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## PRAYER FOR THE MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026

Lord God, You call us to walk together as Your People, drawn into the life of Communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Guide us as we prepare for the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026. Teach us to listen deeply, to discern faithfully, and to trust where You are leading us. We place before You the four areas we are discerning together. Bless our families, that they may be places of love, faith, forgiveness, and hope. Renew our Church, that we may grow in communion, participation, and joyful witness to the Gospel. Open our hearts to the cry of creation, that we may care for the earth with reverence, responsibility, and gratitude. Guide our life in society, that we may seek justice, promote peace, and stand in solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable. As pastoral pathways emerge from our discernment, may they enrich and strengthen our local faith communities. With Mary, Mother of the Church, who pondered Your Word and walked in faith, teach us to walk together in hope. Keep us rooted in Christ, attentive to one another, and open to the work of Your Holy Spirit. May this Convention help us live more faithfully as one Catholic Church of Malaysia, serving in this land we love. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SABAH MAGAZINE** Available at both Masses for RM2! Please help to promote our local Catholic news.

**YOUNG PEOPLE MASS** will be held on **Sunday, 5th July 2026.**

## PARKING REMINDER!

No double parking, blocking drive-ways, or sidewalks. **If blocking others, leave your handphone number on your car dashboard for emergencies.**

## BLOOD DONATION ORGANISED BY CARITAS ST SIMON Sunday, 28 June 2026

9am to 1.30pm | Parish Hall  
*Donor criteria:* Aged 17– 60, Over 45kg, healthy, min. 5 hours' sleep.  
Your donation saves lives.  
Enquiries: Dr Michael 019-8126144  
Audrey 017-8169280 Hani 016-802050.

## INFANT BAPTISM (CHILDREN AGED 0–6 YEARS)

**Saturday, 4th July 2026 at 9.00am**  
Parents residing within the St. Simon Likas parish boundary who wish to have their children baptised are kindly requested to register at the Parish Office. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

## 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.



ST SIMON CHURCH LIKAS  
PARISH UNDER THE KOTA KINABALU CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE



## BULLETIN EDITION: 14 JUNE 2026

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**Rector:** Rev Fr Michael Modoit  
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### 11TH SUNDAY IN OT | 14 JUNE 2026

**R1:** Exodus 19: 2-6 **R2:** Romans 5: 6-11  
**Res Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9: 36- 10: 8

### 12TH SUNDAY IN OT | 21 JUNE 2026

**R1:** Jeremiah 20: 10-13 **R2:** Romans 5: 12-15  
**Res Psalm:** In your great love, answer me, O God.  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 26-33

### 13TH SUNDAY IN OT | 28 JUNE 2026

**R1:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 **R2:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
**Res Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

## 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

**Saturday** Mass: 7am

**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 Gilbert Marcus Tel: 016-8023 946  
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### SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

19 June	SS Philip Minh, Priest & Comp, Martyrs
21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga
22 June	St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop SS. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs
24 June	The Nativity of St John The Baptist
27 June	St Cyril of Alexandra, Bishop & Doctor
29 June	SS Peter & Paul, Apostles

### DONATIONS (RM)

31 May 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	5,534.35 4,746.30
7 June 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,878.60 5,793.80

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, we witness a profound moment in salvation history: the Lord establishes a sacred covenant with the Israelites. Having delivered them from the Egyptians, God declares that if they obey His voice and keep His covenant, they shall be His special possession. This foundational relationship reveals a God who protects, provides, and desires a deeply bound commitment with His people.

Centuries later, Saint Paul elevates our understanding of this divine commitment in his letter to the Romans (Rom 5:6-11). Paul reminds us that Christ died for us while we were still helpless and in sin. He writes:

*"But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8*

This is the radical reality of God's love—it is completely unmerited and nearly



## The Steadfast Covenant of God and the Gift of His Shepherds

unconditional. He does not wait for us to become perfect before reaching out to save us; He initiates the rescue. In response to this overwhelming love, our call as Christians is simple yet profound: to listen, obey His Word, and walk in His ways. We know enough of God's consistency in His promise that what He has set in stone for us He will definitely honour. Even when we have failed Jesus so many times in our lives, be comforted that God's perennial covenant stands, and we can always claim His promise if we return to Him.

In the second part of the reflection, we pondered upon the gift of the priesthood. As God desires to remain intimately present to us throughout the ages, He established a visible structure to shepherd His flock. In our day-to-day parish life, it is easy to take our priests for granted. We see them celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and managing parish administration, often viewing it merely as their daily "job".

However, the Catholic priesthood is far more than a profession; it is a supernatural calling. When a priest administers the sacraments, he acts *in persona Christi*—in the person of Christ. Through them, it is Jesus who forgives us in the confessional, and Jesus who feeds us with His Body and Blood at the altar. They are ordinary men chosen by God to carry out extraordinary, divine work. It is through these men that sacraments and,

in turn, God's grace is made visible for us Christians.

The root of this beautiful reality can be found in the Sunday Gospel reading today. Seeing the crowds, Jesus was moved with compassion because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Recognising that the harvest was plentiful but the labourers few, Jesus did not leave His followers abandoned. He called His twelve apostles and empowered them with authority to heal, cast out demons, and preach the Kingdom of God.

As Catholics, we ought to hold a profound sense of gratitude and holy pride in our history. The priest who serves our local parish today received his authority from a bishop, who received it from another bishop, in an unbroken chain of apostolic succession that stretches all the way back to this very Gospel account. We stand firmly on the promise Jesus gave to St. Peter:

*"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." — Matthew 16:18*

Nevertheless, our priests are also humans just like us and being called to do God's work would have its unique challenges. While they bear a heavy spiritual responsibility, standing on the front lines of faith to minister to our needs, they are also humans susceptible to temptations and weakness. As we

give thanks to the Lord for our priests, let us also not fail to support our priests in prayer.

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of the priesthood and the unbroken succession that sustains Your Church through the ages. We pray especially for our parish priests who have been chosen to shepherd us. Protect them from spiritual and physical danger, grant them wisdom and endurance, and keep them close to Your Sacred Heart.  
Amen.*

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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.

**HAPPY BLESSED FATHER'S DAY**

**THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR YOUR LOVE, GUIDANCE, AND SACRIFICES. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.**

21 June 2026

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