



St Joseph's Church

(Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 17 August 2025 • 20th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year C)

620 Upper Bukit Timah Road
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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

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

Being a part of a Vibrant, Evangelizing and Missionary Church



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

As we strive to build a vibrant, evangelizing, and missionary Church under the patronage of St. Joseph, we have been actively planning and organising events to reach out to parishioners of all ages :

- Catechetical teams have been engaging children and teens with exciting events
- Prayer groups have been arranging regular prayer sessions
- Youth-focused talks and events have been planned to involve and empower our young people
- Family-oriented groups have been established for moms and dads.
- Neighborhood Communities have been regrouping to foster a sense of belonging.
- Our GLAD community has been keeping seniors active with exercise sessions, Bible classes, and spiritual talks.

Join us at the MPSC Fair on August 23-24 at the Parish Community Hall, where you will learn more about our various Ministries, Prayer groups, Service teams and Communities and how you can further contribute to building God's Kingdom!

The next major event will be our Parish Retreat on Sat 18 Oct – 19 Oct. Block your calendars and come meet other parishioners in our Church.



Catholic News is here!

Inside: Fr Timothy Soo's ordination, Fr René Nicolas' funeral, schools celebrate Jubilee of Youth.



AROUND THE PARISH – BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS

Post-PSLE P6 Camp (11 – 12 Oct)



October 11 & 12 2025

Post-PSLE P6 Camp

My Journey of Hope

St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)
\$30/- per child*
*Financial Aid Available

Sat 11 Oct: 9.30am - 6.30pm
(Child only, includes Mass)
Sun 12 Oct: 12.30pm - 5.00pm
(Parent & Child)

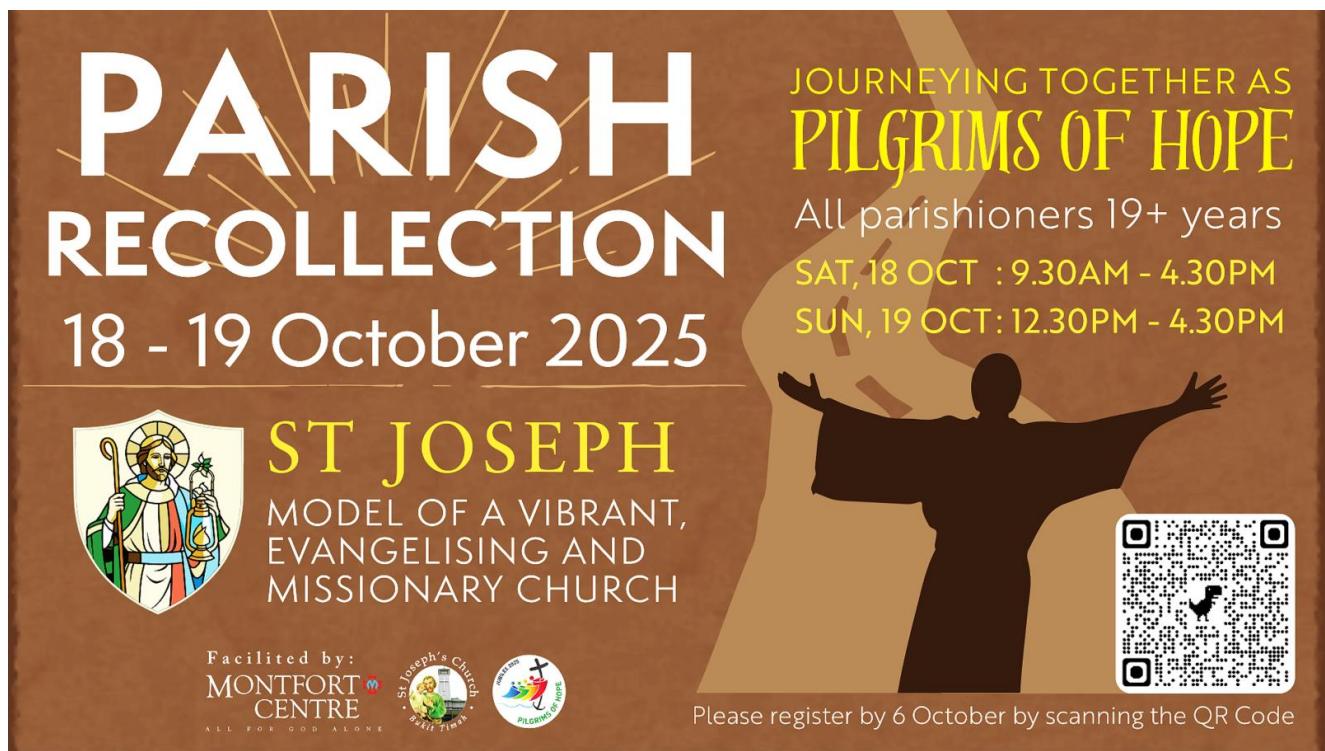
Compulsory for All P6 Children!

