

# Church of St Stephen

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From Mattar Road (entry through back gate) Bus 40, 61, 63, 65, 135, 154, 155, 158



**22 March 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



## MASSES

Saturday Sunset Mass: **5.30pm**(English)

Sunday Masses : **9.00am, 11.00am**(English)

**5.30pm**(English)

1st Sunday: **3.00pm** (Tagalog)

2nd Sunday: **2.00pm**(Malayalam)

Eve/Day of Obligation if it is a weekday:

**6.30am & 7.00pm**

Weekday Masses: **6.30am**

(**7.30am** on Public Holidays)

Rosary Devotion: Saturday **4.55pm**

Divine Mercy Devotion: Sunday **10.15am**

## COURSES-Catechism

**Sun 9.00am (English)**

**Coordinator:** Elvin Wee HP 9171 3881

## SSVP:

**President :** Jude HP 98305080

**FREE LUNCH:** Willing Hearts at Blk 42

**Chairman:** Tony HP 9690 2086

Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 11.00am

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. John Bosco

[johnbosco@catholic.org.sg](mailto:johnbosco@catholic.org.sg)

Tel: 6461 3745 (direct line)

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. John Lau

[john.lau@catholic.org.sg](mailto:john.lau@catholic.org.sg)



**Confession:** Half an hour before Mass

**Weddings:** One year notification.

**Infant Baptism:** Please call office

**Funerals:** Please notify the priest immediately and discuss with him in person on funeral services before you make any arrangement with the casket Co

**Wake enquiries:** Faith Liu 9763 8225

**Office:** Level 1, in front of main Church entrance.

**Office opening hours:** Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 5.00pm

**Bookshop opening hours:** Saturday 5-6.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am to 12.30pm

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sun: Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

Mon: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62,  
Jn 8:1-11

Tue : Num 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

Thur: Gen 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

Fri : Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

Sat : Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

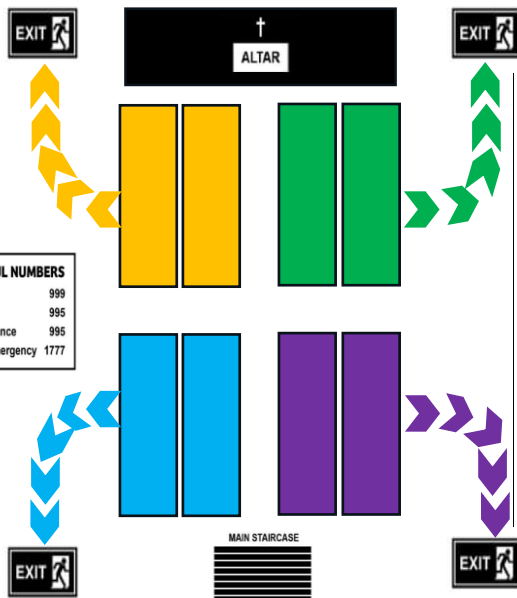


## 5th Sunday of Lent :Year A

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: Annunciation of the Lord,  
*Solemnity*

## *Pope Leo prayer intention for March:*

*Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*



**THESE ARE THE EMERGENCY EXITS.  
PLEASE USE THE EXITS  
NEAREST TO YOU.**

## MASS TIMING FOR HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY

**28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026, 5.30pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026, 9am, 11am and 5.30pm**

Do take one palm per family available at the Church foyer.

### HOLY THURSDAY

**2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2026** (no morning Mass)

**7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

**ADORATION TILL MIDNIGHT**

Please observe silence in and around the Church.

### GOOD FRIDAY

**3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026**

**10.00am and 2.30pm Stations of the Cross**

**10.30am and 3.00pm Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion**

A day of penance for the whole Church to be marked by fasting and abstaining from meat.

