



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY) 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Frank Lang

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist

(<https://youtube.com/live/o8HcqUDGi9E>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 503i, 551, 422, 533
Anthem: O rest in the Lord (Felix Mendelssohn)
Readers: Theodore Lau, Eunice Tuma-ac
Act of Remembrance: Kevin She, Arlene Cheung
Voluntary: Elegy (George Thalben-Ball)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Karmen Kar

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm 'For the Healing of the Nations' - A Eucharist of Penitence and Hope for Remembrance Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Susan King
Intercessor: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 10th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Leo the Great, Bishop</i>	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
<i>Of Rome, Teacher, 461</i>	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Martin, Bishop of Tours,</i>	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
<i>C.397</i>	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 12th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Vocal Recital in Autumn</i>
		<i>with Anne Hsieh (Soprano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 13th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Grace in a Busy Week</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 15th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 16th November	The Second Sunday before Advent	
<i>Malachi 4.1-2a</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 98</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>2 Thessalonians 3.6-13</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Luke 21.5-19</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
		Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

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Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorised photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.**

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Job 19.23-27a**

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions:
'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon
the earth; and after my skin has been
thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall
see God, whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not
another.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things

when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Luke 20.27-38**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead

are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui** (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our Archbishop and Primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

**We also pray for St John's Cathedral**, the Very Revd Chan Kwok Keung, the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre, the Revd Canon Peter Koon, the Revd Robert Martin, the Revd Will Newman, the Revd Andrew Courtright, the Revd Sharon Langbis, the Revd Amos Poon, the Revd Dr Philip Wickeri and the Revd Polly Wong; For the ministries of St John's Cathedral as a place of God's grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong; For our outreach ministries: Mission for Migrant Workers, Life Enrichment Centre, Counselling Centre, Bookstore, Castaway Shop, poverty alleviation and prison ministry.

**We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar**, rebuilding churches after the earthquake and floods earlier this year, and still caring for some 4000 villagers made homeless by the continuing cruel war, earthquake and flooding, providing food, shelter, medicine, and schooling for children.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Andrew Ashley, Chung Sheung Yung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Daisy Tai, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Joseph Chu, Arturo Lamshing, Chris Maden, Annabella Janssen, Hsu Hon Chung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Ray Chan, Irena Wu, Eva Sorrel, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Teresa Ray Li, Yeewan Li, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Sister Jean Mary, Sabrina Ho, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jane Pang Tong, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Donna Willis, Wanda Wan H, Sarah Wong, Chuan Xiaokang, John Chakas, Alan Irvine, Sandra Davison, Sanson Lau, Wanda Clay, Sylvia Kwok Lee Shuk Po, Esther Bangcawayan, Donna Kantor, Caitlin Berry, and Evelyn Chan.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Benz Hui, Mo Yin Chan

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: +852 2523 4157.

### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

It's easy to feel helpless to do anything about the wars and conflicts taking the lives of so many people in many countries. What can we do? We can pray, individually or together. For over three years a small group of parishioners has been meeting on Zoom to pray for peace. We use prayers adapted from the Iona Community in Scotland to pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves. Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920.

## CLERGY

This morning, Fr Dwight is leading the worship and preaching at Emmanuel Church.

## REFRESHMENTS

**in the Li Hall  
after 9.00am service**

Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

To support the Cathedral's ministries in aid of the Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar, a selling table for Myanmar calendars (HK\$100 each) will be set up in the Li Hall during Morning Tea.

## RADIO MINISTRY

This morning, the service at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, will be recorded for radio, and broadcast on RTHK4 (97.6FM) just after 12.00noon. You can also hear it on the RTHK4 archive.

**GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK  
13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November (Thu)  
12.30—1.30pm  
Upper Room**

Speaker: *The Revd Drew Courtright*

Theme: ***Grounded in Grace***

These sessions aim to present grace—God's unmerited, one-way love for sinners—as the foundation and culmination of the church and its mission. Participants will explore how grace shapes our spiritual lives, our relationships, and the church's purpose in the world.

## HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

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The Twenty-Third Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong

The 23rd Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong of HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College will be held at 4.00pm TODAY at St Paul's Church. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, Chair of the College Council, will preside and present certificates to the graduates. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you.

Enquires: +852 2521 7708 / enquiry@minghua.edu.hk

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### **Pastoral Care Department**

For Spiritual Direction and appointment with Sr Amy Joy, please contact the Pastoral Care Department on 2536 7538 or 2536 7566.

Fee for Spiritual Direction: HK\$400 (45 minutes per session)

*You are welcome to support our Spiritual Care ministry by donation.*

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**PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN SYNOD  
DIOCESE OF HONG KONG ISLAND**



November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island,

Peace be with you.