Logos: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, PRIMARY CATECHISM, Family Formation

Two cartoon characters in green and blue hooded jackets are on the left, and two in red and yellow hooded jackets are on the right, both holding sticks and a small cross.

Calling all P6s and your families! You're invited to a fun weekend camp after the PSLEs to explore 'My Journey of Faith'! Register by 29 September 2025: tinyurl.com/2025P6Camp

Parish Retreat (Sat 18 Oct – Sun 19 Oct)



PARISH RECOLLECTION

18 - 19 October 2025

ST JOSEPH

MODEL OF A VIBRANT, EVANGELISING AND MISSIONARY CHURCH

Facilitated by:
MONTFORT CENTRE
ALL FOR GOD ALONE

St Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah

JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

All parishioners 19+ years

SAT, 18 OCT : 9.30AM - 4.30PM
SUN, 19 OCT: 12.30PM - 4.30PM

QR Code

Please register by 6 October by scanning the QR Code

Come away and spend the weekend with the Lord at our Parish Recollection! The team from Montfort Centre will be here to help us reflect on how we can journey together as pilgrims of hope to build a more Vibrant, Evangelising and Missionary Church Community with St Joseph as our model. Please register by 6 October 2025 at tinyurl.com/SJCBTRecollection25

Tuesday Morning Manna (Tue 19 Aug)



MYSTERIES of the ROSARY: The Glorious Mysteries (Part 2)

**An inspiring video series that helps us contemplate
the life of Jesus through Mary's eyes!**

- Aug 5, 12, 19
- Tuesdays 11.05am - 12.15pm, St Joseph AVA Rm

Presence – The Mystery of the Eucharist (19 Aug)

FAITH & BIBLE
REFLECTIONS

A 6-part video series that explores the truth & beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist

Presence™

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Tues 8-9.45pm or Wed 9-10.45am starting 5 Aug
- Online via Zoom



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. 'Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist' explores the Real Presence, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. Every Tuesday night or Wednesday morning Online via Zoom starting 5 August. Join the Faith & Bible Reflections Whatsapp Community for more information: tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB

Family Movie Nite (Sat 16 Aug)



Disney's Encanto tells the story of the Madrigal family, where each member has a unique gift—except for Mirabel, who struggles to find her place. The film beautifully explores themes of family expectations, love, forgiveness, and trust in God's plan.

SJC Family Formation is organising a Family Movie Nite on 16 Aug (Sat), 7.15pm (St Jo AVA room). Please scan QR code or use link to register and pre-order dinner by 7 Aug.



The Family Formation Community is organising a Family Movie Nite. All are welcome. You can scan the QR code to register and pre-order your dinner by 7 Aug.

Holy Hour for Vocations (Thu 21 Aug @ 8 pm)

**Holy Hour for Vocations
Thu 21 Aug 2025
Time : 8 pm
Venue : Chapel of St Joseph**

The seminarians from St Francis Xavier Major Seminary will be leading the Holy Hour every third Thursday of the month to pray for Vocations.

Please come and join them to pray for vocations to the priesthood!



An Introduction to Singing in Latin (Sat 23 Aug and Sun 31 Aug)

*An Introduction to Singing in Latin
by Gerard Lim*



Keen to learn how to sing the :

Our Father

Holy Holy Holy

Lamb of God

Hail Holy Queen

...amongst others

In Latin



Held over 2 sessions :

Sat 23 August 1100-1230

Sun 31 August 1400-1530

in **St Joseph AVA Room**.

As seats are limited, please register early at :

[https://forms.gle/X3GTgLT43rTDw
MYr6](https://forms.gle/X3GTgLT43rTDwMYr6)

Or use the attached QR code.

