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SCHEDULE ON DISSOLUTION, NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (2026-2029)

- Sunday, 28/06/26:** Announcement: **Ad Hoc Selection Committee is formed.**
Dissolution: the current PPC (2023-2026) will be dissolved on Sunday, 5 July 2026, and remain as caretakers until the formation of the new PPC (2026-2029). **Catechesis** on role and function of PPC and **Nomination** of candidates for new PPC will be on Sunday, 12 July 2026 at both Masses.
- Sunday, 05/07/26:** The current **PPC (2023-2026) is dissolved.**
Reminder to parishioners to prepare for nomination.
- Sunday, 12/07/26:** **Catechesis.**
Nomination by all parishioners at both Masses.

- ALL who are 18 years old and above present at the 8.30am and 11.30am Masses are eligible to nominate.
- Distribution and filling of nomination forms will be done immediately after Mass in the church.
- Each parishioner is to nominate and write down a maximum of 2 names of persons he/she considers most suitable to be in the PPC.
- Please start thinking and discerning on your choice of candidates, and have their mobile phone contacts.
- Bring a pen/pencil.
- Place completed forms into nomination boxes at the main entrance and all side doors of the church as parishioners depart from church.
- After the second Mass, the parish priest and the Ad Hoc Selection Committee will meet to count the nominations, and begin the process of selecting a list of suitable candidates. Once the list of 12 candidates is finalized, the priest will approach and seek the consent of the selected candidates.

Sunday, 26/07/26: **Banns and announcement of names of 12 proposed PPC members**

Sunday, 09/08/26: **Commissioning** of new PPC at 8.30am Mass.

Monday, 10/08/26, 8p.m.: **First Meeting of new PPC:** Catechesis and **election of office bearers.** Names of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be announced on Sunday, 23/08/26.

BAPTISM | 4 JULY 2026

We joyfully welcome into our Christian family:

Cris Yee Jay Feng (Christopher), Alfred Chong Jun Wei, Amber Jean Abraham, Christen Dayrell Clarence Laurence, Clayviera Devra Clarence Laurence, and Trevor Teo Zi Yee (Michael). May God bless them abundantly and guide them always in their journey of faith.



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15TH SUNDAY IN OT | 12 JULY 2026

R1: Isaiah 55: 10-11 **R2:** Romans 8: 18-23

Res Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

16TH SUNDAY IN OT | 19 JULY 2026

R1: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 **R2:** Romans 8: 26-27

Res Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

17TH SUNDAY IN OT | 26 JULY 2026

R1 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 **R2:** Romans 8: 28-30

Res Psalm: Lord how I love your law!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

DONATIONS (RM)

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you abundantly.

28 June 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,800.55 6,063.80
5 July 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,928.45 5,844.75

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

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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

13 July	St Henry
14 July	St Camillus de Lellis, <i>Priest</i>
15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
20 July	St Apollinaris, <i>Bishop Y Martyr</i>
21 July	St Lawrence of Brindisi, <i>Priest & Doctor</i>
22 July	St Mary Magdalene

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.

"It's terrible to grow old. My feet are painful... my back is painful.... I have no strength in my legs....my hands are numb... I couldn't sleep last night; woke up in the early hours of the morning in pain... terrible cramps. I had to get out of bed crying, and slowly walked around and rubbed my legs until the pain lessened. I am so fed up with life!" My heart ached as I listened to grandma's words; they weighed heavily like a physical burden on my shoulders. I felt like I had lost my grandma who had once sang to me, told me bedtime stories before I took my afternoon nap, and most importantly, the grandma who was wise and always had good advice for me when I shared my childhood woes and complaints. Grandma used to be the one person I could always turn to when no one else understood me; the most optimistic person who always found the silver lining hidden within dark clouds of doubt. Where has she gone to?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells of the parable of the sower who scatters seeds that fall on four types of soil: the path, rocky ground, thorny ground and good soil. The seeds represent the Word of God, and the various types of soil represents the condition of our hearts in response to God's Word. Jeff Cavins emphasises that we need to truly listen to the Word of God, and not merely hear what is read superficially as we like to say 'in one ear and out the other'! As we focus during the Mass, we need to listen with our hearts and strengthen our connection through the Word of God.

SOIL ALONG THE PATH:

"He was in our Youth group, always joining our activities and programs – couldn't believe it when I heard that he has left the church and drifted so far away!" ***The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the Word without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.*** Let us guard our hearts and strive to really understand the Word, lest it be stolen away by the evil one.

