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FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journeying with Christ to Calvary

15 March 2026 (Laetare Sunday) | 2.00pm – 4.00pm

As part of our Lenten journey, the Sunday School of St. Simon Likas Parish will hold the **Family Stations of the Cross** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** using the outdoor life-size stations. Families are warmly encouraged to join this meaningful Lenten devotion.

Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School classes, canteen, or library service at the parish on that day.**

CHRISM MASS

26 March 2026 | 7.30pm | Sacred Heart Cathedral

No Mass at St Simon Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY)

29 March 2026 | 8.30am & 11.30am

Procession (hall to Church) only before 8.30am Mass.

No procession before 11.30am Mass.

Parishioners are reminded to bring their own palms.

HOLY THURSDAY

2 April 2026 | Mass 7.30pm | Watch & Pray 8.45pm to Midnight | Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

3 April 2026 | 1.30pm Stations of the Cross | Mass 3.00pm

(The Passion & Death of the Lord) Day of Fasting & Abstinence

EASTER VIGIL

4 April 2026 | Mass 7.30pm

Parishioners are reminded to bring their own water for blessing.

Easter Sunday

5 April 2026 | Only one Mass 8.30am



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Online Parish Donation RTDKK St Simon Hall
Account No: 100930010018355
Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad

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 LENT
(26 February to 2nd April 2026)
Every Thursday

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

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

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Fr Johnny Raju	Tel: 012-8315543
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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

15 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent
17 Mar	St Patrick, <i>Bishop</i>
18 Mar	St Cyril of Jerusalem, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>
19 Mar	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 15 MARCH 2026
R1: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
R2: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Res Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel: John 9:1-41

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 22 MARCH 2026
R1: Ezekiel 37:12-14
R2: Romans 8:8-11
 Res Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Gospel: John 11:1-45

DONATIONS (RM)

27 Feb 2026 (Stations of the Cross)	Black	1,345.00
1 Mar 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,618.80 6,015.40
6 Mar 2026 (Stations of the Cross)	Black	1,591.00
8 Mar 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,028.00 6,013.00

Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

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.

SEEING WITH THE HEART

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, a moment of joy in the middle of our Lenten journey. The word Laetare means “rejoice,” reminding us that Easter is drawing closer. If we have not yet started our fasting, abstaining, and almsgiving, it is not too late to do so now! Perhaps we could begin with the sacrament of reconciliation. Confession is a beautiful gift that guides us toward repentance, conversion, and renewal as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter.

The readings for this Sunday invite us to reflect on an important theme: learning to see as God sees. In our journey toward Easter, we are called to move from darkness to light and from spiritual blindness to spiritual sight. Isn't this what confession leads us to? Bringing us out from darkness and into the light.

The first reading from *1 Samuel (16:1, 6–7, 10–13)* tells the story of how God chose the future king of Israel. God sends the prophet Samuel to Jesse's house to anoint one of his sons as king. When Samuel sees Jesse's older sons, he assumes that one of them



must surely be the chosen one because of their appearance and stature. This kind of thinking is very common among Asians, who seem to look upon the eldest son as the next heir. Yet God corrects Samuel with these powerful words: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” When we finally meet God face to face, HE will look at our heart, not at our worldly success or wealth.

This reading reminds us that God's ways are often different from human expectations. In our daily lives, we tend to judge people based on outward appearances—success, education, influence, or reputation. However, God looks much deeper. God looks at the heart—our intentions, humility, faith, and love. During this Lenten season, we are invited to examine our own hearts. Are we focusing only on appearances, or are we allowing God to shape the inner person within us? Preparing for Easter means allowing God to renew our hearts so that we may become people of sincerity, compassion, and faithfulness.

The second reading from *Ephesians (5:8–14)* continues this theme by calling us to live as children of light. Paul the Apostle reminds the early Christians that they were once in darkness but now belong to the light of the Lord. Because of this, their lives should reflect goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Confession is not only about forgiveness—it is also about growth. Through the guidance of the priest and through sincere reflection, we begin to understand the patterns in our lives that lead us to sin. During Lent, when

we practice prayer, fasting, and charity, confession helps align our hearts with these spiritual practices so that our efforts lead to real transformation.

This message speaks directly to our daily lives. Darkness can take many forms—unkind words, dishonesty, selfishness, or indifference toward those who suffer. Light, on the other hand, is expressed through kindness, integrity, generosity, and compassion.

The Gospel from *John (9:1–41)* presents one of the most powerful stories of healing in the ministry of Jesus Christ—the healing of the man who was blind from birth. The man who was once blind gradually comes to recognise who Jesus truly is. As his physical sight is restored, his faith also grows. In contrast, the religious leaders who question him remain spiritually blind. Although they can physically see, they refuse to recognise the truth standing before them.

Sin not only offends God; it also wounds our hearts. It can leave us feeling burdened, ashamed, or distant from God. Confession provides a powerful moment of healing. When we speak honestly about our sins and receive absolution, we experience spiritual freedom and peace. Lent invites us to experience this healing so that we can continue our journey with greater joy and strength. As we move closer to Easter, may we grow in faith, hope, and love, ready to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection with renewed hearts and clearer vision.

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Why We Sing Some Parts of the Mass Orders in Latin

Latin is the traditional language of the Catholic Church. When parts of the Mass Orders are sung in Latin, Catholics around the world are united in one voice in prayer. It also connects us with the Church's long tradition and gently deepens the sense of reverence and sacredness in the liturgy.

PARKING REMINDER

Park considerately, no double parking, driveways, or sidewalks. Follow wardens' instructions and **leave your contact if you might block others.**

PARKING AT ST JAMES' SCHOOL

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

PRAISE, PRAYER AND LENTEN SHARING NIGHT

20 March 2026 | 8pm—10pm

Meeting Room 1

St. Simon Youth invites all youth aged 13 and above to participate in a Praise, Prayer and Lenten Sharing Night. Contact Alexandria 01127304700

BOYS' BRIGADE ST SIMON LIKAS

Come join our weekly Christ-centred fun programme. Saturday | 2pm–5.30pm

St Simon Parish Hall

Recommended attire: Sportswear, sports shoes and bring water bottle.

Junior Boys aged 9–12

Senior Boys aged 12–19

Contact: Godfrey Moey | 019-224 9432.