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NOTICES | EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTWebsite: www.stsimonlikas.orgwww.facebook.com/StSimonLikas**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) 2026-2029 OFFICE BEARERS**

We are joyful to announce the office bearers of our Parish Pastoral Council for 2026–2029, who will work closely with our Rector, Rev. Fr. Michael Modoit, to guide our community's pastoral initiatives and foster spiritual growth.

The new line-up are:

Chairperson:	Teresa Ham
Vice Chairperson:	Daniel Teh
Treasurer:	Eugine Ng
Secretary:	Douglas Yu
Assistant Secretary:	Godfrey Moey
Councillors:	Dr. Elissa Soh, Dr. Joseph Leong, Irene Liew, Gilbert Guntalib, Dicky Lo, Jessie Ting & Samantha Sulit

Please join us in congratulating them. We also sincerely thank our outgoing council members for their years of dedicated service and hard work. May the Holy Spirit grant our new leaders wisdom, patience, and strength as they begin their service.
Wishing you a blessed and meaningful term ahead!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CAMP 2026**29–30 August 2026 | St. Simon Parish Hall**

The Year 4/2026 Sunday School students who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in November 2026 will participate in a two-day, non-residential camp within the compound of St. Simon Catholic Church Likas.

The camp is organised by the SSCCL Catechetical Ministry (Sunday School) and conducted by our in-house Sunday School facilitators.

Please keep all participants and facilitators in your prayers as they prepare for this special journey of faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Sunday School, Canteen, or Library on Sunday, **30 August 2026**, as the First Holy Communion Camp will be held throughout the day at the Parish Hall. Sunday School, Canteen, and Library will resume on Sunday, **6 September 2026**.

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Office Hours:	Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Rector:	Rev Fr Michael Modoit
Online Parish Donation:	RTDKK St Simon Hall Account No: 100930010018355 Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad

21ST SUNDAY IN OT | 23 AUGUST 2026**R1** Isaiah 22: 19-23 **R2:** Romans 11: 33-36**Res Psalm:** Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20**22ND SUNDAY IN OT | 30 AUGUST 2026****R1** Jeremiah 20: 7-9 **R2:** Romans 12: 1-2**Res Psalm:** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord
my God. **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 21-27**23RD SUNDAY IN OT | 6 SEPTEMBER 2026****R1** Ezekiel 33:7-9 **R2:** Romans 13:8-10**Res Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20**DONATIONS (RM)***Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you abundantly.*

9 Aug 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	8,716.60 6,888.15
16 Aug 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,999.45 6,750.70

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:

Fr Johnny Raju	Tel: 012-8315543
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Fr Gilbert Marcus	Tel: 016-8023 946
Fr Jerry Joseph	Tel: 010-942 2618
Fr Bradley Belly	Tel: 017-801 3286
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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

24 Aug	St Bartholomew, <i>Apostle</i>
25 Aug	St Joseph Calasanz, <i>Priest</i>
27 Aug	St Monica
28 Aug	St Augustome. <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>
29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
31 Aug	Malaysia National Day, Pray for the Nation
3 Sept	St Gregory the Great, <i>Pope & Doctor</i>

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.

The world as we know of today would prefer to choose a leader who has an academic degree at least, good public speaking skills, is able to command respect of the people, relevant knowledge/skills/experience, right attitudes and better is still if he is rich or connected so that he can work or serve in the role he has been entrusted. Nothing much has changed since the old days, only the terms – learned, good orator, the people listen when he speaks, has wisdom and owns land/estates in order to rule over the people.

For us as parishioners of St Simon Church Likas in these few weeks, our involvement in leadership was in nominating the Parish Council members of the coming term with the purpose of helping the parish priest serve/manage the parish. And some



A LEADER CHOSEN BY GOD NOT BY MEN

who are involved in NGOs, may be involved in electing the Council members of the next term in order to work or serve the objectives of the NGOs.

It is most timely for us to be guided by the gospel reading so that we try to understand if we can, even with a fraction of the mind of our Lord Jesus, decide what kind of leaders we should choose.

Simon was only a fisherman, he hardly fulfilled the criteria the world would want as a leader. Yet, he was chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the early church. If you follow the story of how Peter was first recruited to follow Jesus, it started when he was fishing by the Sea of Galilee and could not net any fish. Suddenly his nets were so full, the nets almost broke. From then on, he followed Jesus faithfully but he was not perfect as we know for he denied Jesus three times before his crucifixion. But our Lord Jesus did not give up on him, as we read in today's gospel of Mathew, our Lord in a way confronted Simon and asked him "Who do you say I am?" Simon without hesitation replied "You are the Christ. The Son of the Living God." Jesus was satisfied with his answer knowing full well it was the Heavenly

Father who revealed this to Simon. With that, Jesus appointed him the leader of the Church changing his name to Peter entrusting to him the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever he binds on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever he loose on earth shall be considered loose in heaven. It was certainly a heavy and honoured responsibility, yet from history we know he guided the church through bold preaching, miracles and major decisions and he died a martyr.

We have much to learn from Jesus in choosing a leader or becoming a leader. What criteria the world looks at is not what Jesus looks at. To put in modern context, I would say that the important criteria of a leader are:

- Morally and spiritually upright character
- Has integrity
- Hardworking
- Good communication skills

The rest can be learned on the job. I stand to be corrected because, St Paul says, "Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? All that exist comes from Him, all is by Him and for Him. To Him be glory for ever. Amen."

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASS

6 September 2026 at 8.30am

All Sunday School students and children are encouraged to come together to celebrate the Eucharist with the congregation on that day.

MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026 (MPC)

9 until 13 September 2026 | Sibul, Sarawak

Please keep all participants of the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they gather in faith, fellowship, and service.

MALAYSIA DAY MASS

13 September 2026

(Both masses will be in BM)

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Kay Schütt & Cassandra Alison Teh on their marriage on 15 August 2026.

May God bless their marriage with a lifetime of love, joy, and happiness.

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