



# St Joseph's Church

## (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 03 Nov 2024 • 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

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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

**COLUMBIARIUM / 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

### Preparations for our 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Time really flies! Our parish celebrated its 175th Anniversary in 2021 and now we are planning our 180th Anniversary!

Aligning with our 180th Anniversary theme, "St Joseph: Model of All Who Work", we would like to share with you our rich Church history and how we have evolved from a wooden chapel established by French missionaries in Kranji in 1846 to its modern multicultural community of worshippers, laity groups, schools, seminary and theological institute.

Over 18 months beginning from December 2024 to May 2026, we will publish monthly articles on how missionaries from the Paris Foreign Missions or Missions Étrangères de Paris (MEP) left their legacy with us, such as the tombstone of Fr Anatole Mauduit (founder of our church), the statue of St Joseph (which came from Paris), the religious congregations of the Brothers of St Gabriel and the Infant Jesus Sisters (brought in by MEP) and the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary (which evolved from the Minor Seminary established by MEP priests).

Some articles highlight the early harsh local environment faced by MEP priests, the outposts of our parish, local priests who helped to develop our parish, our diverse lay communities and our parish census. Other articles examine how our parish has been blessed with the Chapel of the Resurrection, the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary Garden, St Joseph's Garden, the Community Hall precinct, the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore, the stained-glass pieces in our church and our historical artefacts.

The articles will be compiled into an anniversary publication in 2026. We hope that you will enjoy the articles and appreciate the contributions of various people over the decades. Peter Ling from the Lector Ministry and Guest Editor of The Carpenter Newsletter will be writing the monthly articles.

May God and our Patron St Joseph continue to guide the physical and spiritual growth of our parish.

Fr Christopher Lee

Parish Priest



# FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST – REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM

## From the Parish Priest

Dear Parents

As Catholic parents, it is our privilege and duty to nurture our children's faith. While Catholic schools provide a foundation in Catholic values, sacramental preparation is a parent's responsibility.

We invite you to register your children for Catechism at our Church, where they will receive guidance and preparation for the Sacraments.

- For Pre-primary children, you can inquire and register with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd before 31 Oct.
- For Primary level children, you will need to register for Primary Catechesis as we will prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (at Year 2) and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (at Year 3).
- For Secondary teens, they will be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation by our catechists and facilitators.

We encourage you to enroll your children in Catechism and consider joining the Catechetical Ministry yourself. This journey is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own faith while supporting your child's spiritual growth. Let's work together to foster a lifelong connection with God!

*Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Gal. 6:6).*



**APPLY NOW**

**Preschool Catechesis:  
Catechesis of the  
Good Shepherd**

Children born in 2020 & 2021  
With parent involvement  
Small group sizes  
Montessori-based approach

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

### Primary Catechesis 2025

- For new registrations, please go to <https://mycatholic.sg/welcome> and have the parent and child's myCatholicSG account ready. Link the accounts and select "Catechesis" on the main page of your child's myCatholicSG account to begin registration.
- If you have any queries, please email: [primarycatechesis@stjoseph-bt.org.sg](mailto:primarycatechesis@stjoseph-bt.org.sg)
- For technical queries for myCatholicSG account registration, please email: [mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg](mailto:mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg)

Scan to access the user guide  
on registering the child



Scan to access the user  
guide on linking the parent  
to the child's account



### Secondary Catechesis

The Year 6 children will progress to Secondary Catechesis.

A briefing will be conducted before the end of the year and registration instructions will be disseminated to the existing cohort.

For new registrations, please email : [secondarycatechism@stjoseph-bt.org.sg](mailto:secondarycatechism@stjoseph-bt.org.sg)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lourdes Experience (Sat 7 Dec) - Tickets



BE IT DONE UNTO ME  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL

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

**THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
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.

## Visits to Columbaria

# 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.

### The Bread of Life : The Eucharist in Galilee (Tue 05 Nov @ 11.05 am)



**TUESDAY MORNING MANNA**

# Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

Join Dr. Tim Gray for an exciting five-part video series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

- Starting 15 October
- Tues 11.05am, St Joseph AVA Rm

Join Dr. Tim Gray in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting five-part video series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Presented by the Tuesday Morning Manna community.

