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This year's Solemnity of the Assumption (15 August 2026) has been transferred to Sunday, 16 August 2026, by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. All weekend Masses (Saturday and Sunday) will therefore celebrate the Assumption and fulfill your holy day of obligation.

BANNS**Proposed Members of New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2026-2029**

The following persons have been proposed to be members of the new PPC:

Dr Joseph Leong, Daniel Teh, Eugene Ng, Irene Liew, Teresa Ham, Godfrey Moey, Dr Elissa Soh, Dicky Lo, Douglas Yu, Gilbert Guntalib, Jessie Ting, Samantha Sulit.

Any parishioner who has serious reason that any of these 12 persons should not be in the PPC, please contact the Rector directly, latest by Sunday, 9th August 2026.

Schedule on Dissolution, Nomination and Selection of Members for New Parish Pastoral Council (2026-2029)

Sun, 05/07/26:	The current PPC (2023-2026) is dissolved.
Sun, 12/07/26:	Catechesis. Nomination by all parishioners at both Masses.
Sun, 26/07/26:	Banns & announcement of names of 12 proposed PPC members.
Sun, 16/08/26:	Commissioning of new PPC at 8.30am Mass.
Mon, 17/08/26:	First Meeting of new PPC at 8.00pm: Catechesis and election of office bearers. Names of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be announced on Sun, 23/08/26.

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PARISH UNDER THE KOTA KINABALU CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE

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19TH SUNDAY IN OT | 9 AUGUST 2026**R1** 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 **R2:** Romans 9:1-5**Res Psalm:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy & give us your saving help. **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 16 AUGUST 2026****R1** Rev 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10 **R2:** 1 Cor 15: 20-26**Res Psalm:** On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold. **Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56**21ST SUNDAY IN OT | 23 AUGUST 2026****R1** Isaiah 22: 19-23 **R2:** Rom 11: 33-36**Res Psalm:** Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**Gospel:** Mat 16: 13-20**DONATIONS (RM)**

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

26 July 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,544.30 5,748.10
02 Aug 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,919.55 5,556.90

Sunday Services (English)	Masses: 8.30am & 11.30am Rosary: 8am & 11am Confession: 8am & 11am
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Saturday	Mass: 7am
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Weekday Services (Chapel)	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 6.30pm Thurs: Holy Hour 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8.30pm
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Weekly Intercessory Prayers	Every Tuesday after the weekday Mass.
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Chapel Opening Hours:	Mon-Fri 7am to 8pm Saturday 7am to 1pm Sunday 8am to 1pm
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Hospital Chaplains:

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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

9 Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i>
10 Aug	St Lawrence, <i>Deacon & Martyr</i>
11 Aug	St Clare, <i>Virgin</i>
12 Aug	St Jane Frances de Chantal, <i>Religious</i>
13 Aug	SS. Pontian, <i>pope and Hippolytus, Priest, martyrs</i>
14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe, <i>Priest & Martyr</i>

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Storms are an inevitable part of life. Some come unexpectedly, while others build up slowly until they threaten to overwhelm us. We have all experienced seasons of anger, frustration or disappointment—with a spouse, a family member, a friend or a colleague. The question is not whether storms will come, but how we will respond when they do.

Many years ago, my husband and I found ourselves caught in one of those storms. We were a young couple trying to juggle marriage, work, young children and the many demands of life. In our youth and inexperience, we struggled to find balance, and instead of supporting one another, we often found ourselves hurting each other.

One day, what began as a small disagreement became an emotional argument. Feeling exhausted and discouraged, I drove away with my young children, convinced that I could no longer continue in my marriage. Through tears, I went to my sister's house and told her that I wanted to leave. She listened quietly, prayed with me, and



SELAH – To Pause, Reflect, and Meditate

then opened the Bible, asking the Lord to speak through His Word. The passage she read was today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22–33. After reading it, she asked, "What do you think the Lord is saying to you?" Still overwhelmed by my emotions, I replied, "He's telling me to go back to Sabah before I sink like Peter."

My sister was horrified. Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked at me and said, "I'm sure that's not what the Lord is saying to you." Looking back, I realise that my pain had clouded my ability to hear what God was truly saying through His Word.

Exactly one week later, I attended Mass with my family and heard the very same Gospel proclaimed. During his homily, Fr Simon spoke about the storms we all encounter in life. He reminded us that every trial presents us with a choice. We can allow it to deepen our faith, or we can let fear overwhelm us until we lose sight of Christ.

As I listened, tears rolled down my cheeks. I realised that I had become so focused on escaping the storm that I had stopped looking for Jesus in the midst of it. I wanted the storm to disappear, but the Lord wanted to change my heart.

The first reading today offers the same lesson. Elijah expected to encounter God in the powerful wind, the earthquake and the fire. Instead, God came in a gentle whisper. How often we look for dramatic signs while overlooking the quiet moments when God is already speaking to

us.

In today's fast-paced world, silence is becoming increasingly rare. We seek instant solutions, quick answers and immediate results. Yet God often asks us to do the opposite—to slow down and listen.

One practice that has become precious to me is Selah - although scholars are not entirely certain of its precise meaning, many believe it is an invitation to pause, reflect and meditate before the Lord.

I used to pride myself on making quick decisions, believing that acting fast meant I was being efficient. Over the years, however, I have discovered the wisdom of pausing before responding. Taking time to pray helps me reflect more clearly, discern God's will and recognise what He may be teaching me through difficult situations.

One of the places where I experience this most deeply is the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. My visits once lasted only five minutes. Today, I can spend over an hour there without noticing the time passing. In the quiet presence of Jesus, my soul finds the strength, peace and wisdom that the world cannot give.

Peter was able to walk on water only while his eyes remained fixed on Jesus. The moment he focused on the wind and the waves, fear took over and he began to sink. Isn't that true for us as well? Whenever we focus more on our problems than on Christ, our fears

become greater than our faith.

Storms will continue to come into our lives. They may shake our marriages, our families, our health or our work. But today's readings remind us that God has not abandoned us. Like Elijah, we will hear Him in the gentle whisper if we make time to listen. Like Peter, we will discover that Jesus is already reaching out His hand before we sink.

May we each make time every day to pause, reflect and pray. When our eyes remain fixed on Jesus, the storm may not disappear, but we will discover that Christ is always greater than the storm.

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