### HOLY SATURDAY

**4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026** (no morning Mass)

**7.30pm Easter Vigil**

Please take one candle available at the Church entrance. *You are encouraged to witness the Blessing of the Fire outside the Foyer.*

### EASTER SUNDAY

**5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026, 9am, 11am and 5.30pm**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, the Stations in English will take place every Friday at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

### FRIDAY MORNING NO WEEKDAY MASS

During Lent, please note that there will be **NO Morning Mass on Fridays.**

### COFFEE CORNER OPEN SUNDAY MORNING

Come to the church canteen and have fellowship over a cup of hot coffee prepared by Filcom Ministry. All are welcome.

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES – EAST DISTRICT

Church of Divine Mercy

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8pm

Church of St Stephen

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 8pm

Church of Queen of Peace

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 8pm

### PARISH MOVIE DAY

Join us for our first Parish Movie Day on Saturday, 28 March, from 2.30–4.40 pm at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), where we will be screening *The Passion of the Christ*. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Admission is free, and love offerings will be collected. All are welcome — do invite your family and friends. Please scan here.



### COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Holy Thursday, there will be a collection for the mission of the Holy Land. Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land has preserved and maintained the holy places of Christianity in the region, ensuring they remain living shrines for both local Christians and pilgrims. This mission depends greatly on the solidarity and generosity of Catholics throughout the world. Please give generously.

### CHRISM MASS 2026

The Chrism Mass will be on Thursday, 2 April, at 10.30am at Church of Christ The King.

### CONFESSION BEFORE WEEKEND MASS

Confession is available half an hour before Mass start.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR BOOKSHOP

Our bookshop is open during weekend mass timings. We encourage anyone who enjoy meeting people to volunteer at the bookshop. For more info, call Church office at 67471433



### DONATION TO CHURCH

For donations to Church of St Stephen via PayNow, key in our Parish UEN T08CC4047J. Key in under reference:

1) **Mass collection.** 2) **Donation to Church** or 3) **Church Maintenance**



### DONATION TO SSVF

Kindly do bank transfer to SSVF St Stephen, DBS account number 004- 018497-1.



### WEEKLY ROSARY @ CSS

Join us for Rosary recitation every Saturday at 4.55pm followed by Mass. Through the intercession of Mary, we hope to obtain all the promises and blessings of the Rosary.



### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

*“...a soul should be faithful to prayer despite torments, dryness and temptations, because often the realization of God's great plans depend on such prayer. Let every soul remember these words: And being in anguish, He prayed longer.” – Diary 872*

Join us to pray the Chaplet on Sun at 10.15am.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Kindly drop your envelope into the mass intention box at least one week ahead. Mass is \$10 per name per mass. Alternatively, you may use PayNow. Key in:

- 1) **Mass Intention** followed by your **name** on the reference.
- 2) Take a **screenshot** of your payment and email to [css.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:css.secretariat@catholic.org.sg). Please indicate your mass intention in the email.



**PIETA** is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our next session on **Tues 24 Mar will be on Zoom** from **7:30pm to 9:15pm**. Email [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

## THE GIFT

**(6-session CaFE module: Apr–May, in preparation for Pentecost)**

Faith formation in the Easter season as we prepare our hearts for Pentecost—to receive anew what God desires to give, and to live as Spirit-filled disciples.

Dates: 15 April – 20 May (6 sessions)

Time : 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Venue: Church Multi-Purpose Hall (Level 3)



## THE GIFT

### CRUCIS SINGAPURA - BAREFOOT WAY OF THE CROSS 28 MARCH 2026 SATURDAY

An annual Lenten event organised at the Archdiocesan level where young people aged 14 to 39 are encouraged to reflect on the Passion of Christ and to partake in the Lord's suffering by walking barefoot across the island in parths marking the sign of the Cross. Registration for the event is free. Participants will gather on 28 March at a parish chosen during registration and walk in predetermined routes towards the destination – Caritas, Agape Village.. Register at [www.singapore.jesuyouth.org](http://www.singapore.jesuyouth.org) for details/ info <https://singapore.jesuyouth.org>



Are you and your partner ready for the next step—engagement, marriage, or getting a home together?

Discern how to build a future that honours God and the family you hope to create through the lens of our Catholic faith.

