



# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30 July 2023

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## Mass Timings

### Weekday

6:30am; 6pm

### Saturday

6:30am; 5:30pm

### Sunday

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin);  
10:15am; 12pm & 5:30pm

## Parish Office

### Monday - Friday

9am - 6pm

### Saturday/Sunday

9am - 1pm

### Public Holidays

Closed

## Columbarium

### Monday - Friday

9am - 6pm

### Saturday

10:30am - 6pm

### Sunday

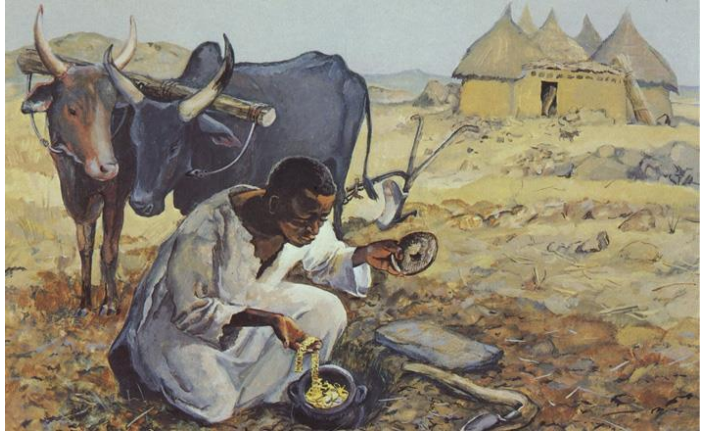
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### Public Holiday

Closed

## Weddings

Wedding bookings to be made  
1 year in advance. Please  
enquire at the Parish Office.



“The kingdom of Heaven is like  
treasure hidden in a field which  
someone has found; he hides it again,  
goes off in his joy, sells everything he  
owns and buys the field .”

Matthew 13:30

## Sunday Meditation

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130;

Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. (Matthew 13:44)*

Today's Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure "buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure—this time, a pearl—but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking?

Jesus seems to be saying that it's both.

On the one hand, God in his infinite goodness pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives—treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence—in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall "on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as we seek the Lord. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we "sell" what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy.

God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who

finds the buried treasure by surprise ends up selling all he has "and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44)!

Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you "sell all you have" to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won't be disappointed.

*"Lord, you are my treasure!"*

*Reflection from Word Among Us*

## Parish Activities

### Sunday (30 July)

4:00pm – 5:00pm : Legion of Mary  
for children  
(Mother of Holy  
Innocents)

### Monday (31 July)

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin

### Tuesday (1 Aug)

7:30pm – 9:30pm : Legion of Mary  
Mandarin  
(天主之母)

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Christian  
Meditation

8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors Mandarin

### Wednesday (2 Aug)

9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning  
(by Willing  
Hands)

10:00am – 12:00pm : JOY for the  
elderly

### Thursday (3 Aug)

10:00am – 12:00pm : Catholic Praying  
Mothers

- 10:00am – 11:30am : Legion of Mary  
(Mary, Full of Grace)
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm : Legion of Mary  
(Our Lady of Charity)
- 7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA English
- 8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors English
- 8:00pm – 9:30pm : Legion of Mary  
Mandarin  
(圣母升天)

### Friday (4 Aug)

- 7:15pm – 9:15pm : Legion of Mary  
Mandarin  
(圣母领报)
- 8:00pm – 9:00pm : Divine Mercy  
Devotion

### Saturday (5 Aug)

- 9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning  
(by Willing Hands)
- 10:00am – 11:30pm : Society of St  
Vincent de Paul  
Ration Day
- 10:00am – 12:00pm : Holy Trinity  
Youth
- 1:00pm – 2:30pm : Legion of Mary  
(Mary, Star of  
the New  
Evangelisation)
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm : Legion of Mary  
(Queen of  
Angels)
- 5:30pm – 9:30pm : Couples for  
Christ –  
Christian Life  
Program

### Other Timings

Rosary Prayer

Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel

Saturday & Sunday: 4:55pm @ Main  
Church

## Parish News

### **Christian Life Program**

Saturday, 5 Aug, 5:30pm  
@ Room 19

Inviting all singles and couples, 21 years old and above, to a renewed understanding of God's call as individuals and Christian couples. Sign up at [rebrand.ly/E1CLP2023](http://rebrand.ly/E1CLP2023)

## Archdiocese Events

### **SFX Major Seminary**

#### **Annual Vocation Retreat**

Friday to Saturday, 11 to 13 Aug  
St Francis Major Seminary  
618 Upper Bukit Timah Rd



The seminary will be having their annual vocation discernment retreat for men 21-35 years old. This 3-day-2-night retreat serves as an excellent introduction into the life of a priest as well as the seminary. Please scan the QR code below, or follow the link to the sign-up form @ [tinyurl.com/vcaug2023](http://tinyurl.com/vcaug2023)

### **Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Intercessory Prayers 2023**

Let us come together as a diocese and pray for God's guidance as we discern a 10-year pastoral plan for the Archdiocese.

All intercessory prayers will take place on Wednesday at 8:00pm.

16 Aug: St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

20 Sept: Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace

18 Oct: Church of St Bernadette

15 Nov: Church of St Mary of the Angels

## **Spirituality for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Life – The Midlife Transition**

Friday to Sunday, 8 to 10 Sept  
Venue: La Salle House



For ages between 40 and 60 years old.  
Facilitated by Sr. Linda Lizada from  
Cenacle Sisters. From a psycho-  
spiritual approach, we are invited into a  
spiritual journey as we assess how we  
have lived our lives up till this point,  
and how we would like to spend the rest  
of our years.

## **Rest, Relish & Recharge! By the Beach**

Thursday to Sunday,  
21 to 24 Sept  
Bintan (Scan QR code for venue)



For ages 21 years old and above.  
Accompanied by Sr. Kriz from Cenacle  
Sisters - through leisure activities,  
reflection and prayer, we hope to find  
God in all things and time.  
This retreat is suitable for active  
parishioners to grow & deepen our  
relationship with self and with God.

## **Landings: For Returning Catholics**

4 Sept to 14 Nov, 8:00pm to 10:00pm

1. Every Monday,  
@ Church of the Holy Spirit
2. Every Tuesday,  
@ Church of Queen of Peace

Welcoming home Catholics seeking a  
reconnection to the faith.  
We invite you to register your interest  
at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or visit  
[www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg).

## **Discerned Decision Making**

Saturday & Wednesday, 12 & 16 Aug,  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
St Francis Xavier Seminary Building  
618 Upper Bukit Timah Rd



A workshop to enable leaders to  
differentiate between various leadership  
styles, to identify blocks in group  
decision-making and to adopt group  
processes that support consultative and  
collaborative decision-making. A  
foundational course on communitarian  
and organizational leadership.  
Sign up @ <http://bitly.ws/DvYC>