SOIL ON ROCKY GROUND:

"Life was difficult then, with limited funds and resources...they were promised many benefits if they chose to cross over; better living facilities,

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education opportunities for their kids and funding for their farms... Surely, God would understand why they did it?" ***The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the Word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When tribulation or persecution comes because of the Word, he immediately falls away.*** Am I turning lukewarm and making poor choices when hard times come; willing to give up my faith in return for material goods and opportunities? Instead, perhaps I should fix my eyes on Jesus and take Him up on His promises to give when I ask, open the door when I knock, find when I seek.

SOIL ON THORNY GROUND:

"Of course I am still a Catholic! We had been trying to conceive for years and the doctor explained that IVF would help our situation and increase our chances of becoming parents. Thank God we now have little Matt after going through two failed attempts. Surely God has blessed us and the Word of God is irrelevant and outdated due to advancement in technology. However, we now have three more frozen embryos which are being stored in case we choose to have another child. I would like to have a daughter now, but my wife does not feel she wants to go through another difficult pregnancy and she wants to progress in her career before she gets too old. We're in a dilemma with the other embryos since she does not want to give them up for adoption to other couples because she has done some research and realised that the embryos are living beings with souls – so she says they are still our children. She says that donating the embryos for the advancement of Science is also unacceptable, so we have to continue paying for the embryos to be stored by the centre." ***The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the Word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.*** Lord, have I taken things into my own hands and ignored Your Word passed down through the Church simply because I wanted my way, my will, my desire? In the end I have created more problems

for myself and my family. Help me to persevere in following Your Word and remove the thorns in the soil of my heart, one thorn at a time so that I too may bear fruit in the end.

SOIL ON GOOD GROUND:

"Grandma served everyone. Her love language was spoken through acts of service to others. It was beautiful and satisfying for her to cook, bake, clean, teach, volunteer and visit others who were in need. Friends flocked to her especially those who were feeling down because she was indeed wise and always had an uplifting word for the worried mother, struggling wife, suffering domestic worker, to name a few. Her source of strength and wisdom was receiving Holy Communion during daily Mass and her consistent quiet time spent with the Word of God every day." ***But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word, and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.*** Often when we first fall in love with God and dedicate our days to serve Him through our daily duties and work, we feel the joy of bearing fruit in abundance through our career and vocation. As we move on in life, we may bear less fruit, perhaps our circle of friends may dwindle down after we retire and we feel we are bearing less fruit, nonetheless we can still bear fruit as we reach out one soul at a time!

Father Mike Schmitz explains the phases we go through while reading the Word of God. Children may initially read the Bible like a story-book, enjoying captivating stories from the Bible, while others may read it for inspiration and to find answers to life's problems and not feel satisfied. Father Mike encourages readers to engage both heart and intellect because the Word of God is rich and contains the truth in its message of salvation.

The First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11) focuses on the power of the Word and explains that the Lord's word is like rain that nourishes the earth, promising to accomplish what it was intended to do and without returning void.

"Grandma bore fruit that was a hundredfold in her younger days. Now that she is unable to do what she used to, I wish she would realise that she still can bear fruit through her labour which is in the form of prayers that she can offer to God while uniting her suffering to the crucified Christ. I pray Grandma will find meaning in her suffering and grow stronger spiritually even as her body weakens."

In Romans 8:18-23, St Paul compares our current sufferings as being minimal compared to the future glory awaiting us. It is thus important that we remind ourselves of God's promise to ultimately cause fields and valleys to flourish and sing with joy (Psalm 65).

Lord Jesus,

Please help me to respond like rich soil to Your Word not only during Mass but through daily reading and meditating on the Word of God. I give You permission to remove the thorns in my heart that prevent me from bearing fruit. Please remove them even when it hurts and I cry out in pain and frustration. Help me to persevere and return to You through the Sacrament of Reconciliation every time I fail, and help me to grow in understanding so that my faith and love for you may grow stronger with each passing day. And Lord, give me the courage to reach out to others and lead them back to Your loving heart. Just as you did during the wedding in Cana, teach me Mother Mary to intercede for my family, friends, broken families, wounded hearts and all who are in my life so that their hearts too may be healed, and become good and fertile soil ready to receive Your Word and bear abundant fruit. Amen.

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to all blood donors, volunteers, the medical team, and everyone who supported our recent Blood Donation Campaign. Your generosity has helped save lives and brought hope to those in need.

Thank you for making this Campaign a success. May God bless you abundantly!

– Caritas