Session Objectives: Understanding Readiness; Which Comes First – Engagement or House; Building a Home, Not Just Buying a House.

**10 APRIL 2026 (FRIDAY), 8PM–10PM**

**CANA THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, LEVEL 3**  
55 Waterloo St, Singapore 187954

**\$20 per pax / \$35 for two**



SCAN THE QR CODE, OR REGISTER AT: [FAMILYLIFE.SG/BTOGETHER](http://FAMILYLIFE.SG/BTOGETHER)

## CHARITY WEEK 2026

***Mercy Cannot Wait.*** Your donation changes lives. This is a call to all of us to respond to Charities Week, our Archdiocesan annual fundraiser where your donation goes directly to support our brothers and sisters who are the poor, elderly, persons with disabilities, migrants and itinerant, youth-at-risk, and many more. Inspired by Dilexi te where our Pope Leo XIV reminds us that God's love calls us to respond without delay, we too, need to stand up and be counted through timely acts of compassion and generosity. Your almsgiving makes a difference – it enables essential programmes and services to reach those who need help most. Four ways to donate: Drop the Charities Week envelope at our parish, mail it to Caritas Singapore or visit [bit.ly/cw26bulletin](http://bit.ly/cw26bulletin). Donations of \$10 and above are eligible for 250% tax deduction.

## God and Me in my Autistic World Organised by Mamre Oaks, Faith and Light

1 May 2026 (Friday) 9am – 1pm  
Church of St. Mary of the Angels, St Clare Hall,  
5 Bukit Batok East Ave 2, Singapore 659918  
\$10 per pax (Love offering would be much appreciated)  
This talk is a special invitation to persons with autism with low support needs and their families to join us at Church of St. Mary of the Angels for "God and Me in my Autistic World".

It explores what happens in the soul of a person with autism when they connect with God.

Scan to Register



[bit.ly/godandme2026\\_reg](http://bit.ly/godandme2026_reg)

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Good marriages can always be made better! To deepen your couple relationship, do sign up for a Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for 17-19 April, 5-7 June, 3-5 July. Stay-in weekend begins Fri 8pm & ends on Sun evening with Mass. Find out more at [www.esg.org](http://www.esg.org)

## Announcing the launch of Angelico Art Award 2026!

Looking for a way to steward your artistic gifts for God? Catholic Foundation invites you to take part in the Angelico Art Award 2026. This year's theme is "Let us love not in word or speech, but in truth and action" (1 John 3:18). Take time to reflect, pray and let your creativity flow to express the theme through your artwork. Online submissions opens 28 February and closes 13 July 2026. Visit [www.angelicoart.com](http://www.angelicoart.com)

### Easter Mission of Mercy to HCM City, Vietnam

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Ta Pao**

## Be A Pilgrim of Hope

11-15 April 2026

Who We Will Serve

- Pho Cap School for the Poor and with autism
- Thien Phuoc Home for orphans with disabilities
- Son Ky Orphanage

During this Easter season, the Church invites us not only to rejoice in the Resurrection—but to become witnesses of mercy. 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.

Please Share With Your Friends  
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[www.gebirah.org/hcmc](http://www.gebirah.org/hcmc)

## SERVE WITH LOVE

Timor Leste

JOIN NOW!

**SPONSOR**  
If you cannot join, consider sponsoring someone willing to serve but unable to afford the expenses.

**DONATE**  
Support by donating preloved or surplus items. Please do not buy these items as they can be purchased much cheaper in Timor Leste and would not add to our baggage allowance.

**VOLUNTEER**  
Be a part of the mission and experience the joy of serving Christ by bringing hope to this community of marginalised families through programs that restore dignity and create opportunities.

In one of the most deeply Catholic nations in the world, we will travel to Dili to serve vulnerable communities together with the **Canossian Daughters of Charity**, who have been caring for the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten for generations.

COMBINED WITH PILGRIMAGE TO CRISTO REI, A BELOVED CATHOLIC LANDMARK

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AUGUST 7 - 11, 2026

IN SUPPORT OF:



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"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. Josemaria Escriva

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