



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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship

(<https://youtube.com/live/YoFTP1HtVaU>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: St Thomas Mass (David Thorne)
Hymns: 359 (omit *), 508, 511, 518
Anthem: Quam admirabile (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)
Readers: Susan King, Theodore Lau
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Offertoire from Messe de Mariage
(Theodore Dubois)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
Reader: Gareth Williams

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Hymns: 487, 452, 529, 363
Reader: Alex Chan
Intercessor: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 9th February	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 10th <i>Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, C.543</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Lamentations and Consolations: A Forgotten Ukrainian Gem, Alan Lai (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 13th	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 14th <i>Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 15th February <i>Exodus 24.12-end Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1.16-end Matthew 17.1-9</i>	The Sunday Next Before Lent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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 God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1.1-2.3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for

signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make human-kind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face

of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.18-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6.25-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

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 Timothy's Church, for the Revd Lorraine Choi, staff, and congregation. Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit would guide all the faithful in our church to continue growing in their spiritual lives, to be equipped for service, and to build up the body of Jesus Christ together. Pray for a close relationship with SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, SKH Chi Fu Chi Nam Primary School, SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School, St Paul's College Primary School, YWCA Cheng Pon Hing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly, Hong Kong Christian Service Wah Hong Home for the Elderly, Lei Tung Estate Healthy Life Elderly Home and SKH 'Ming Choi Hui' Elderly Academy. Pray for Alpha Course for Elderly, School-Church Mentor Pastoral Project, Youth Fellowship, Parents' Fellowship and Toddler's Sunday School.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our prayers our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Please continue to pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Bishop Saw Sheesho thanks St John's Cathedral for donating HK\$125,000 last year to help provide food, medicine, and children's education for families who have lost their homes due to the conflict, floods and earthquake. Over 9000 church members are being supported by the diocese, and 46 churches and over 500 houses were damaged or destroyed by earthquake and floods. The Bishop writes 'Thank you, friends from St John's Cathedral. We are blessed to receive your love in action.'

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Lilou Bricod, Thrity Shroff, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Sweeta Mahtani, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Shum Chi Wah Paul, Hou Yamei, Birdy Yeung, Tommy Hui, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Fung Wan Nui, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Eva Sorrel, Chung Sheung Yung, Peter Yue, Teresa Ray Li, Fr John Chynchen, Ray Chan, Joseph Chu, Hsu Hon Chung, Daisy Tai, Jane Pang Tong, Raymond Yuen, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Cheung Chik Wan, Li Chunjuan, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Sanson Lau, Sabrina Ho, William L Shia, Arturo Lamshing, Alan Irvine, Irena Wu, Esther Bangcawayan, Yeewan Li, John Chakas, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Emily Tso, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Wu Yat Cho, Bonnie Lin, Wanda Wan H, Sister Jean Mary, Sarah Wong, Andrew Ashley, Jeffrey Lee, Tehmina Malhorta, Caitlin Berry, Chuan Xiaokang, Evelyn Chan, Leona Tjio, Tristan Sherliker, Ralph Szweda, Tiffany Au, Dr Kerry Houston, Manju Dhillon, Sabine Day, and Wanda Clay.

In Memoriam: Wong Suet Fun Fanny

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.

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.

CLERGY

This morning, the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre is celebrating and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