Catholic Education Sunday (23 & 24 Aug)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

23-24 August 2025

Sat 23 Aug @ 5.30 pm Mass :

CHIJ

Sun 24 Aug @ 11.30 am Mass :

DLS & AES



SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ

PATRON OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Feast day: 25 August



As part of Catholic Education Sunday, the students and teachers from CHIJ, DLS and AES will be attending the respective Masses above. There will also be a special blessing for all educators.

Tuesday Morning Manna : Symbolon (commencing Tue 26 Aug)

TUESDAY MORNING MANNA
presents
SYMBOLON™
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Get a systematic "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and experience the richness of Catholicism.

- Aug 26, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
- Tuesdays 11.05am - 12.30pm, St Joseph AVA Rm

Part 1: Knowing the Faith

QR code

Join us for Part 1 of Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained.

Symbolon is a systematic 10-session video series on the Catholic Faith that will lead you through the "big picture" of Catholicism with the Creed as the guide.

Prayer thru Music (Fri 29 Aug)



Prayer thru Music ©

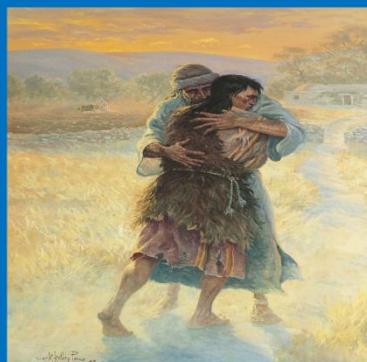
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**The Prodigal
Son**



JUBILEE 2025

Pilgrims of Hope in Community

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding

**29 August 2025
(Friday) 8PM @ Level 3,
St Mary, AVA Room,
Parish Community Hall**

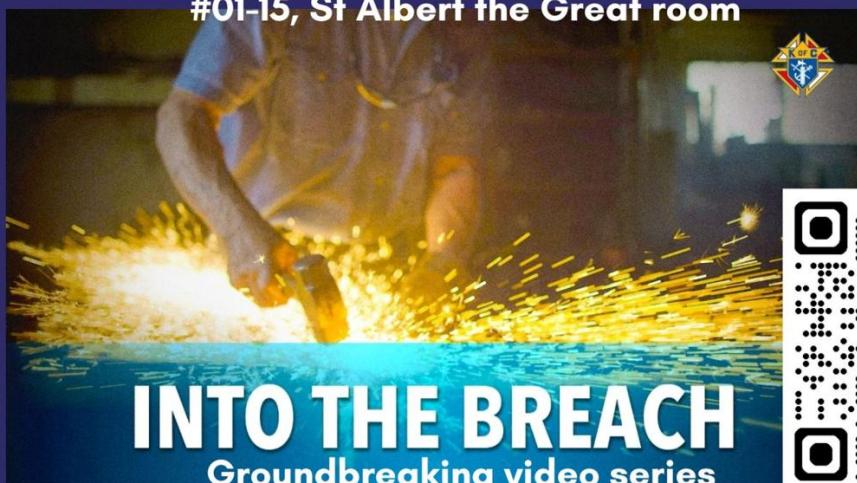
Dads' Fellowship (Sat 30 Aug)



DADS' FELLOWSHIP

Saturday 30 August, 3.15-4.45pm

#01-15, St Albert the Great room



Calling all fathers! Come and join the Dads' Fellowship on Saturday 30th August 3.15-4.45pm at room 01-15 in the Community Hall Building. Meet fellow dads and learn from "Into the Breach", the groundbreaking video series for Catholic men in today's world! For more info, join the Dads' Fellowship Whatsapp chat here: tinyurl.com/SJCBTFathers

Auditions for Advent Cantata 2025

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Performance dates:

Sat Dec 6, 6.45-8.15pm

Sun Dec 7, 6.45-8.15pm



Audition dates:

- Sat 30 Aug, 6.45pm, #03-01 St Cecilia Room
- Sun 31 Aug, 6.45pm, #02-09 St Joseph AVA Room