Light refreshments will be available.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/EucharistinGalilee>

### True Reformers Part I (Tue 05 Nov and Wed 06 Nov)

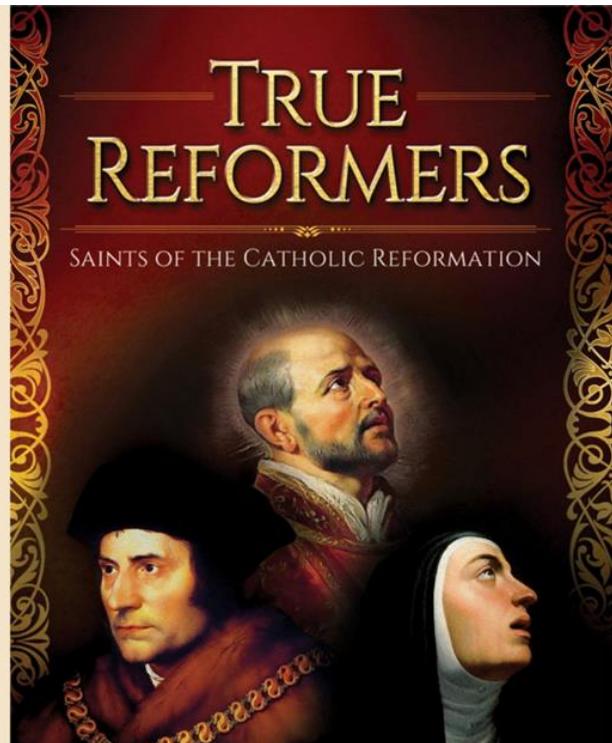
FAITH & BIBLE  
REFLECTIONS

## True Reformers Part 1



Come & learn about these great models of faith!

- 3 sessions
- 29 Oct - 13 Nov
- Tues 8pm or Wed 9am
- Online via Zoom



As we prepare to celebrate All Saints Day, find out more about the great saints of the Catholic Reformation like St Ignatius of Loyola and St Philip Neri. Every Tuesday night or Wednesday morning online via Zoom. Organised by the Faith & Bible Reflections Community. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/TrueReformers>

Mass in Honour of St Joseph (Wed 06 Nov)

# MASS IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

**WED 06 NOV  
MAIN CHURCH**

7.30 PM : ST JOSEPH ROSARY  
8.00 PM MASS



Scripture Series : The Book of Tobit (Commencing 7 Nov)

## Scripture Series : Part VII – Book of Tobit 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 : 07 / 14 / 21 / 28 Nov  
(4 sessions)

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



Come join bible scholar, Fr Ambrose Vaz as we journey into the Book of Tobit  
All are welcome.

## Media Centre Christmas Fair

# 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!



## 2025 Infant Baptism

### 2025 Infant Baptism Schedule

- 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: 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:
5 JAN 2025	1 DEC 2024	29 DEC 2024	15 Nov 2024

Sharing Christmas Joy (16 & 17 Nov)



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.

Welcome Desk – Recruitment

## Join the WELCOME Desk!

- Do you like meeting new people?
- Would you like to help people feel more welcome in our parish?

WELCOME

Visit the Welcome Desk downstairs for more information!



The Welcome Desk is looking for friendly parishioners to help welcome visitors and new people to our parish. Please visit the Welcome Desk outside St Joachim's Room or email [sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg) for more information.

### Hospitality Ministry – Recruitment

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY RECRUITMENT



Calling Catholics above 18 years of age, if you are willing to serve the Lord through this ministry, we will be happy for you to join us.

Please drop us an email at [hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com) or speak to any of our ministry members after the Mass.

Thank you!

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Creed on the Street (Thu 07 Nov)

# CREED ON THE STREET LONELINESS AMONG THE HIDDEN YOUTH

Join us for **pizza and ice cream** as we discuss the social isolation faced by Singapore's youths, and how it is being addressed.

**DATE:** THURSDAY, 07 NOVEMBER 2024

**TIME:** 7.30PM-9.30PM

**LOCATION:** CANA THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, 55 WATERLOO ST, LEVEL 2

**COST:** FOC, LOVE OFFERINGS WELCOME

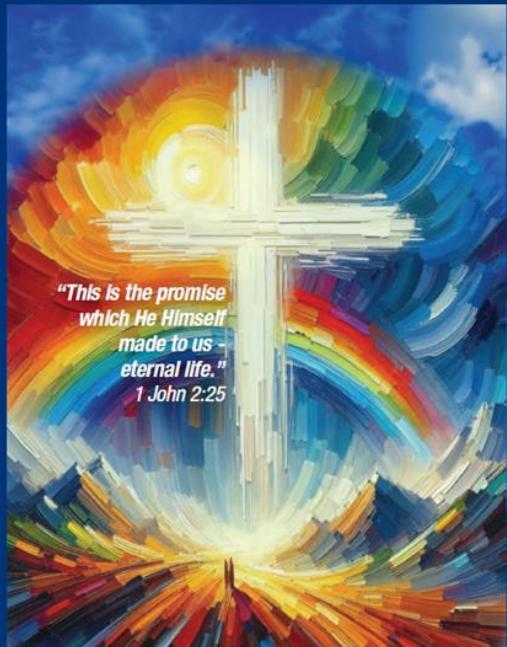
 **Caritas**  
SINGAPORE

*God's Love in Action*

Scan me!



