomas Acquinas Room (#02-01 Parish Community Hall).

This is the last call for those who have yet to register. You can attend the briefing and submit your details at the meeting. Attendance at the meeting is compulsory for all food stall holdders. .

Our 180th Anniversary (2026) Series – "St Joseph: Model of All Who Work" Article 5

The statue of St Joseph from Paris.

When you go up the main entrance of St Joseph's Church in Bukit Timah (SJCBT), you can see the giant statue of St Joseph casting watchful eyes over everyone and everything.

SJCBT obtained the statue through the Missions Étrangères de Paris (MEP). Fr Ambroise Maistre, who had established the Chapel of St Mary in Aukang in Serangoon in 1853, took over as SJCBT's second parish priest in 1858 and requested for an eight-foothigh statue of St Joseph from Paris. The statue arrived at SJCBT in 1861, but Fr Maistre had then relocated in 1860 to Penang and Province Wellesley.

The honour of receiving the statue at SJCBT went to Fr Augustin Perie, who had become the third parish priest in 1860 after serving in Penang. The 15 June 1861 edition of The Straits Times wrote about the statue's arrival from Europe, describing the statue as 'beautiful' and the parishioners as 'poor Chinese planters and gardeners'.

There are interesting stories involving the St Joseph statue. The first story was about a man who had encountered a tiger in the jungle but an unknown person with a walking staff rescued him; the man came to church later, saw the statue of St Joseph, and discovered that his rescuer was St Joseph. The second story was about a poor non-Christian woman who brought her sick grandchild for healing in church and was assured by a bearded man that the child would recover the next day. The woman returned to the church when the child recovered, saw the St Joseph statue, realised that the healer was St Joseph and became a convert. A third story was during the Japanese Occupation when the Japanese army used the church for its military operations to plan its attack in town. The British shelled the site to destroy the radio centre, but no bomb exploded. The thankful Japanese officers bowed in front of the St Joseph statue. A fourth story was about a mother placing her young boy suffering from pneumonia at the foot of the statue; she prayed to St Joseph to heal him or to take him away. Her son recovered.

St Joseph has also answered the prayers of people in various ways over the years. Fr Augustine Perie found some money to start a school when a Chinese nonChristian woman came to church for a blessing and generously donated cash. During the Japanese Occupation, when predatory soldiers searched for young girls, parish priest Fr Peter Chin hid 10 girls in the bell tower while the Brothers of St Gabriel sheltered terrified parishioners in the St Joseph's Trade School.

A teenager recovered from coma after her family prayed to St Joseph. A woman who had prayed to the Holy Trinity read about St Joseph's powerful intercession and then had many prayers answered. Another woman prayed for four years before her missing son returned. A migrant thanked St Joseph for safeguarding his job in Singapore. A man found courage as a non-swimmer to save a boy from a flooded canal.

Many grateful worshippers faithfully celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day. In the past when a train passed by the church, the driver stopped outside the entrance to allow the faithful to disembark. When the Fun Fair started in 1952 to raise funds for church and school projects, the Singapore Standard newspaper reported that over 3000 Catholics from Singapore and Malaya had visited the church to 'offer thanks for vows fulfilled'.

During the 2024 Feast Day celebrations, with the theme of 'St Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family', wardens and clergy joyfully carried a processionsized statue of St Joseph around church grounds. All ministries participated in the procession. Floral bouquets around the original statue also showed parishioners' love for St Joseph.

When we celebrate the 180th Anniversary of SJCBT in 2026, it would also be the 165th Anniversary of the arrival of the St Joseph statue from Paris!

By Peter Ling



The 'beautiful' statue of St Joseph looks as new as when it first arrived from Paris in 1861. It was 'restored' in 1893 for the Feast Day celebration. In the 20th century, it was repaired when its neck cracked during the shift of the statue to the new church in the early 1960s and when its hand broke after devotees touched it forcefully many times.

LENTEN EVENTS

Divine Mercy Way of the Cross (Thursdays)

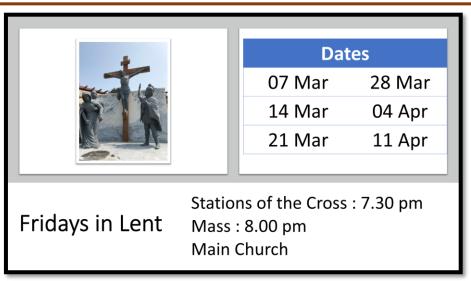
Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

Every Thursday @ 8 PM 6, 13, 19 (Wed) and 27 Mar 3, 10 and 16 17 (Wed) Apr Chapel of St Joseph

For more information, contact Michael @ 9270 1712.