For male & female singers 16 to 35 years old

*being able to sight read/sing is a bonus

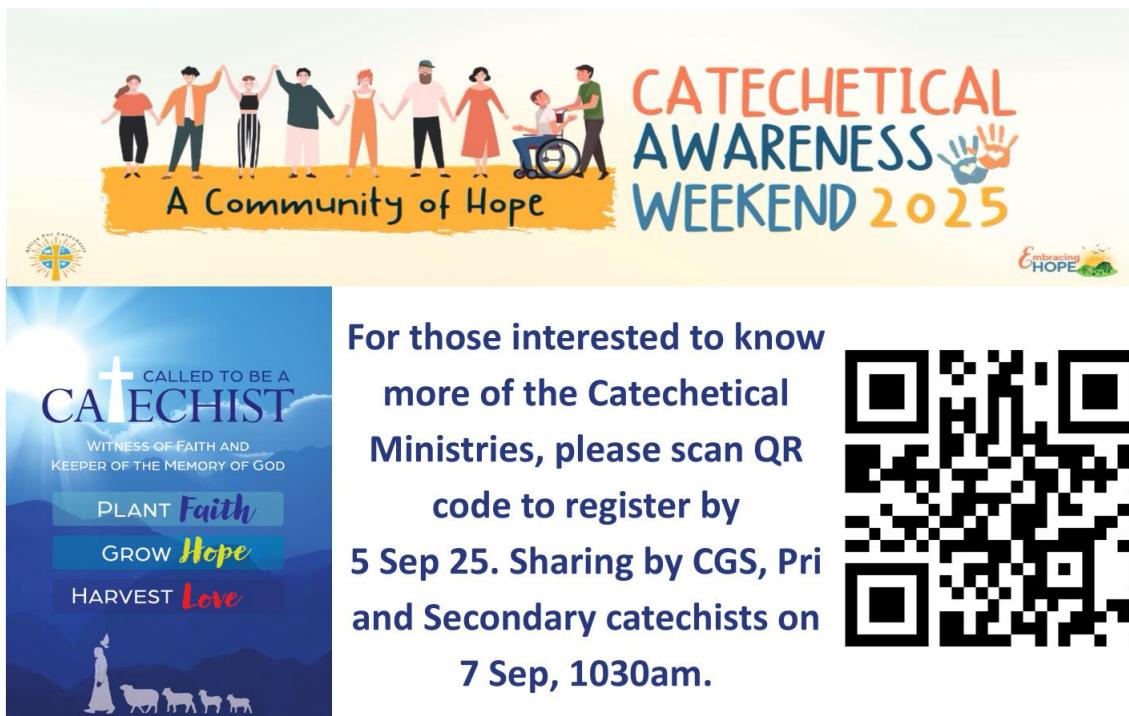
Audition registration & more information:

tinyurl.com/ACantata25

Do you love to sing? Offer up your voice this Advent at our first ever Advent Cantata. Auditions are now open! Register at: tinyurl.com/ACantata25

AROUND THE PARISH

Catechetical Awareness Weekend (Register by 5 Sep)



For those interested to know more of the Catechetical Ministries, please scan QR code to register by 5 Sep 25. Sharing by CGS, Pri and Secondary catechists on 7 Sep, 1030am.



Mass with Healing Service (28 Sep)



Theme: New Life New Hope

by Msgr Peter Zhang

28 September 2025 (Sunday)

1 - 5 pm

Community Hall

Praise and worship , Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Healing, Testimony, Fellowship.

Organized by Chinese Committee

supported by St. Anthony's Church Charismatic Renewal Community

No registration is required; all are welcome.

Don't Waste a Good Fight (21 Aug)

DON'T WASTE A GOOD FIGHT



**Fights happen.
Even in strong marriages.**

Join us and learn how to **fight better, recover well, and grow stronger together.**

DATE 21 August 2025

TIME (Thursday)

8pm - 10pm

VENUE CANA,
The Catholic Centre
(St Mary's Room, L3)

SIGN UP HERE:



Catholic
Family Life

Vocation Retreat 2025 (22 – 24 Aug)

To God
a SON
With you
a BROTHER
For you
a PRIEST

SOURCE: CATHOLIC EXCHANGE

DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT 2025

Is your heart yearning for something more? Do you feel a hunger for souls?

Come and find out what your heart was made for!

Date: 22-24 Aug 2025*

Registration by 03 Aug:

<http://tiny.cc/vocation2025>

Venue: SFXMS

*For men aged 21-35



DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT 2025

Have you felt a desire to give more? Do you think the Lord may be inviting you to consider the diocesan priesthood? The St Francis Xavier Major Seminary invites all young men aged 21 to 35 for their annual Vocation Retreat happening from 22 to 24 August. Priority will be given to first timers. Please use the attached QR code or registration links to sign-up.

