

PRIESTS' RETREAT

Please be informed that all priests will be away for their Priests' Retreat from **21–25 September 2026** at the Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre.

Therefore, there will be:

- No Daily Mass: 21–26 September 2026
 - No Holy Hour: 24 September 2026
- We appreciate your kind understanding.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD!

Rev. Fr. Cosmas Lee

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Cosmas Lee's 50th Sacerdotal Anniversary!

Tickets: RM120 each

Dinner: Sunday, 27 December 2026

Putera Ballroom, Bukit Padang

Tickets on sale:

Sunday, 27 September 2026

Church entrance, before & after the 1st and 2nd Masses

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For more information, please contact: Godfrey Moey 019-224 9432

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25TH SUNDAY IN OT | 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

R1 Isaiah 55: 6-9 **R2**: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27
Res Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

26TH SUNDAY IN OT | 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

R1: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 **R2:** Philippians 2: 1-11
Res Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

27TH SUNDAY IN OT | 4 OCTOBER 2026

R1 Isaiah 5:1-7 **R2:** Philippians 4:6-9
Res Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

DONATIONS (RM)

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6 Sept 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,504.25 6,584.05
13 Sept 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,410.55 5,583.05

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

20 Sept	SS Laurent Imbert, <i>Bishop</i> SS Jacques Chastan, <i>Priest</i> SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, <i>priest</i>
21 Sept	ST Matthew, <i>Apostle & Evangelist</i>
23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, <i>priest</i>
26 Sept	SS Cosmas & Damian, <i>martyrs</i>
27 Sept	World Day of Migrants & Refugees
28 Sept	St Wenceslaus, <i>martyr</i> SS Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>

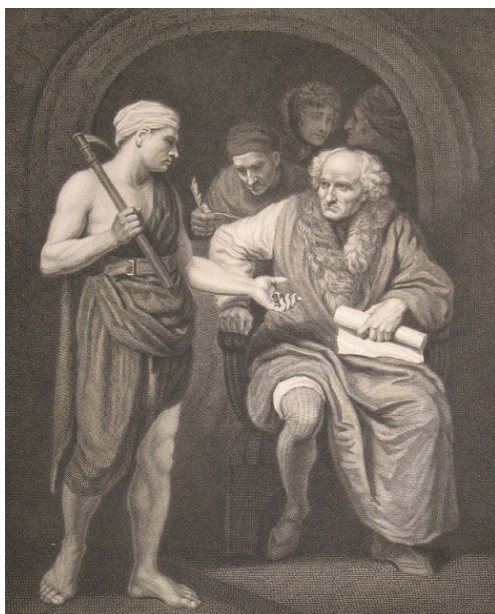
CARITAS ST SIMON LIKAS

Caritas offers assistance in emergency relief, food security, and community support. For help or inquiries, please contact the St. Simon Parish Office.

This Sunday's readings invite us to trust God even when we do not understand His ways. Faith is easy when everything is going well, but it is during suffering, uncertainty and waiting that our faith is truly tested.

For almost four months, my brother has been hospitalized, walking through a journey none of us ever imagined. He has faced pain and setbacks, testing not only his physical strength but also his emotional and spiritual courage.

It is understandable that he feels discouraged. Losing a part of his body is a profound and painful experience. He is grieving the life he once knew while trying to find the courage to embrace a different future. There are



WHEN HOPE IS TESTED, FAITH REMAINS

moments when hope feels difficult to hold on to.

As his family, we wish we could take away his pain and carry his burden for him. But we cannot. What we can do is remain beside him, listen, encourage, pray with him and remind him that he is never alone.

This is where faith becomes most important, not when we have all the answers, but when we have none. Faith is trusting God when we cannot see the way forward. It is holding on when we are tired and believing that God is present even when He seems silent. It is saying, *“Lord, I do not understand, but I still trust You.”*

My brother has faced storm after storm, yet he continues to hold on. His courage does not mean he is strong every day. Sometimes courage is simply getting through another morning, facing another difficult moment and finding the strength to try again.

The First Reading reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. We may ask, *“Why is this taking so long? When will healing come?”* We may not receive the answers we hope for, but God's silence is not His absence. His timing may be different from ours, but

His love never changes.

The Second Reading reminds us that Christ is our life and strength, especially when we are weak and discouraged. The Gospel reminds us of God's generosity and grace. His blessings may not come according to our timeline, but He never forgets us.

This journey has taught our family to treasure the little things, a smile, a better day, a small improvement, a moment of peace, or simply the strength to face another morning. These are precious gifts from God.

We continue to pray for my brother for healing, strength, patience and faith. When his hope becomes weak, may our love carry him. When he is tired, may God renew his strength. When he grieves what he has lost, may God comfort his heart. When he fears tomorrow, may he place it in God's hands. His journey has been difficult, but his story is not over. We may not know what the next chapter will bring, but we know Who walks with him into it, and through it all.

That is faith. Faith does not promise that there will be no storms. It promises that we never have to face them alone.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts - Isaiah 55:9

Reflection Question

How can we continue to trust God when we do not understand why we are going through suffering or difficult times?

NOTICES/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENT

50TH ANNIVERSARY ARCHDIOCESE OF KOTA KINABALU COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee (50th Anniversary) of the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu, commemorative T-shirts are now available for pre-booking at RM30 each.

Order form:

<https://forms.gle/s8muUucFVEBhQew9A>

Those interested in purchasing the T-shirt are invited to place their orders by completing the Google Form before/ by 30 September 2026. For more details, please contact Cathrine Ong, 0128028661.

FOR PARENTS WITH INFANTS

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

PARKING REMINDER!

No double parking, blocking driveways, or sidewalks. If blocking others, leave your handphone number on your car dashboard for emergencies.