All are Welcome

Fridays in Lent (Stations of the Cross)



Holy Week Schedule



AROUND THE PARISH

Tenebrae Youth Choir Recruitment



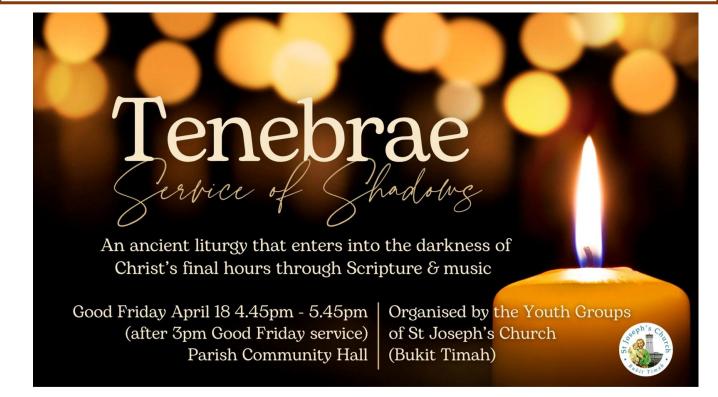
Calling all youth 13-35 years old who love to sing! Join us for the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday



Choir Practices: Saturday or Sunday 6.30pm St Joseph AVA Room Join our Whatsapp chat: tinyurl.com/tenebraechoir or Whatsapp Jane @98113320 for more information

Inviting youths who love to sing to lend their voices in praising God through music at the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday. Please join the Whatsapp chat: tinyurl.com/tenebraechoir or email Jane at sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

Tenebrae (Fri 18 Apr after 3 pm Good Friday Service)



All parishioners are warmly invited to reflect more deeply on the Passion of Christ through Scripture, prayers, reflections and music at the Tenebrae Service after the Good Friday 3pm service at the Community Hall.

Feast Day Food and Non-Stall Stalls

2025 Feast Day Food Stall Applications

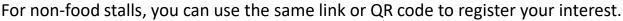
THE GREAT ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY Saturday, 3 May 2025 *Optional* Sunday, 4 May 2025 (7am-2pm)

Applications for Feast Day Food Stalls is now open. Please register your interest at this link or QR Code :



https://forms.gle/SgdS9gqNQ1vh1ape6

Deadline for registration is 01 April 2025. Meeting for all food stall holders will be held on **6 and 27 April** @ 1pm in St Thomas Aquinas #02-01 (Parish Community Hall)



Flowers for St Joseph

St Joseph's Feast Day Flower Donations

Honour our Patron Saint with an offering of flowers.



Place your requests at this link : https://forms.gle/ECxJYeZDESALSKX78 or via this QR code .

All contributions will go to St Joseph's Church.

Closing Date : Mon 28 April



Novena to the Divine Mercy (commending on Good Friday)

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the week after Easter.

To prepare for this occasion, the Divine Mercy prayer group will leading the 9-day Novena to the Divine Mercy. Please see the schedule below.

Novena to the Divine Mercy



Day 1 : 18 April - Good Friday @ 5pm Day 2 : 19 April - Holy Saturday @ 3 pm Day 3 : 20 April - Easter Sunday @ 3 pm Day 4 : 21 April - Easter Monday @ 8 pm Day 5 : 22 April - Easter Tuesday @ 8 pm Day 6 : 23 April - Easter Wednesday @ 8 pm Day 7 : 24 April - Easter Thursday @ 8 pm Day 8 : 25 April - Easter Friday @ 8 pm Day 9 : 26 April - Easter Saturday @ 1pm

Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

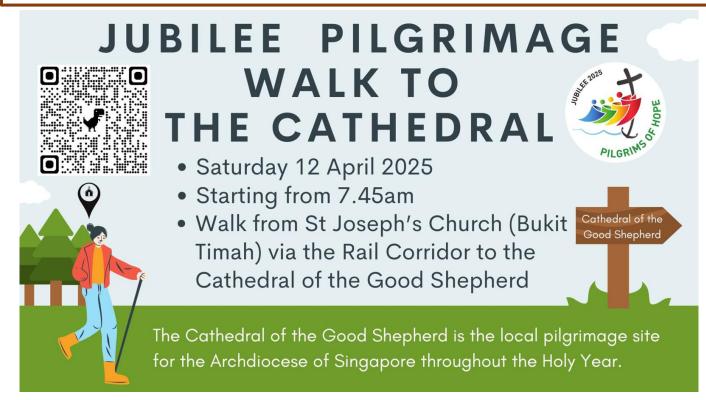
Divine Mercy Sunday (Sun 27 Apr)



The Divine Mercy group will be chanting the chaplet at 11 am before the Mass.

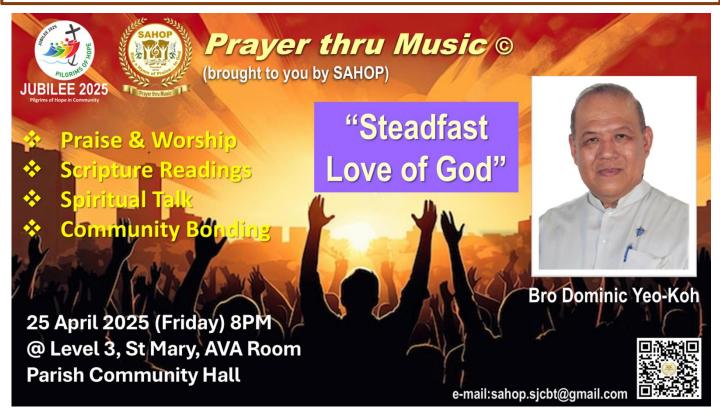
AROUND THE PARISH

Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral (Sat 12 Apr @ 7.45 am)



In celebration of the Jubilee Year and as part of our Lenten preparation, come join in the Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on Saturday 12 April! Visiting the Cathedral in the Jubilee Year provides an opportunity for one to receive a plenary indulgence. For more information and to register, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/JubileeWalk2025

Prayer thru Music (Fri 25 Apr @ 8 pm)



Infant Baptism (Closing date for Registration : 15 May)

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 		
	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:
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Opening Hours of Media Centre during Holy Week



Maundy Thursday (17 April)

The Media Centre will be open from 5.30 pm to Midnight.

Easter Sunday weekend (19 & 20 April) The Media Centre will be closed.

Canteen Closed on Easter Sunday

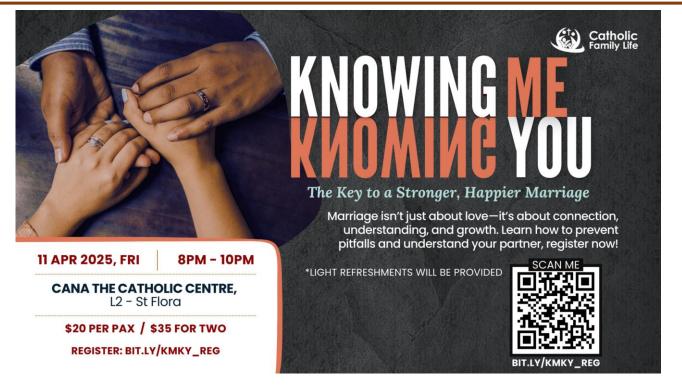


Please note that the Canteen will be closed on Easter Sunday.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Knowing Me Knowing You (Fri 11 Apr @ 8 pm)



CJC Lenten Evening (Fri 11 Apr @ 5.15 pm)



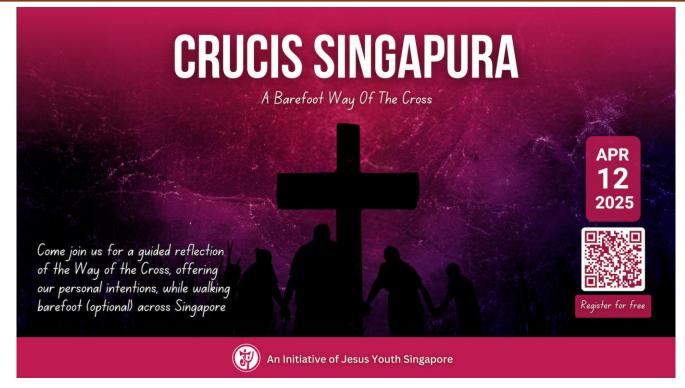
Catholic Junior College (CJC) warmly invites all Catholic youth aged 15 to 19 to participate in Lenten Evening 2025!