In preparation for the 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod, we look back on the past two years, and I hope that you will do so with as much joy and thanksgiving as I do on the development of our diocese. Under the banner “Becoming Christ’s Disciple, Renewing the Church”, we focused on intentional discipleship. Through activities such as The Action 5-3-1, the Bishop’s Bible Study Series, the Church Open Day, the Renewal Meeting, the Gospel Rally and the Stewardship Bible Study, we experienced the joys and purposes in following Christ. I am thankful for the hard work, and I am particularly excited about the growth we have seen in our congregations. Thank you!

The 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod will be held from Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together”. As Christ’s disciples, we need to be equipped, and not just casually but systematically, so that we can become God’s faithful instruments, and be the salt and light in this world. In the next two years, the diocese will offer various short-term ministry and leadership training. We will also focus on building up each other within the community. On the one hand, we continue our path as Christ’s faithful disciples, and on the other, we are to make new disciples. It is also our aim to deepen the experiences of ‘Action 5-3-1’ and ‘living as God’s good stewards’, that they become an on-going and integral part of our Christian journey. By doing so, we can make our church more effective in nurturing believers, caring for the weak and expanding God’s kingdom. Your active participation in this will be greatly encouraged.

The synod is much more than a meeting where we talk business and governance, it is also the channel through which God reveals his vision to the church. Therefore, it is important that we pray humbly before God. Please pray for the items listed in the pew sheet for the synod. May God’s spirit come upon all synod members, so that this synod will bring forth God’s wonderful work! You are also encouraged to offer your thoughts on how to grow the church to the synod members, that they may bring your concerns to the synod. Let the voice of the entire diocese be heard.

‘Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together’. In the coming two years, let’s get equipped and build up our beloved church, that it may be our offering to God. May God bless you all and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. Glory be to God.

The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der  
Bishop, Diocese of Hong Kong Island

## NOTICES



### DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN SYNOD DIOCESE OF HONG KONG ISLAND

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| 9/11  | We give thanks to God for the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and all the parishes/mission churches. We pray that the Church will carry out the mission of God boldly.                                                                                                                          |
| 10/11 | We pray that all synod members, youth observers and volunteers have good health and spirit, being well prepared themselves, and actively participate in the synod.                                                                                                                          |
| 11/11 | Pray that all synod members will have a deeper understanding of the need and missions of the Church, and be willing to use their talents to serve God and build the Church.                                                                                                                 |
| 12/11 | Pray that all the faithful of the Diocese will be intentional equipped themselves as Christ's disciples and witness Jesus in their lives.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13/11 | Pray that Bishop Matthias will be filled with spiritual gifts and wisdom to lead all synod members facing boldly the challenges ahead and going forth in the name of Christ.                                                                                                                |
| 14/11 | Pray that there will be good weather during the synod and that members are able to travel smoothly and safely to the meeting venue.                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15/11 | Pray for all the preparation and arrangements of the Synod. May the Holy Spirit be upon all the synod members so that they will attend the meetings with a thanksgiving heart and a sense of mission.                                                                                       |
| 16/11 | As the Synod begins today, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and give wisdom to the Chairman of Synod and all the synod members so that they may understand the will of God, listen to each other with humility, and express their views constructively for the Church's development. |
| 17/11 | Pray that suitable synod members may be elected to be the members of various committees of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod according to their gifts and passion.                                                                                                                        |
| 18/11 | May God grant creativity, courage and wisdom to all elected members of the various committees for the purpose of God's mission and for building the church together.                                                                                                                        |
| 19/11 | Pray that all brothers and sisters in our Diocese will join hands for 'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together', in fulfilling the will of God and in bringing hope to those who struggle.                                                                                       |

#### VIDEO MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MATTHIAS DER FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN SYNOD

Bishop Matthias Der wishes to address all faithful of the Diocese with a video message, which will be available on the Diocesan website and YouTube channel on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please scan the QR code, browse the Diocesan Website: <http://dhk.hkskh.org> or YouTube channel.



# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

## Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

## Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education - The Revd Will Newman  
(Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley)

Filipino Ministry -

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality - The Revd Robert Martin CMP  
(Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)

Mission and Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Youth Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

The Revd Drew Courtright  
(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

## Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri

The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

## Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

## Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service  
Mission for Migrant Workers  
SJC Life Enrichment Centre  
Cathedral Bookstore  
CLARES/Castaways  
Prison Ministry



## Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Jason Wong



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*Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, Tel: +852 2523 4157*

## Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname:

First Name:

Name of spouse (if applicable)

Names and ages of children (if applicable)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle as appropriate:*

*I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.*

*I am interested in finding out about:* Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

*Other questions / information:*

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