# NOTICES | EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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## THANK YOU, YOUR GRACE

With grateful hearts, we thank Most Reverend Archbishop John Wong for his presence, fatherly guidance and blessings during our Parish Feast Day celebration. We also thank all parishioners and ministry members for your generous support and participation. May the Lord continue to grant Your Grace wisdom, strength and abundant blessings as you shepherd our Archdiocese.

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL|CANTEEN|LIBRARY |1 November 2026

There will be **NO** Sunday School classes, canteen, or library on All Saints' Day. All classes, Canteen & Library will resume on 8 November 2026.

## ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

**1 November 2026 | 8.30am & 11.30am.**

*Today our universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, a joyful feast honoring all the holy men and women who have entered into heavenly glory. At Mass today, our liturgy turns to the Gospel of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a). The Beatitudes show us that the path to sainthood isn't found in outward titles, rules, or societal recognition, but in the hidden values of the heart: humility, mercy, purity of intention, and a hunger for justice.*

## 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.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASS | 8:30AM

**15th November 2026**

Young people, let's grow in faith, encounter Jesus, and be rooted in God's love! Bring a friend. Grow in faith. Walk with Jesus!

## BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

**15 November 2026 | 9.00am – 1.30pm |Parish Hall, St Simon Church Likas**

Caritas St Simon invites you to donate blood and save lives! Every donation brings hope to patients in need and helps support our hospitals.

Basic Donor Criteria**:** Healthy and aged 17–60 years | Weight above 45 kg | At least 5 hours of sleep. Contact**:** Dr. Michael Raj 0198126144 |Audrey Fung 0178169280 | Hani Bikat 0168020500.




# BULLETIN EDITION: 1 NOVEMBER 2026

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY | 1 NOVEMBER 2026**
**R1:** Revelation: 7: 2-4, 9-14 **R2**: 1 John: 3: 1-3
**Res Psalm**: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
**Gospel**: Matthew: 5: 1-12

**ALL SOULS DAY | 2 NOVEMBER 2026**
**R1**: Isaiah: 25: 6-9 **R2**: Romans: 5:5-11
**Res Psalm**: The Lord is my light and my help.
**Gospel**: Matthew 11: 25-30

**32ND SUNDAY IN OT | 8 NOVEMBER 2026**
**R1:** Wisdom 6:12-16 **R2**: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
**Res Psalm**: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
**Gospel**: Matthew 25:1-13

**DONATIONS (RM)**

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

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| 18 Oct 2026 *(Sunday)* | Black<br>Red | 6,755.85<br>5,532.00 |
| 25 Oct 2026 *(St Simon Feast Day)* | Black<br>Red | 4,344.50<br>3,353.20 |

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| **Sunday Services (English)** | Masses: 8.30am & 11.30am<br>Rosary: 8am & 11am<br>Confession: 8am & 11am |
| **Saturday** | Mass: 7am |
| **Weekday Services (Chapel)** | Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 6.30pm<br>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<br>Saturday \| 7am to 1pm<br>Sunday \| 8am to 1pm |

**Hospital Chaplains:**

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| Fr Johnny Raju | Tel: 012-8315543 |
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| Fr Canisius Benjamin | Tel: 011-1954 9188 |

**SAINTS & FEAST DAYS**

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| 1 Nov | All Saints, Solemnity |
| 2 Nov | *All Souls' Day* |
| 3 Nov | *St Martin de Porres* |
| 4 Nov | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop |
| 10 Nov | *St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor* |
| 11 Nov | *St Martin of Tours, Bishop* |
| 12 Nov | *St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr* |

## 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 Communion of Saints - A Call to Holiness

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Saints. In the first reading, we are brought into a vision of heaven where multitudes of saints dressed in white robes are assembled in front of the heavenly throne celebrating the victory of God in the company of all the redeemed. These are the faithful who have remained loyal to God despite tribulations and persecutions in their earthly life. Their robes have been washed white by the blood of the Lamb.

This Feast reminds us of the underlying connection between ourselves and the multitude in heaven -the saints who come from every race, tribe, nation and language- all those in the kingdom of heaven. Some saints have been recognized by the church; others are known only to our Father God.

We are all called to holiness, to be saints, but how do we get there? In the Gospel today Jesus teaches us the way. In what is known as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the crowd that while we are on earth, we have to live these 'Beatitudes' or 'attitudes of how to be' that bring us to God. Each Beatitude describes a specific virtue, humility or hardship followed by a divine promise from God.

The word Beatitude means 'blessedness' or happiness'. They describe the character and heart of a true follower of Jesus and summarizes how to imitate Jesus so that we can reach a state of blessedness and one day, see God face to face in heaven.

The very first Beatitude is "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

I used to be very puzzled about the meaning of 'poor in spirit', until I learnt that to be poor in spirit meant we had to have a spirit of humility and repentance with complete dependence on God and a detachment from worldly pride. Only when we realize how 'poor we are in spirit' can we open ourselves to God's sanctifying grace.

I am reminded of the many times when facing a difficult situation, I would cry out sometimes in desperation, "Lord, I really need you, I can't do this by myself", then almost inevitably, the verse from Philippians 4:13 comes to my mind with a firm conviction, "I can do all things through the one who gives me strength." God's grace is there for those who call upon him.

The Beatitudes are almost contrary to what the secular world recognizes as important. In a society where power, prestige and influence are valued, the Beatitudes is calling for us to be poor in spirit; gentle; to mourn over the sins in the world; hunger and thirst for justice; to be merciful and pure in heart; to be a peacemaker; to be persecuted in the cause of right. The last Beatitude encompasses those who are persecuted -those who are slandered, abused, or targeted for their public witness for Jesus. Jesus tells them, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Living these Beatitudes can sometimes be seen as a sign of weakness. But Jesus said this is the way to get to heaven. This is the way we get to experience the Beatific Vision -the knowledge of God's divine presence in heaven.

We often think of saints as only those who have performed miracles or who have led holy lives serving God and doing immense great works while on earth. But Jesus tells us that by living the Beatitudes and through living a life of faith and prayer, repentance for our sins and doing acts of love and charity we too can have eternal life with the saints in heaven.

Saint John's vision of heaven reminds us that life on earth is short and that heaven is our ultimate destination. Despite the many challenges we face in our earthly life, let us remember the saints who show us what God's grace can accomplish in ordinary human beings who open their heart to him. They pray in communion with us, together with all the souls in purgatory to form one interconnected spiritual family- the Communion of Saints so that we too will enter into our eternal home in heaven.

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### 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: 27 Dec 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!

### PARTS OF THE MASS ORDER ARE SUNG IN LATIN.

Latin is the traditional language of the Catholic Church. Singing parts of the Mass in Latin connects us to our Church's rich tradition, unites us in prayer, and reminds us of the sacredness of the Mass.

### 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. Call: Audrey 017 8169280|Dr. Michael 0198126144.

### UPDATING PARISHIONERS' CONTACT DETAILS

Parishioners who have moved into or out of the St Simon Likas parish boundary in the past 12 months are requested to collect a form at the church entrance, complete it and return it to the Parish Office by 15 Nov 2026.

### PARKING REMINDER!

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

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Bryan Khung Kin Yee & Isabelle Marie Ting Yar Fern on their marriage on 20th October 2026! Wishing them a lifetime of love and happiness!