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POT-LUCK FELLOWSHIP DINNER
with Fr Cosmas and Fr Michael

The PPC and Ministries of St Simon Church Likas are organising a "Pot-Luck" fellowship dinner on **28 December 2025** at 7.00pm at the St Simon Church Hall to:

- Celebrate Fr. Cosmas' 49th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary.
- Bid farewell to him as he will officially retire on 1st January 2026.
- Welcome Fr. Michael Modoit to our parish.
- Celebrate the joy of Christmas.

All ministry members and parishioners are welcome to join. For better organisation, please register via the google form to confirm your attendance.

Registration from the QR code at the Church entrance or through link on our website & social media page.

The closing date for registration is 14 December 2025.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:
NEW INTAKE FOR 2026

Registration for Sunday School Faith Formation Classes at St. Simon Catholic Church, Likas for 2026 is now open from

01 to 31 December 2025.

Classes are for baptized Catholic children aged 7 to 16 years who reside within the St. Simon Likas parish boundary. Registration link:

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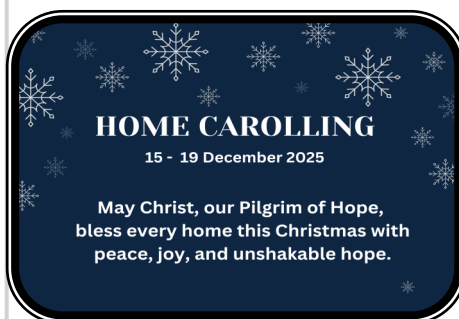
2025 CAROLLING/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

14 Dec 2025 (Sun), Mass at 11.30am

Commissioning of all involved in Carolling.

15 Dec 2025 (Mon), Mass at 6.30pm

First night of carolling: After Mass, Fr. Cosmas will bless all carollers before departure.



24 December 2025 (Wed)

Christmas Carol, 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, 7.30pm.

25 December 2025 (Thur)

Christmas Day, mass 8.30am.

Please take note that there will only be one mass.

31 December 2025 (Wed)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be at **7.30pm**.

1 January 2026 (Thur), NO Mass.

**ST SIMON CHURCH LIKAS**

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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/StSimonLikas/
Office Hours	Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Rector	Rev Fr Cosmas Lee
Online Parish Donation	RTDKK St Simon Hall Account No: 100930010018355 Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad

3RD SUN OF ADVENT | 14 DECEMBER 2025

R1: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

R2: James 5: 7-10

Res Psalm: Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

4TH SUN OF ADVENT | 21 DECEMBER 2025

R1: Isaiah 7: 10-14

R2: Romans 1: 1-7

Res Psalm: Let the Lord enter!

He is the king of glory.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-2

DONATIONS (RM)

30 November (Sunday)	Black Red	6,182.15 5,928.30
7 December (Sunday)	Black Red	7,639.70 6,633.25

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

Sunday Mass:	8.30am & 11.30am
Daily Mass:	6.30pm
Saturday:	7am
Chapel Open:	7am to 8pm (Mon-Fri) 7am to 1pm (Saturday) 8am to 1pm (Sunday)

Holy Hour:	7.30pm to 8.30pm
No Holy Hour during Advent. Resumes on 8 Jan 2026.	Every Thursday

Weekly:	Every Tuesday after
Intercessory Prayer	weekday Mass

Rosary on:	Before Mass at 8am
Sundays	and at 11am

Hospital Chaplains:	
Fr Johnny Raju	Tel: 012-8315543
Fr Peter Chung	Tel: 019-8850866
Fr Jerry Joseph Muhamat	Tel: 010-9422618
Fr Terans Thadeus	Tel: 013-8842493
Fr Gilbert Marcus	Tel: 016-8023946

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

14 Dec	St John of the Cross, <i>priest & doctor</i>
21 Dec	St Peter Canisius, <i>Priest & Doctor</i>
23 Dec	St John of Kanty, <i>Priest</i>
24 Dec	Christmas Eve
25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord
26 Dec	St Stephen, <i>The First Martyr</i>
27 Dec	St John, <i>Apostle & Evangelist</i>

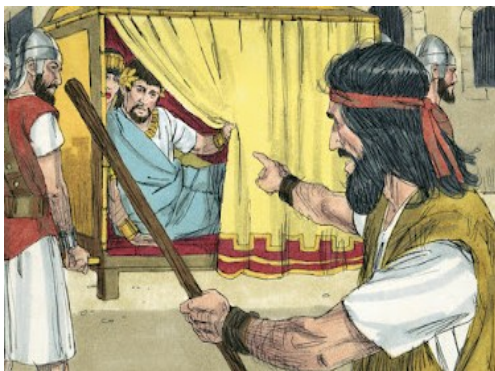
CARITAS ST SIMON LIKAS

Caritas offers assistance in emergency relief, food security, and community support. For help or inquiries, please contact the St. Simon Parish Office.

In today's world, where we expect instant answers, waiting is something most of us struggle with. We wait for healing, for reconciliation, for clarity in making decisions, and for prayers to be answered. Yet Scripture reminds us that waiting is never wasted time; it is fertile time. Patience is the ground where faith takes root.

I remember begging God to bring healing to my daughter. The doctors had asked us to prepare for the worst. We stormed heaven, and many groups joined us in prayer, and yet my baby continued to struggle for her life. Eventually, we were told that even if she survived, she would have brain damage.

I went through so many emotions. I questioned God and wondered what I had done to deserve such pain. However, a few decades later, I



LEARNING TO WAIT WITH HOPE

realise that all the pain and the long period of waiting upon the Lord, in continuous prayer and petition, was actually my journey of grace. It gave me the strength I needed to carry on this journey called life.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist, the fiery prophet, finds himself in prison, uncertain and questioning. He sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come?" How comforting it is to know that even the greatest prophets experienced moments of doubt. Faith does not mean never questioning; faith means bringing our questions to the Lord.

Jesus responds not with theory but with signs of transformed lives: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor receive good news. His works testify to His identity. Does the way we live our lives testify to others that we are a child of God?

God's kingdom is not an idea; it is a reality breaking into human suffering with healing, mercy, and hope. In the world, we are called to be HIS salt and

light. Do we live a life that attracts the people around us to Christ?

This Gospel reminds us that God's answer to our waiting often comes gently, through small signs of renewal, when *forgiveness heals* a broken relationship, when *generosity uplifts* the poor, when *courage returns to a weary heart*, when *peace comes in the middle of the storm*. These are the miracles of everyday grace.

However, James warns us that waiting can be difficult, and when our patience wears thin, we may begin to complain about one another. Advent is a season not only of waiting for Christ to come but also of choosing *how* we will wait—with *peace* rather than resentment, *compassion* rather than judgment, *encouragement* rather than criticism. "Make your hearts firm," James urges, "because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

To wait with hope is to trust that God's timing is perfect and that His presence is near, even when

circumstances suggest otherwise. We wait in hope, claiming Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*".

We wait with hope because God has promised us in Jeremiah 29:12-13, "*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you*", "*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart*". Our God is faithful, loving, and true to His promises.

May our waiting be filled with peace, patience, and expectant hope for the One we await is already near.

