



# St Joseph's Church

## (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 10 Nov 2024 • 32<sup>nd</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

### CONFESIONS

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

### Praying for All Souls in the Month of November

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to remembering the dead and praying for the souls in purgatory.

#### All Souls Day

On 02 Nov, All Souls Day, Masses were celebrated and the niches at the Chapel of the Resurrection were blessed.

The priests have also gone to the cemetery at Choa Chu Kang and the columbarium to bless the graves and niches.



#### Visits to Catholic Columbaria

The Parish is also organising visits to various columbaria in our Catholic Churches.

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.

#### Sodality Ministries

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead.

Losing a loved one is a very difficult time for any family; and the support and encouragement from the community helps lessen the pain of loss.

Come and discover how each one of us can help to play a small part by coming to pray for the dead at wakes or even supporting the families – especially small families – at Funerals.

The Sodality Ministries will be organising a talk on Sat 30 Nov at 3.30 pm in the Parish Community Hall. Do make the time to come and see how you can make a difference.

Look out for more details in the next bulletin.

# 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)

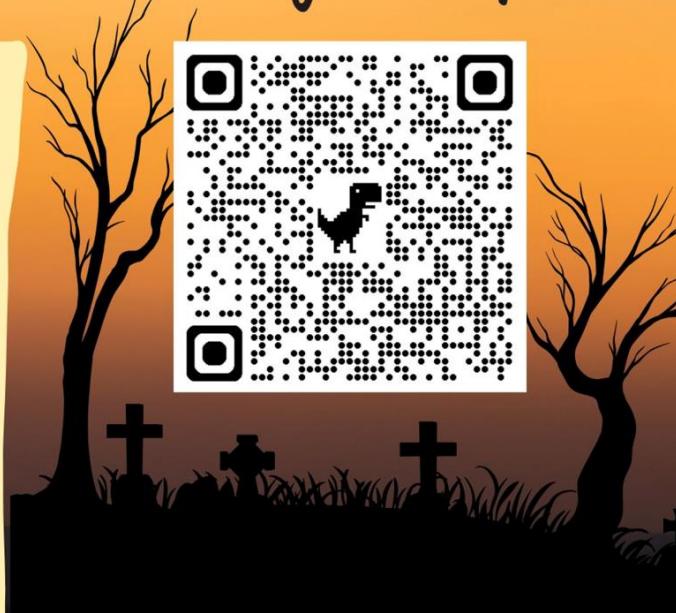
## Visits to Columbaria

# 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.

## Media Centre Christmas Fair (9 & 10 Nov)

# 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!



### The Bread of Life : The Eucharist in Galilee (Tue 12 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>

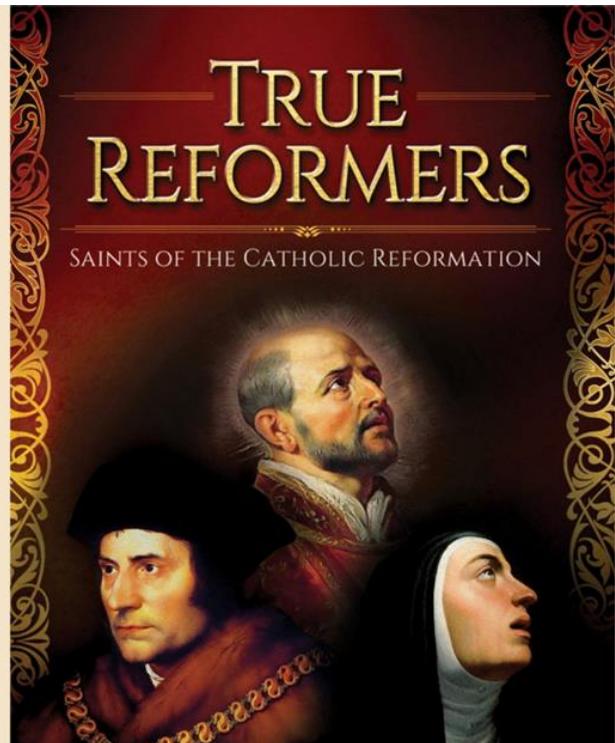
### True Reformers Part I (Tue 12 Nov and Wed 13 Nov)

