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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASS | 8:30AM | 15 November 2026

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep our 41 candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive these two sacraments.

- First Reconciliation: Saturday, **21 November 2026**
- First Holy Communion: Sunday, **22 November 2026**

May they experience God's deep mercy and remain forever close to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Thank you for your prayerful support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2026 TERM CONCLUSION & 2027 REGISTRATION

Final Day of 2026 Term: **22 November 2026**. 2027 New Intake: Registration opens in **December 2026.** Stay tuned for further details and announcements.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

1 December 2026 | 7.30pm to 9.00pm | Church

CATECHESIS FOR CAROLLERS & TAMAN LEADERS

12 December 2026 | 2.00pm | Hall | Theme: The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.

COMMISSIONING OF CAROLLERS & TAMAN LEADERS

BEFORE THE FINAL BLESSING | **13 December 2026** | 11.30am | Church

HOME CAROLLING

14 to 18 December 2026

Sending-off Blessing for Carollers and Taman Leaders after the 6.30pm Daily Mass.

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!

BAPTISM | 7 NOVEMBER 2026

We joyfully welcome Kyrra Gianna Ting (Gianna), Lucius Foo Vun Tze, Landon Foo Vun Teng, Astrid Edith Yong Yae Xuan (Edith) and Roman Elvrey Musti (Walter) into our Christian family. May God bless and guide them always on their journey of faith. Amen!



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33RD SUNDAY IN OT | 15 NOVEMBER 2026

R1: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

R2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Res Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

34TH SUNDAY IN OT | 22 NOVEMBER 2026

R1: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

R2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Res Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

DONATIONS (RM)

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

1 Nov 2026 *(Sunday/All Saints Day)*	Black Red	6,232.45 5,457.55
2 Nov 2026 *(All Souls Day)*	Black	2,483.95.
8 Nov 2026 *(Sunday)*	Black Red	6,564.05 5,557.30

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

15 Nov	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
16 Nov	*St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude*
17 Nov	*St Elizabeth of Hungary*
18 Nov	The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul
21 Nov	*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
22 Nov	*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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 LAW OF THE GIFT...

Have you ever kept a prized gift to be used in the future when the special occasion arises.. only to find that the perfect occasion never came, and the gift that was stored away had expired, become obsolete or could no longer be used? All my life, I have experienced this over and over again at different stages of my life. As a child, I remember the pretty pencils and erasers gifted to me for my birthdays and Christmas that were so precious to me. I kept them to be used later – only to find years later, that I no longer used pencils in school because writing in ink had become compulsory. Worse still, the pretty erasers had hardened into unusable blocks of rubber! As a teenager, there was a favourite white shirt that I kept for special occasions, which turned yellow from being stored in the wardrobe for so long! I was taught to save things for special occasions, and lived by it to a fault. However, never using a gift only leads to wasted opportunities, wasted resources, and eventual heartbreak when it is no longer usable.

Today's Gospel reminds me of the gifts I kept, stored, and ended up losing because I did not use them. However, the parable goes deeper than that. The master in the parable gives his three servants talents based on their capabilities.

The first servant, who received five talents, made five more, while the second servant made two more talents with the two that had been entrusted to him. The third servant hid the single talent given to him, and did nothing!

When the master returned, the first two servants happily brought him the profits of their work and were praised as good and faithful. They were promised greater responsibilities and were invited to share in their master's happiness. The third servant, who had dug a hole in the ground to hide his master's money, returned it and admitted that he was afraid because the master reaped where he had not sown and gathered where he had not scattered seed. He then simply handed the single talent back. What struck me most were the master's words to the third servant:

'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then, take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

You wicked, lazy servant! Why did the master call his servant wicked and lazy? Perhaps it is because in the first place, the servant took the talent given to him, knowing he could bring about a great deal of good with it, yet chose to do absolutely nothing. Maybe he was supposed to use the talent to help others; but by doing nothing, those who should have benefited were left to suffer and go without.

If this parable describes our lives and what God has given each of us, it means that God has given me talents and resources I must use to make a positive difference in the world . Like the three servants, we all have different abilities and resources entrusted to us. I can choose, therefore, to be inward-looking and only care about myself, my survival, and my comfort. Or, I can choose to say yes to God's plan and use the resources entrusted to me to serve Him in my family, work, community, and, even among strangers who walk through my life daily.

If this was my attitude, I know that no task would be meaningless or boring anymore, because I would be constantly working and serving the Lord through the ordinary tasks of an ordinary day. I would be conscious that the talents I have are not mine to keep, but resources entrusted to me to use wisely so that they may multiply and bless others! And no, I do not want to be the third servant. When my Master calls me someday, I want to meet Him with joy and be able to say that I tried my best to use what He entrusted to me to love and serve Him through everyone He sent my way. What joy it will be if I hear Him say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant — come and join in your Master's happiness!

Reflection: Lord, how have I used the talents that you have entrusted to me today?

The Law of the Gift – Pope St. John Paul II often spoke about the "Law of the Gift": the more we give of ourselves, the more we receive and the happier we become. I have experienced this beautiful truth repeatedly. Whenever I donate pre-loved clothes, I am quickly gifted with more. When I give my time to help others, the Lord immediately blesses me with joy — and often an unexpected text from an old friend inviting me out for *kupi-kupi*.

This is the divine economy. The first servant traded his five talents and gained five more, while the fearful third servant hid his and lost everything. We see this same overflowing generosity when Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed thousands, leaving twelve baskets over.

The Wise and Perfect Wife

In the first reading, the "perfect wife" is praised. She is hardworking, joyful, kind to the poor, and possesses deep inner wisdom. In light of the Gospel, she is the ultimate example of someone who takes the talents entrusted to her by God and multiplies them in diverse ways.

Our Call

This is a beautiful encouragement for us ordinary people living ordinary lives. God calls us to use our daily work—both inside and outside the home—to multiply His blessings and bring His love to everyone sent our way.

Reflection: Lord, have I realised that each day, I can do great work through the small things I do with great love?

The second reading warns us that the Day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night or labor pains upon a pregnant woman. We are urged not to sleep, but to stay wide awake and sober. This is a powerful reminder not to waste the time we are gifted each day. We must do the good we want to do *now*, rather than procrastinate, because tomorrow is never promised. At any moment, we may be called to give an account of the talents entrusted to us. Will we be ready when God calls us home?

Reflection: Lord, am I leaving what I am called to do today for tomorrow – and in doing so, failing to do your will?

Lord Jesus,
Please help me to remember that all I have is not mine, but Yours. You have entrusted me with many talents; help me put them to work and multiply them for the good of others. Remove all fear from my heart so that I may love and be kind to those around me. Remind me that it is the small things I do each day with great love that matter most to you.

Teach me the Law of the Gift. Make me so generous that I perform the ordinary tasks with extraordinary love, using my talents to bless every soul. You bring into my life.

Grant me the grace to strive for holiness, to trust in Your Divine Mercy, and to work enthusiastically to bring others to Your Merciful Heart. With childlike faith, I surrender all that I am, all that I have, and everything I hold close to my heart. I trust that as I give it all back to You, You will take care of everything.

Amen.

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OBITUARY NOTICE

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of Mr Maurice Samuel Vitales, who passed away on 1 Nov 2026 , and Mr Thomas Chia Jet Koun, who passed away on 10 Nov 2026.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.