Intercession Retreat (23 – 24 Aug)

"For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words." -Romans 8:26-

Standing in the Gap in the Power of the Holy Spirit

TALKS • PRAYER SESSIONS • MASS

Conducted by CSC RETREAT TEAM • MASS by MSGR PETER ZHANG

Have you ever felt called to pray more deeply for others but didn't know how?

Do you sometimes feel helpless when those around you are suffering?

Is intercession the gift you've been given to bring change?



What IR#9 Retreatants said:

Empowering & inspiring. See the urgent need to pray & intercede.
-Geraldine

"Solid introduction to communal prayer & its importance"
-Dennis

23-24 AUG 2025
IR #10
8.30am - 6.30pm



INTERCESSION RETREAT

A Weekend Retreat About Praying For Others



Belovedness (23 – 24 Aug)

"I am God's First Love": Praying Our Belovedness

This retreat is a journey of coming home to the reality of the First Love in our lives; that Love that has existed from eternity and abides for eternity. It is an invitation to reclaim the truth of our Belovedness.



PIETA (Tue 26 Aug @ 7.30 pm)



Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tue 26 August from 7.30pm to 9.15pm at Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, S. 549102 (next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary).

We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

Note: We will be on Zoom for September. Please email us for Zoom details.

My Personal Compass : Christian Morality (28 Aug)

My Personal Compass: **CHRISTIAN MORALITY**

Do Christians follow different rules?

with Fr David Garcia, OP

28
AUG
Does God exist?
Do Christians have
separate morals?

4
SEPT

Why do we need
God? What is
grace?

11
SEPT

Is faith irrational or
necessary?

18
SEPT

What do we hope
(and pray) for?

25
SEPT

How does love fulfil
us?

28 Aug - 25 Sep
(Every Thursday)

8.00 PM to
9.30PM

Caritas Agape Village,
Multi Purpose Room at Level 3

\$50

REGISTER TODAY!



Empowered Parents & Helpers (31 Aug)



Catholic Family Life

Empowered PARENTS & HELPERS

A FAMILY ALIGNMENT WORKSHOP BY PARENT COACH, SOPHIA KLOPP

**Parenting can be challenging,
but you don't have to do it alone.**

IMPORTANT!

31 AUGUST 2025 (SUNDAY), 2-5PM
@ AGAPE VILLAGE
MPR1 & MPR2, LEVEL 3

REGISTER NOW!

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IN COLLABORATION WITH

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FAMILY TO MIGRANTS

The poster features a photo of a woman holding a child, both smiling. The woman is holding a card with a red heart on it. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts, with some words in all caps. The overall design is colorful and family-oriented.

When parents and helpers work as a team, children thrive. This experiential workshop equips both with practical tools to align caregiving approaches, manage behaviours calmly, and build a respectful, united home environment.

Learn the Positive Discipline approach and walk away with strategies you can apply immediately. Sign up as a team and support your child with clarity, consistency, and care.

Novena Youth Rally (5 Sep)



Look forward to food and workshops related to the theme of the rally from 6-8 pm, followed by mass and the main rally which will include creative elements, input by the keynote speaker, reflection, praise and worship and we will end the night together with eucharist adoration.

A Father's Mission (5 Sep)



A FATHER'S MISSION

ORGANISED BY THE CHURCH OF ST BERNADETTE FAMILY LIFE TEAM IN COLLABORATION WITH



COME DISCOVER
THE FATHER GOD HAS
CALLED YOU TO BE!



5 SEP 2025 (FRI)



7.45PM-9.45PM



CHURCH OF ST
BERNADETTE, PARISH
CANTEEN



REGISTER
HERE:



bit.ly/AFM_CSB

With the daily stresses and challenges of life today, fatherhood can be a daunting task. In our quest to become that father that God has called us to be, come and let us reclaim our mission as fathers – to be the link between heaven and earth, between God and His children.

Talk by Bro Collin Wee, FSC (Sat 13 Sep)

TALK BY BR. COLLIN WEE, FSC @ LASALLE HOUSE



13 September, Sat, 9.30am

Mid-life: A Crisis or An Opportunity

- Mid-life can feel like a crisis — lost dreams, fading energy, growing distance in marriage.
- It can also be a powerful opportunity for growth and renewal.
- Join us as we explore, re-evaluate and navigate through the crossroads of mid-life.



