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GENTLE REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS DISMISSAL AFTER MASS

The priest acts *in persona Christi*, not on his own, but as Christ Himself working through him. As a sign of reverence towards Jesus, our High Priest and Saviour, **we kindly ask that after Mass, all remain in your pews until the celebrant returns to the Sacristy before exiting.**
Thank you for your cooperation and respect.

CLERGY PRIESTS' MEETING

A Clergy Priests' Meeting will be held from 4th to 6th May 2026 at Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre. Therefore, there will be **no daily Mass** on these days.

SUNDAY GUIDELINES & MASS ETIQUETTE

- No seat bookings.
- Pews are reserved for the frail, sick, and elderly.
- Follow the traffic wardens.
- Keep belongings with you; do not leave in vehicles.
- Dress modestly and appropriately.
- Arrive early to prepare.
- Turn off or silence mobile phones.
- Bow reverently before entering the pew.
- Keep prayerful silence.
- Parents, ensure children remain seated and quiet during Mass.
- Avoid food and drinks.
- Fully participate in the Mass.
- Remain in your pews until the celebrant returns to the Sacristy.
- Exit reverently and in silence.

CALLING BOYS AGED 9-13 TO JOIN THE BOYS' BRIGADE!

Looking for fun, friendship, and purpose? Come and be part of the Boys' Brigade! Our activities include exciting sports, meaningful opportunities to grow deeper in our Catholic faith, and memorable experiences, like our recent camping trip. We'd love to have you with us!
Contact:
Godfrey Moey 019-224 9432.

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.



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Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm
Sat: 9am-1pm

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Online Parish Donation: RTDKK St Simon Hall
Account No: 100930010018355
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER | 3 MAY 2026

R1: Acts 6: 1-7 **R2:** 1 Peter 2: 4-9
Res Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
Gospel: John 14: 1-12

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10 MAY 2026

R1: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 **R2:** 1 Peter 3: 15-18
Res Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Gospel: John 14: 15-21

ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 13 MAY 2026

R1: Acts 1: 1-11 **R2:** Ephesians 1: 17-23
Res Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-2

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.

Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

Sunday Services (English) Masses: 8.30am & 11.30am
Rosary: 8am & 11am
Confession: 8am & 11am

Weekday Services (Chapel) Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 6.30pm
Thurs: Holy Hour 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8.30pm

Weekly Intercessory Prayers Every Tuesday after the weekday Mass.

Chapel Opening Hours: Mon-Fri | 7am to 8pm
Saturday | 7am to 1pm
Sunday | 8am to 1pm

Hospital Chaplains:

Fr Johnny Raju Tel: 012-8315543
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Fr Bradley Belly Tel: 017-801 3286
Fr Canisius Benjamin Tel: 011-1954 9188

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

3 May	Ss. Philip & James, <i>Apostles</i>
10 May	St John De Avila, <i>Priest & Doctor</i>
12 Oct	SS. Nereus & Achilleus, <i>martyrs</i> St Pancras, <i>martyr</i>
13 May	The Ascension of the Lord
14 May	St Matthias, <i>Apostle</i>
17 May	World Social Communications Sunday

DONATIONS (RM)

19 April 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,595.40 5,745.65
26 April 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,185.05 5,380.65

Trusting the Call: Saying Yes to God's Plan with Faith and Courage

To be chosen... have you felt the pressure of a certain call (maybe for a job, as a candidate of any nature, or for a task at work, in your family or in society?). "The call to be chosen" can be an exciting or intimidating situation, depending primarily on two things, one's openness and willingness. One can be open or close to a calling, and others can be willing or unwilling. What determines the 'yes' to a calling by God? It is the state of your faith. **Romans 8:28** says that "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who [a] have been called according to his purpose." Those who love God or even have a small longing to know Him will find the grace to carry out what He asks in both big and small things.

The gospel today shows that Jesus earnestly reminds those close to Him to not be afraid or worried with the current issues surrounding them. He says, "Trust in God still, and trust in me." He wanted to make sure the disciples really understood that He had a mission to do, a calling which the



Father had for Him. The Lord set a great example for all His believers in trusting that God's plan was ultimately the greatest plan for humanity, and Jesus bore this calling till the grave and beyond! We never know what mysteries are in the plans that God has for us, but with even faith as little as a mustard seed (**Matthew 17:20**), He can do wonders in and through our lives. He gently reminds them that He and the master planner, God, are one; thus, we just only have to have faith in Him (the truth, the way and the life).

The psalmist in this week's psalm (**Psalms 33**) extols God's faithful and loyal nature. When we look at the verses in a literal and spiritual sense, we can conclude that God blesses those of loyal and just hearts who love justice and right and those that revere Him. He rescues their souls from spiritual death (from all arrows of the evil one), and He keeps His believers alive in famine, making sure they are always spiritually strengthened to sustain themselves in this world. In one way of looking at it, what takes place in the physical realm often is reflected in the spiritual one. When we devote ourselves to God, we are spiritually holy and kept safe, but when we have idols in our lives and live dishonestly (certain sins are lived in the different aspects of our lives), this can impact our spiritual lives negatively too,

allowing evil entry points (doors) which the evil one can come through to attack us. We need to seek His healing and forgiveness first when we repent in honest confession – to be set free from the world and all forms of evil is to be free in the Lord and live according to His will and our destinies He has planned for us!

Furthermore, Jesus's promises are proven true in the first disciples because "he who believes in me will perform the same works as I do; he will perform even greater works" (**John 14:12**). The disciples had immense wisdom guiding them because of their faith and the Holy Spirit (God's breath) living in them. The decisions they made benefitted all, especially those who are most overlooked in society (i.e., the widows, the frail). They pushed for reformations in the communities they lived in; indeed, the gospel is powerful and can change hearts when planted in rich soil. A good sign of God's presence among His people is like that in **Acts 6:1-7** when upright leaders are chosen to lead the community of believers, widows are blessed with care by others, the Word continues to spread and the number of disciples and believers increases.

As we face the Biblical end times and witness all sorts of happenings in the world take place and darkness

become exposed by the light as affirmed in God's word, don't forget to look up and to keep striving for holiness in this world. God's mercy is immense; we cannot fathom it, but it is a great, immeasurable love. Trust He and His holy angels are always fighting the noble battle over evil daily to save our souls from the eternal fire. May we continue to strive to live in the spirit and share His gospel with everyone. May we have the courage to say "Yes" to the Lord, despite all the odds! Have a blessed Easter Sunday!

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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.

FOR PARENTS WITH INFANTS

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

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