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OCTOBER DEVOTION: DAILY ROSARY SCHEDULE

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. All are invited to pray together and draw closer to Jesus through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Chapel: Monday–Wednesday & Friday: 7.00pm | Thursday: 7.30pm

Saturday: 7.30am & 2.30pm

Church: Sunday: 8.00am & 11.00am

Let us unite in prayer for our families, parish community and personal intentions.

NOVENA PRAYER

The Novena will be recited for nine days, from **16 to 24 October 2026**, immediately after the final blessing of each mass.

16–17 October: After daily Mass

18 October: After Sunday Masses

19–24 October: After daily Mass

Novena prayer copies are available at the Chapel and Church entrances.

Please return after use or scan the QR code below for a copy.



FEAST OF ST. SIMON THE ZEALOT. VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP

25 October 2026

Confirmation and Feast Day celebration.
One mass only at 8.30am, followed by brunch.

CLOSING OF THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

30 October 2025 | Rosary 7.00pm and Mass 7.30pm.

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 are available for sale every Sunday after the 1st & 2nd Masses, at the Church entrance. Limited seating. Get your tickets early!
Come and celebrate this special milestone with Fr. Cosmas!



ST SIMON CHURCH LIKAS

PARISH UNDER THE KOTA KINABALU CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE



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29TH SUNDAY IN OT | 18 OCTOBER 2026

R1: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 **R2:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Res Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

FEAST OF ST SIMON THE ZEALOT | 25 OCTOBER 2026

R1: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

R2: Ephesians 2:19-22 (Daily Missal page 2020)

Res Psalm: Their word goes forth through all the earth. (Daily Missal page 2020)

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

DONATIONS (RM)

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

1 Oct 2026 (Opening of Rosary)	Black	771.00
4 Oct 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	6,798.35 5,828.45
11 Oct 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	5,793.20 5,239.65

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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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

18 Oct	Mission Sunday
19 Oct	<i>S John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions & Martyrs</i> <i>St Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>
22 Oct	<i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>
23 Oct	St John of Capestrano, Priest
24 Oct	<i>St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>
28 Oct	<i>SS Simon & Jude, Apostles</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.

I can still remember the day I signed up to begin my doctoral journey. After a few failed attempts, I finally secured study leave and a scholarship to pursue my PhD. To me, it was nothing short of divine intervention. I was excited, of course, but there was also fear. In fact, probably more fear than excitement!

Being someone who worries about just about everything, I started imagining all sorts of worst-case scenarios. What if I couldn't finish? What if I ended up with supervisors from hell? What if I couldn't recruit enough research participants? What if my work wasn't good enough? Worse still, what if I gave up halfway and had to repay my scholarship bond? At almost every step, I found something to lose sleep over.

But I also remember praying very hard to the Lord. *Equip me, Lord. Help me to persevere. Send the right people to help me. Guide me and give me strength to carry on.*

Looking back at those past three years, I am filled with gratitude for God's divine providence. He truly held my hand through every trial. While the road wasn't always smooth, His grace and the incredible people He placed along my path carried me through to the end.

This Sunday's first and second readings offer a deeply comforting reminder: **We are chosen by God, and He will never abandon us as we journey through life.** In the first reading, God speaks to Cyrus, the Persian king, whom He has chosen and equipped to carry out His purpose. What is profound is that Cyrus did not even know God, yet God had already called him by name. As the Lord says, *"Though you do not know me, I*

HOW BLESSED ARE WE TO BE CHOSEN AND EMPOWERED BY HIM TO DO GREAT THINGS!

arm you."

Isn't that deeply reassuring? Even before we know Him, He already knows us. He is fully aware of our strengths, weaknesses, and our deepest fears. Sometimes we fall into self-doubt, completely forgetting that God knows us better than we know ourselves. Of course, this doesn't mean everything will go according to our own plans. However, we can trust Him to give us the grace and strength to face whatever comes our way. Whether in our career, vocation, relationships, marriage, or family life, God is actively with us. Perhaps what we need most is less doubt and more faith in His sovereign plan.

In the second reading, St Paul encourages the Thessalonians to remain steadfast in their faith, reminding them that they are loved and chosen by God. I think this is something we should practise more often. Sometimes, a little encouragement, a prayer, or simply being there for someone can make a difference. After all, we are not meant to journey alone, but together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Gospel reminds us of another important part of being God's chosen children: **We also have responsibilities towards Him.**

When Jesus was asked whether it was right to pay taxes to Caesar, He replied, *"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God."*

We know our responsibilities as citizens. We pay taxes, obey laws, and do our part in society. But what about our responsibilities

as sons and daughters of God? Do we give Him what is due to Him? Do we spend time in prayer? Nourish ourselves through the sacraments? Read His Word and share it with others? Show Christ's love to those around us, especially those who may be difficult to love? These are questions worth asking ourselves. God has given us so much: our lives, talents, loved ones, and countless blessings we sometimes take for granted. Surely, we can respond to His love through the way we live.

Interestingly, we never seem to forget to pay our taxes, especially when the annual reminders arrive! But when it comes to our responsibilities to God, we don't always get such reminders. Perhaps that is why we need one another, to encourage, pray for, and gently remind each other of what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

So, brothers and sisters in Christ, remember that we have been chosen by God for a purpose. Whatever challenges we face, let us not be too quick to doubt ourselves or lose hope. Trust that the Lord who calls us will also give us the strength and grace to persevere. As we receive His blessings, let us remember what we owe Him. Not because He demands repayment, but because everything we have comes from Him, and our lives are meant to be lived in love and gratitude.

May we continue to walk faithfully with our Abba Father, trusting in His guidance and doing our part to keep our covenant with Him.

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ALL SOULS' DAY MASS INTENTIONS
Submit your intentions via the Google Form on our website | Facebook page, or scan the QR code below.
Deadline: 30 October 2026.



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
1 November 2026 | 8.30am & 11.30am.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS
2 November 2026 | 7.30pm
Fr. Michael will bless the Catholic Cemetery at Mile 1½, Jln Tuaran at 7.00am

INFANT BAPTISM
7 November 2026 | 9.00 am
For Children Aged 0–6 Years
Eligible parents residing within St Simon Likas parish may register at the Parish Office. For enquiries, please contact the office during working hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | SUNDAY MASS
Caritas St Simon welcomes volunteers to assist disabled parishioners from Cheshire Home to attend the 8.30am Sunday Mass (walking distance). Choose to help with the morning pick-up or return journey after breakfast (around 10.15am), or both. More Info contact: Audrey 017 8169280 | Dr. Michael 019 8126144.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT
Congratulations to Carey Didier Chin Zao Yuan and Athina Mathilda Padua on their marriage on 10 October 2026. Wishing them a lifetime of love and happiness!