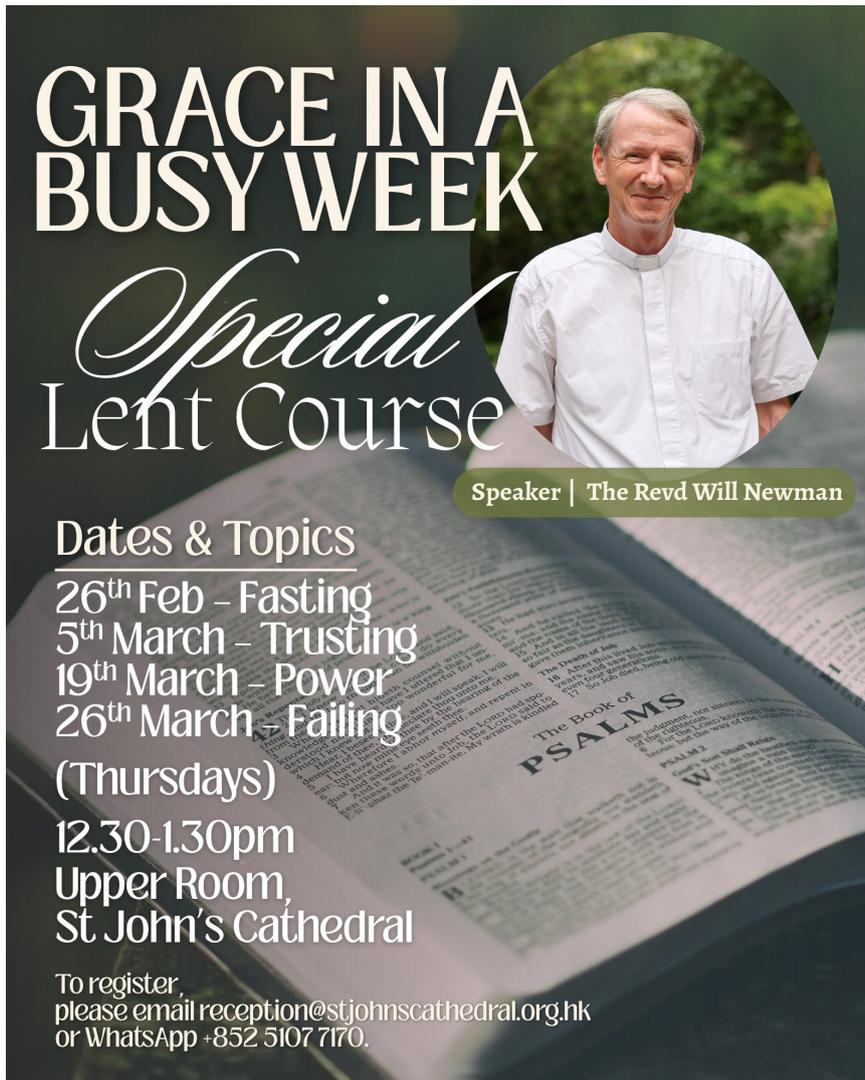
+ **ASH WEDNESDAY**
18th February 2026

9.00am Said Eucharist
(Cantonese)

12.00noon Sung Eucharist
(English)

*All services will include
the Imposition of Ashes*

Please bring back your old palm crosses
on Sunday 15th February. Thank you.



**GRACE IN A
BUSY WEEK**

Special
Lent Course

Speaker | The Revd Will Newman

Dates & Topics

- 26th Feb - Fasting
- 5th March - Trusting
- 19th March - Power
- 26th March - Failing

(Thursdays)
12.30-1.30pm
Upper Room,
St John's Cathedral

To register,
please email reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or WhatsApp +852 5107 7170.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS at St John's Cathedral

You want to be baptized as a Christian in the Church of God?

Come to an Enquirers Evening in the Harold Smyth Room in the cathedral office on Thursday 5th March, 7.30-9.00pm. There you will get to meet the cathedral clergy, with a short introduction to the life and work of St John's Cathedral, and we will explain the route for you to receive baptism and confirmation later this year.

To join the Enquirers Evening register with Elisa, the Dean's Secretary at deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk



'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together' Prayer Partner Program

Under the Mission Plan of the 14th Diocesan Synod themed 'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together', you are encouraged to participate the program of 'Prayer Partner' and to form his/her prayer partner for a relationship of daily prayer and intercession for each other.

1. To invite and form prayer partner within the Lent season from 18th February to 28th March, and then begin.
2. Prayer partner of same gender and preferably similar age; or godfather-godson, godmother-goddaughter relation.
3. The program runs for one year until the first day of Lent 2027.
4. Register on enclosed QR code to receive prayer items and materials from time to time.



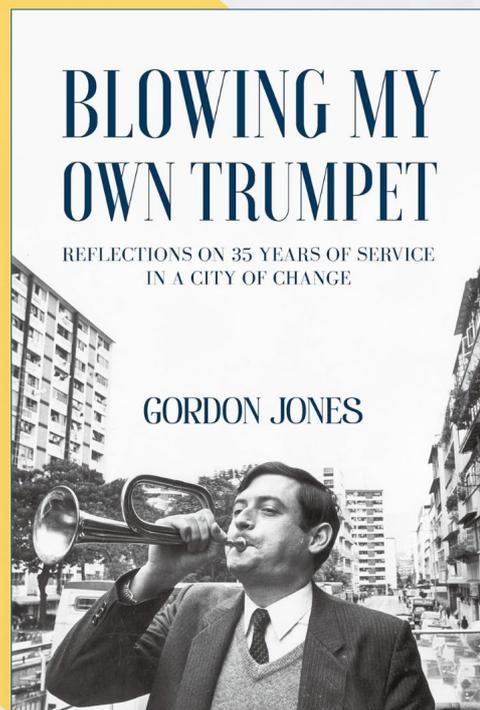
CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL

24th Feb 2026 (Tues)
1.00-2.00pm
Li Hall

SPEAKER:
Mr Gordon Jones

Topic:
Reflections on 35 years of
public service in Hong Kong at
a time of historic change

Sandwiches and refreshment will be served from 12.45pm.
Tickets at HK\$80 each are available from the **Cathedral Bookstore**,
or by reservation through phoning the **Cathedral Office** at 2523 4157,
or email: general@stjohnscathedral.org.hk



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan
(Acting Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church)

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Francis Yu

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
(Chaplain to the English-speaking congregation)

Youth Ministry - The Revd Francis Yu

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:

Ms Bette Lai, 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

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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.

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