Scan to find out more/register:



La Salle
La Salle Centre
Singapore

Retrouvaille Weekend (26 Sep – 28 Sep)



**a
marriage
lifeline**

Is your marriage
tearing you apart?

Are you considering divorce
or separation?

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Date: 26 - 28 SEP 2025
Register: bit.ly/RetroWE

SCAN ME



CHOICE Weekend (18 – 20 Oct)



CHOICE WEEKEND

A CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE AFFILIATE

FOR YOUNG ADULTS
SINGLE OR DATING
18-40

- Who am I **being**, with family and significant people God has placed in my life?
- In all my most important relationships, what does it take to **love vulnerably**?
- Receive raw, honest stories from singles, couples and religious voices
- A weekend of **self-discovery**:
how I have been loved; and
choosing to respond by loving family, self and God.



Over the long weekend **18-20 Oct**
(Sat till Mon)

Stay-in @ SFX Retreat Centre
(Punggol)
Registrations open now!



Join Choice for a transformative weekend of self-reflection to uncover the richness or poverty of your relationships – with family and significant people God placed in your life. What is loving vulnerably? Receive authentic sharing from singles, couples and religious voices.

Men's Form II Conference (Sat 1 Nov)

2ND FORUM ON THE RICHNESS OF MANHOOD

Men's FoRM II Conference

WITH PARALLEL TRACKED SESSIONS FOR
YOUNG MEN, HUSBANDS & DADS, SENIOR MEN & MORE

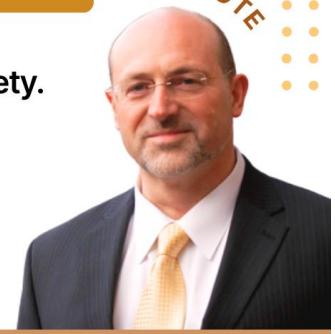
Rediscovering their gifts and identity as men, and
growing in virtue for the good of self, family, and society.



**SUNTEC CONVENTION CENTRE
1 NOVEMBER 2025 (SATURDAY)
10AM-5PM**

mensformconference.sg

KEYNOTE



Men's Leadership

ALEXANDRE HAVARD

Virtuous Leadership Institute

ORGANISED BY



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The Men's FoRM II Conference is a gathering of men from diverse backgrounds to share, learn, and grow in their identity and mission as men. With parallel tracked sessions for young men, husbands and dads, and senior men, the conference offers meaningful formation for every stage of life.

This year's forum invites men to rediscover their gifts and identity, and to grow in virtue for the good of self, family, and society.

Catholic Prayer Society (new location)



LUNCHTIME MASS IN THE CITY

WEDNESDAY @12.15PM

• *International Plaza 10 Anson Road #31-06 Only U Space*

• *Medical Alumni Association, 2 College Rd, Level 1 Theatrette*

FRIDAY @12.15PM

• *ORQ BUILDING, Level 49, North Tower, One Raffles Quay*

• *Orchard Rendezvous@1 Tanglin Road (From 05th Sept 25)*
Formerly known as Orchard Parade Hotel

Mission to Fang, Chiang Mai (10 – 14 Sep)

MISSION TO FANG, CHIANG MAI



10 - 14 SEP, 25

Bringing Hope & Healing

"DON'T LET YOUR LIFE BE STERILE. BE USEFUL.
BLAZE A TRAIL. SHINE FORTH WITH THE LIGHT
OF YOUR FAITH AND OF YOUR LOVE."
— ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ

SEPTEMBER: MARY, MOTHER OF SORROWS, LEADS THE WAY

This September, we invite you to join us on a mission of compassion—a journey not to where it is comfortable, but to where it is needed. We will travel to the forgotten villages of Fang District in northern Chiang Mai, where ethnic minorities like the Karen, Hmong, and Lahu peoples have waited generations for the help that never came.

Secure Your Spot and
Be The Answer To Someone's
Prayer!

How You Can Help

- Be a part of the mission and experience the joy of serving Christ.
- Donate preloved or surplus items.
- If you cannot join, consider sponsoring someone willing to serve but unable to afford the expenses.
- Offer your spiritual support and pray for the community, the mission and us.