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>

## Scripture Series : The Book of Tobit (14 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.

## 2025 Infant Baptism (Closing Date for Registration : 15 Nov)

### 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

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



BE IT DONE UNTO ME  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL

**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.

## 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

22 Nov 24 (Friday), 8pm

@ St. Mary AVA Room (Level 3) PCH

Joseph &  
Mary



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

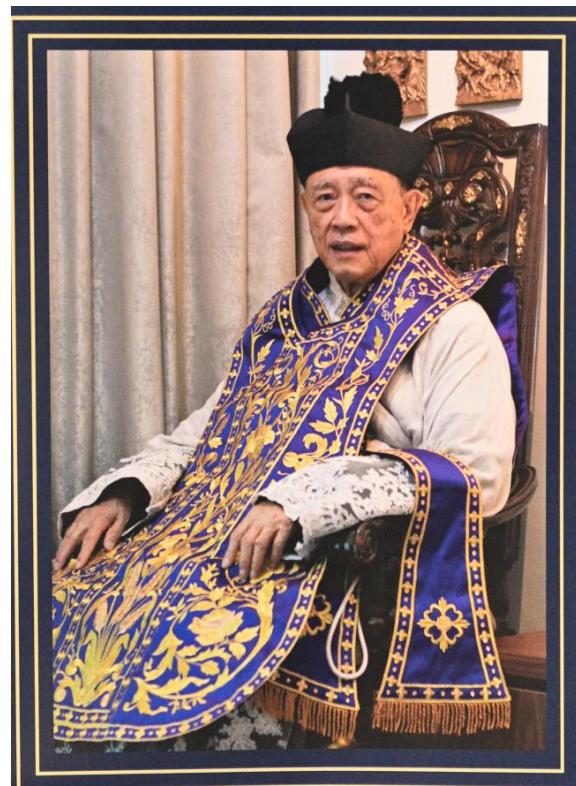
Mr Zerah Goh

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**

QR code for registration.

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

QR code for registration.

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>

## SSVP Statement of Accounts



### Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Joachim

#### Statement of Income and Expenses for Oct 2024

Donations	\$ 13,749.64
Expenditure	\$ 16,565.44
Deficit	\$ 2,815.80

Thank you for your support for our Friends-in-Need!

## 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.

## Outreach (Sat 16 Nov)

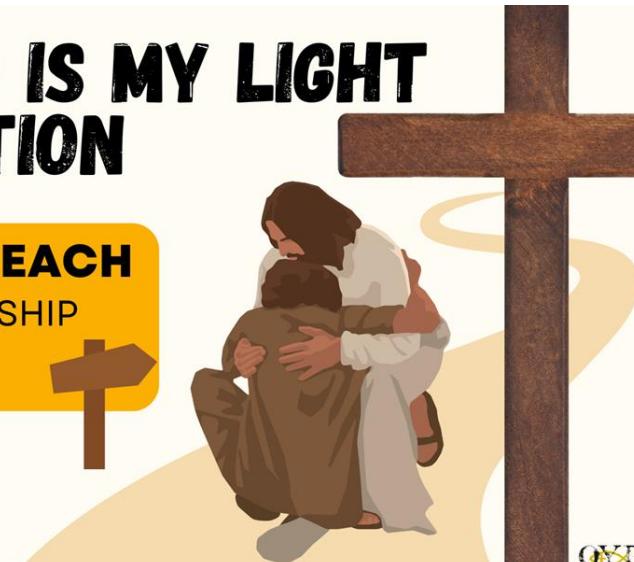
# THE LORD IS MY LIGHT & SALVATION

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.oup@catholic.org.sg

## ACMI Courses (Registration open till 17 Nov)

### ACMI Skills Development Courses (Jan-Jun 2025)



Sign up for weekend classes at Agape Village!

- English Language
- Caregiver
- Basic Conversational Mandarin
- Basic Web Design & Canva
- Basic Mobile Photography & Editing
- Zumba
- Dressmaking and many more...

**Calling all migrants:**  
Registration open  
till 17 Nov

Scan the QR code  
to find out more:



**ACMI**  
FAMILY TO MIGRANTS

Registration for ACMI's Skills Development courses for 2025 Semester 1 weekend classes is open from now till 17 Nov, Sunday!

Pick up new skills such as mobile photography and editing, cooking and many more! Register for a class through this link → [rebrand.ly/skillsdevelopmentcourses](https://rebrand.ly/skillsdevelopmentcourses)

Alternatively, walk-in registration (from now till 17 Nov) is available from Sunday – Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm. Closed on Friday, Saturday, and Public Holidays.

If you face any issues with the online registration, please call 8600 3583 or drop ACMI a message on Instagram or Facebook (@acmi.singapore)

## 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)



## 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](http://cfcyouthforchristsingapore) [cfcyfcsingapore](http://cfcyfcsingapore)

# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## 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.