Held in collaboration with St Joseph's Institution (SJI) and the Office for Young People (OYP), this event aims to create an opportunity for all participants to encounter Christ more deeply in this Lenten season, as well as forge bonds across Catholic students from different schools.

Interested Catholic youths can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/cjclent25. Do note that consent from parents/guardians is required via a downloadable form in the sign up link. Please bring the hard or soft copy of the consent form and submit on arrival at CJC. We hope to see you there!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Crucis (Sat 12 Apr)



Jesus Youth invites you to join Crucis Singapura, a unique 'Way of the Cross" experience, where participants walk barefoot (optional) across the island, marking the sign of the Cross. Participants can choose from one of four pre defined routes, ranging from 6 to 18 km. The event is scheduled for 12th April 2025, and registration is free.

Register at https://singapore.iesusyouth.org by 6th April 2025. For any inquiries, contact Aji George at 8339 1887.

Paschal Triduum : Holy Week Retreat (17 – 20 Apr)



There will be daily input sessions, spiritual direction, Sacraments and Liturgies from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Due to limited rooms, early registration is recommended.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St Gabriel's Foundation Church Outreach (26 & 27 April)

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All donations will go towards supporting the 7 Montfortian Gabrielite Education Institutions' programmes and activities for students and staff, as well as towards our logistical and operational cost.

NOTE: Donation of \$100 and above will be eligible for 250% of tax deduction.

Kindly indicate the following where possible:

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Waffles & Spaghetti (Wed 30 Apr)



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

Graduating Poly, ITE & Private Diploma Retreat 2025 (30 Apr – 2 May)



Graduating Poly, ITE & Private Diploma Retreat

30 Apr - 2 May 2025 OYP, 2 Lor Low Koon, 536449 Cost: \$32.70 (Incl. 9% GST) (For those 18-25 y/o)



Find out more & register here tinyurl.com/gpr25p



Graduating from poly, ITE, or private diploma? Wondering what lies ahead in the next chapter of life? This is for all who are graduating from poly, ITE and priv dip this year! \clubsuit Join us for a time of recollection, and to discover more of what God has in store for you in this new phase of life. \clubsuit

CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace (Fri 2 May)



CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace provides students with a holistic educational experience and Catholic faith formation anchored in a Christ-centred, values-driven environment.

Come visit our Open House on Friday, 2 May 2025 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm) to learn more about our educational experiences. We look forward to sharing 170 years of IJ education, tradition and legacy with your daughters. You may register for our Open House at: https://go.gov.sg/olqp2025



Encourage Community Open Session (Tue 6 May @ 7.30 pm)

EnCourage Community Open Session



No Storm is Too Big There's room in our boat.... Come!

6 MAY 2025 - TUESDAY- 7.30 PM to 9.30 PM - LIMITED SPOTS

If you are a parent or family member of a loved one who is same sex attracted or identifies as LGBT, the EnCourage community invites you to join us for an intimate evening of conversation & sharing over simple food & drink.

EnCourage is a Roman Catholic apostolate that provides pastoral & spiritual support for parents & family members of loved ones who are same-sex attracted or identify as LGBT

To register, scan QR code or visit: https://tinyurl.com/yckhznrr Registrations close on 2 May 2025 Venue will be disclosed upon confirmation of registration



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

COURAGE Singapore

Treasure 17 (9 May @ 7.45 pm)



Have you ever longed to simply rest in the Father's love? Sometimes, all it takes is one word—"Abba!" A cry from the depths of your heart, and He hears you. He sees you. He calls you His own. No matter where you are in life, God is waiting to lavish His love, mercy, and freedom upon you. Come and encounter Him in a personal way at Treasure #17, a stay-in Catholic Encounter Retreat specially for young working adults (ages 21–35) in Singapore.

From Shifting Sand to Solid Ground (17 – 18 May)



The retreat will evoke significant questions during this life transition: Who am I? How have my relationships impacted me? How would I like to live meaningfully and fruitfully? While the approach to this retreat is psycho-spiritual, the call at this life stage is essentially to undertake a spiritual journey towards a more intimate relationship with self, others and God.

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.



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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Us In Building Stronger Families!

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. -Mother Teresa-

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