



## NOTICES | EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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### RCIA REGISTRATION (2026/2027 INTAKE)

Registration is now open for the RCIA 2026/2027 intake for enquirers and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church or the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This programme is open to those residing within the St. Simon Likas parish boundary.

For enquiries and registration, please contact the Parish Office or Joseph Leong (011-2131 4861).

### COME JOIN THE BOYS' BRIGADE!

Join us every Saturday for a Christ-centred, fun-filled programme of learning, teamwork, and growth.

Day: Saturday

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: St Simon Parish Hall

Recommended Attire:

Sportswear, sports shoes & please bring a water bottle

Junior Section: Boys aged 9–12

Senior Section: Boys aged 12–19

For more information:

Godfrey Moey – 019-224 9432

### FOR PARENTS WITH INFANTS

Parents with infants may use the OKU toilet for baby diaper changing.

### RESTRICTED USE OF TOILET IN CHURCH SACRISTY 2

The toilet inside the church (in Sacristy 2) is strictly restricted for the use of those who are in urgent need of it while actively ministering within the church during Mass.

### AVOID GOING TO THE TOILET DURING MASS

It has also been observed that a number of parishioners go to the toilets during Communion and even during the Eucharist Prayer and the Consecration. To avoid disruption during Mass as far as possible,

parishioners are respectfully requested to go to the toilet at home before they depart for church or at least do so before or after Mass.

### PARKING AT ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

Parishioners are welcome to park at St. James' School every Sunday and on major feast days.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Rovelstar James Asim & Sherrey Walter Musti on their marriage on 3 January 2026.

Wishing you a lifetime of love, joy, and God's blessings.



### BULLETIN EDITION: 18 JANUARY 2026

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<b>Office Hours</b>	Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sat: 9am-1pm
<b>Rector</b>	Rev Fr Michael Modoit
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### 2ND SUNDAY IN OT | 18 JANUARY 2026

R1: Isaiah 49: 3, 5–6 R2: 1 Cor 1: 1-3  
Res Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.  
Matthew: John 1: 29-34

### 3RD SUNDAY IN OT | 25 JANUARY 2026

R1: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3 R2: 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17  
Res Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.  
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

### 4TH SUNDAY IN OT | 1 FEBRUARY 2026

R1: Zep 2:3;3:12-13 R2: Cor 1:26-31  
Res Psalm: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

### DONATIONS (RM)

4 January 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,041.60 6,323.60
11 January 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,305.05 6,099.90

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  
Every Thursday

**Weekly Intercessory Prayer** Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

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

**Hospital Chaplains:**  
Fr Johnny Raju Tel: 012-8315543  
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### SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

20 Jan	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr
21 Jan	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
22 Jan	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
24 Jan	St Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor
25 Jan	Sunday of The Word of God
26 Jan	SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

**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.

Today's readings give us a clearer picture of who Jesus is, through two important prophets and a great missionary. In the prophetic words of Isaiah, the Lord has made plans for salvation, though the actual plan was yet to be revealed, until we read in the Gospel of St. John that our Lord has sent Christ Jesus to come and take away the sins of the world.

While we have just come off from the Christmas season, the readings today help us to understand better what the role of Jesus is. He is definitely the



## Behold the Lamb of God: Understanding Our Saviour's Mission

Messiah foretold in the prophecies made by Isaiah, but specifically how will he save humanity? Isaiah speaks of the Servant who will be "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). This mysterious figure, formed in the womb to be God's servant, points forward to the One who would accomplish what seemed impossible—the redemption of all people from the bondage of sin.

St. John the Baptist provides the answer to this mystery. He told us that Jesus "existed before him," characterising the fact that Jesus has always been begotten of our Father—the eternal Word made flesh. John the Baptist himself did not know too much about the coming Messiah initially, though he knew his role was to prepare the way for the Lord. Yet God revealed to him the sign: "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). The Gospel of St. John gives us John the Baptist's powerful testimony that he has seen the person he foretold, declaring, "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). What has been planned by our Lord has been brought to fruition.

The title John uses—"the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"—connects Jesus to the Passover lamb whose blood saved the Israelites in Egypt, and to the suffering servant of Isaiah who was "led like a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, the perfect offering who reconciles us to God not through the blood of animals, but through his own precious blood shed on the Cross.

St. Paul's second reading gives us a clear message that the salvation of the Lord does not come to the Jews alone, but to everyone, just as Isaiah was instructed to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul addresses the Corinthians as those "sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours" (1 Corinthians 1:2). There is no difference between us who are brothers and sisters in Christ, "for he is their Lord no less than ours". You and I are equally precious to our Lord.

Our response to Christ Jesus ought to reflect the responsorial psalm today "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your

will" (Psalm 40). Like the prophets before us, we are called not just to receive salvation, but to bear witness to it.

Just as we welcomed Jesus into our hearts during Christmas, let us continue to keep him close to us as we take on the journey of discipleship as Catholic Christians, becoming witnesses who point others to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. *Amen.*

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MADAM MARIA ANSIBIN

*A Life of Faith, Devotion, and Song*

With heartfelt sympathy, we lovingly remember **Madam Maria Ansibin**, who passed on 2 January 2026. A devoted, long-serving senior choir member, she poured her heart into the ministry, filling every hymn with faith, joy, and love. Her dedication inspired many, and her spirit will live on in the songs she cherished.

May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her family find comfort in the beautiful legacy of her life and service.