✉️ [spdircourage@gmail.com](mailto:spdircourage@gmail.com)  
📷 [courage.sg](https://courage.sg)  
🌐 [courage.org.sg](https://courage.org.sg)

📍 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

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

**COURAGE** International Singapore

## 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 family, 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, 55 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](http://bit.ly/caritas-rol-form)

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

## 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!

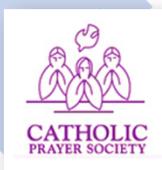


Couples intending to celebrate your union in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend MPC as early as possible before your wedding date

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**

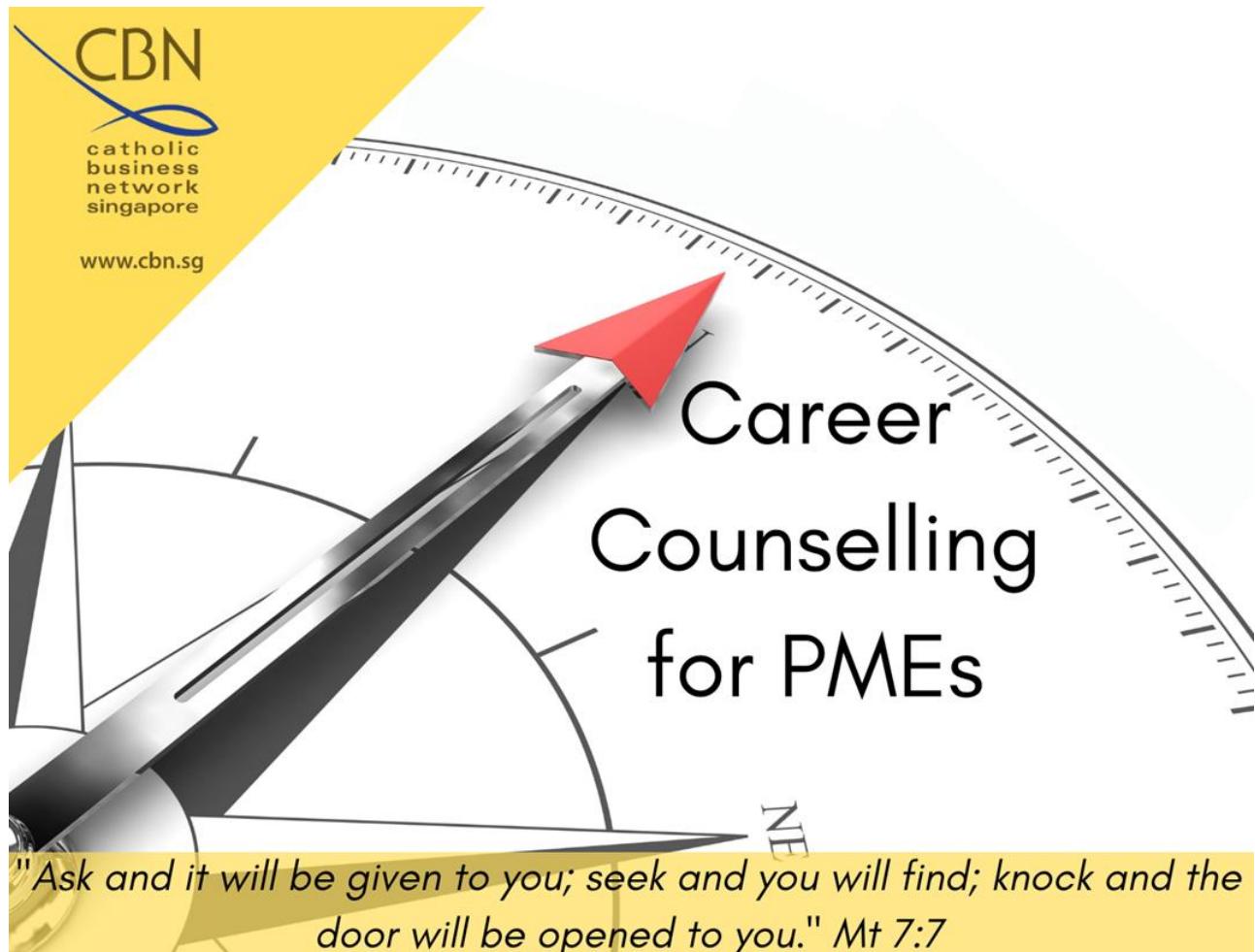
Email: [vdeifamilies@gmail.com](mailto:vdeifamilies@gmail.com)

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



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Scan the QR Code to Register

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