## PIETA Memorial Mass (Fri 8 Nov @ 8.00 pm)



# PIETA MEMORIAL MASS 2024

*for children who have died*

*We gather as families united in faith after the loss of our children and we turn our gaze to Christ for His comfort, hope and peace.*

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 8.00pm

Celebrant: FRIAR MICHAEL D'CRUZ

Church of  
St Mary of the Angels (Bukit Batok)



Organised by Pieta Singapore,  
an affiliate of  
Catholic Family Life  
[pietamass@gmail.com](mailto:pietamass@gmail.com)  
<https://pieta.familylife.sg>



Parents who wish to include their Child's  
Name for mass, please **REGISTER**  
before 31 Oct 2024 using this form -  
<https://tinyurl.com/PietaMass2024>

If you wish to join the Mass and include the name of your late child/children for mass, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM by 1st November at: <https://tinyurl.com/PietaMass2024>

Email enquiries to: [pietamass@gmail.com](mailto:pietamass@gmail.com)

Website: <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

## Outreach (Sat 16 Nov)

# THE LORD IS MY LIGHT & SALVATION

PSALM 27:1

## SEC 4/5 OUTREACH

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

16 NOV 24 | 2PM - 5PM

Office For Young People



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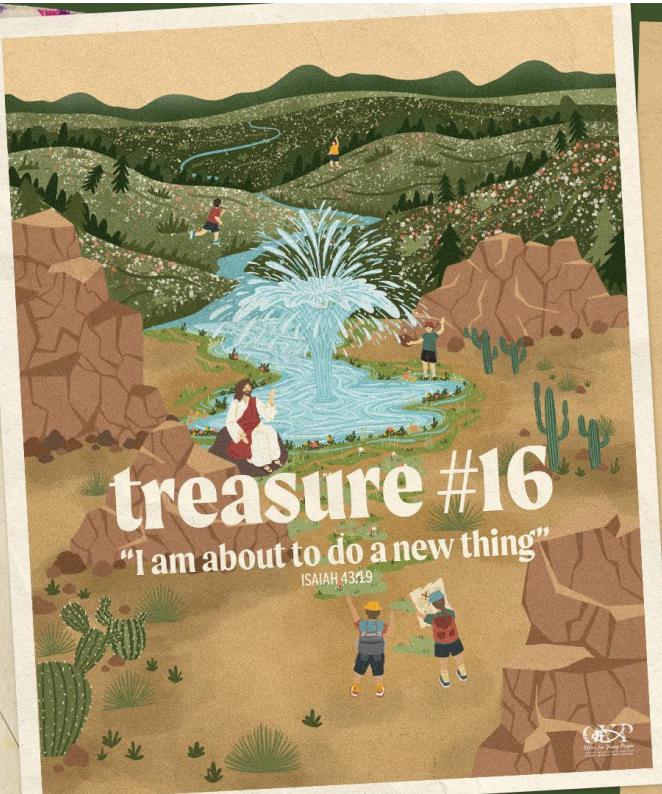
OYP  
Office for Young People

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! See you there.

For enquiries, please email to [melissa.oyp@catholic.org.sg](mailto:melissa.oyp@catholic.org.sg)

## 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](http://tinyurl.com/OYP-Treasure16)



## 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)  
**Instagram** [courage.sg](https://www.instagram.com/courage.sg/)  
**Globe** [courage.org.sg](http://courage.org.sg)

## 2025 Marriage Preparation Course Dates



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



Scan to Register!

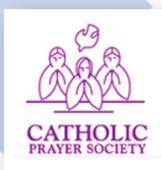


Couples intending to celebrate your union in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend MPC as early as possible before your wedding date

For more info : [www.mpcsgapore.com](http://www.mpcsgapore.com)



## Catholic Prayer Society



### COME ! SPEND TIME WITH JESUS.

The Catholic Prayer Society invites all to lunchtime mass at these locations in the city:



#### Wednesdays @ 12.15pm

- (1) Medical Alumni Association, 2 College Road, Level 1 Theatrette
- (2) 137 Cecil Street, Cecil Building (room will be indicated at lift lobby)



#### Fridays @ 12.15pm

- (3) One Raffles Quay, Level 49 North Tower
- (4) Grand Hyatt Hotel, 10 Scotts Road (room will be indicated at hotel lobby)

Visit us at [www.cps.org.sg](http://www.cps.org.sg)



Verbum Dei Family Camp (15 – 17 Mar 2025)



## 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.



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