PLEASE SHARE



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<https://www.gebirah.org/phayao-thailand>

Mission to HCM City, Vietnam (10 -14 Oct)



**Pilgrimage to Our
Lady of Nui Cui**

Be A Pilgrim of Hope

10-14 October 2025

The late Pope Francis proclaimed the Jubilee Year 2025, calling all Catholics to be pilgrims of hope in a world longing for light. We invite you to join us on this life-changing mission —a journey of love, mercy, and transformation, where we will bring hope, love, and tangible support to the vulnerable and the abandoned.

Who We Will Serve

**Focolare's Pho Cap
School for the Poor
and PWDs**

**Thien Phuoc Home
for orphans with
disabilities**

Nazareth Hospice



Please Share With Your Friends

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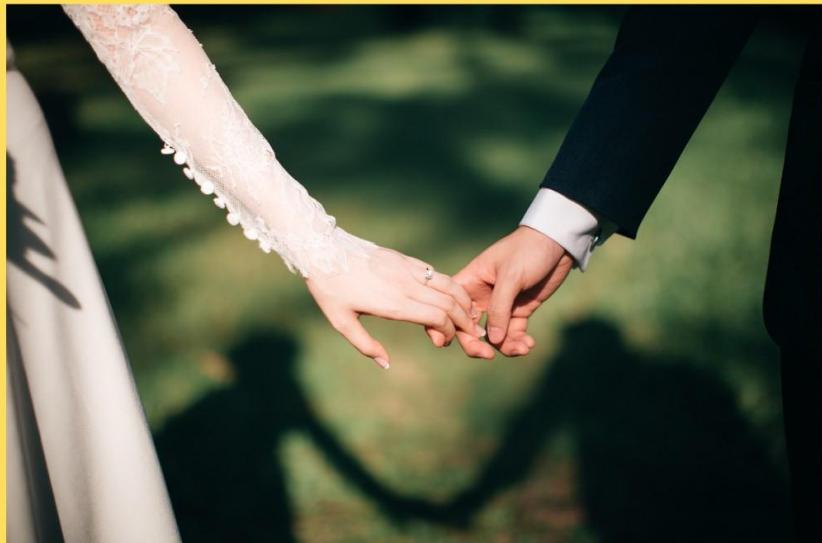
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www.gebirah.org/hcmccity

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Discover the Joys of a Richer, Fuller Life Together!



The Weekend (stay-in) begins on Fri at 8 pm, and ends on Sun evening with Mass.

Yes, all you need is one Weekend!

*Conducted in English, Bahasa Indonesia (i.e. IndoME) or Mandarin (i.e. HuaKen).

2025

Weekend

Date Options*

- Feb 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Feb 14 - 16 (IndoME)
- Mar 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Mar 14 - 16 (HuaKen)
- Apr 4 - 6 (Eng)
- Jun 6 - 8 (Eng)
- Jun 20 - 22 (HuaKen)
- Aug 22 - 24 (IndoME)
- Aug 29 - 31 (Eng)
- Oct 3 - 5 (Eng)
- Nov 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Nov 21 - 23 (HuaKen)
- Dec 5 - 7 (Eng)



Singapore

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Singapore (WWMESG)
is an Affiliate of Catholic Family Life.

Find out more at
<https://tinyurl.com/WWMESGsignup>

Landings



Feeling distant from your faith? You're not alone. Reconnect with peace, purpose, and community

In our 10-week journey back to the heart of Catholicism. Explore your questions, rediscover the sacraments, and find belonging in a safe, nonjudgmental space. No pressure—just open hearts and open doors. Your journey home starts here

landings.org.sg



Catholic Foundation Dinner 2025 (Wed 22 Oct)

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION DINNER 2025

HOSTED BY HIS EMINENCE,
CARDINAL WILLIAM GOH

Date: Wednesday, 22 October 2025
Time: 5:30pm Cocktails & FaithWorks Art Exhibition
7:00pm Dinner Reception
Venue: The Fullerton Hotel

*The dinner is fully sponsored. All proceeds from table sales and contributions go towards building the **Catholic Hub**.*



To purchase a table or for
more information,
scan the QR code or visit:

[catholicfoundation.sg
/cfdinner](http://catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner)

BUILDING THE CHURCH TODAY FOR TOMORROW

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