

St Simon Catholic Church Likas

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) To Attend Mass in Church

(updated as at 20th Sept 2021)

This SOP is subject to changes as may be required to be in line with the Government SOP for Non-Muslim Place of Worship

<p>SOP to attend Mass in church</p>	<p>WHO MAY REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS IN CHURCH</p> <p>Based on Government SOP for Non-Muslim house of worship applicable from 20th Sept 2021, our church will re-open for public Masses beginning Sun, 17 Oct 2021 to parishioners -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are above 12 yrs old, and • whose MySejahtera Covid-19 Risk Status is “Low Risk No Symptoms”, and • whose MySejahtera Covid-19 Vaccination Status is “Fully Vaccinated” ** (as defined below), and • who are not suffering from chronic illnesses, and • who do not require physical assistance with his/her mobility, and • who have not received advisory for Covid-19 quarantine, have not been notified as close contact to Covid-19 person(s), PUI/PUS, and are not staying in or been to an EMCO area 14 days prior. <p>** “Fully Vaccinated” means for 2-dose vaccines such as Pfizer/ Sinovac/Astra Zeneca, parishioner has received both doses and 14 days have elapsed from date of the second dose, and for single-dose vaccines such as Johnson & Johnson/Cansino, parishioner has received the one dose and 28 days have elapsed from date of vaccination.</p> <p>Parishioners aged 70 yrs and above are not encouraged to come to church to attend Mass.</p> <p>REGISTER TO BOOK A SEAT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior online registration via Google Form is compulsory to book a seat for Mass. 2. Google Form weblink/QR Code will be published in our St Simon Likas website https://stsimonlikas.wordpress.com and in our Facebook page St Simon Likas Soccom 3. The Church reserves the right to reject incomplete Google Forms. 4. Successful booking of seat will be notified by email.
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	<p>5. Anyone without a confirmed booking will be denied entry and will be required to leave the church compound.</p> <p>NO ENTRY WITHOUT “MYSEJAHTERA” APP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parishioners MUST download the ‘MySejahtera’ app. It’s a compulsory requirement for entry into the church. 2. Parishioners’ MySejahtera Profile status must be updated to latest a day before the booked Mass date. 3. Parishioners of the same household who do not have MySejahtera can be registered as “Dependent(s)” under one MySejahtera account.
<p>Arrive early for Mass</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parishioners are encouraged to arrive one (1) hour before Mass begins. 2. Church Gate will be closed fifteen (15) minutes before Mass begins. 3. Parishioners who arrive after the gate is closed will be denied entry. 4. The church reserves the right to deny entry to Parishioners unwell on the day of the Mass.
<p>SOP on arrival at the Gate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Face Mask must be worn upon approaching church gate. 2. Only parishioners with a confirmed successful seat booking will be allowed entry into the church compound. 3. Every parishioner must scan the St Simon Church QR Code with their <i>MySejahtera</i> and give the full name they registered in the Google Form to the Gate Wardens for identification verification. 4. From the main gate or after parking car, all parishioners must first go directly to the designated area in front of the main entrance of the church as DIRECTED by the Gate Wardens to wait in queue for verification of MySejahtera risk status, vaccination status, body temperature and to collect seat number at the Registration Desks. Until this is completed, parishioners are not allowed to go to the toilet or the Grotto or anywhere else within the church compound.
<p>SOP before entering the church</p>	<p>All parishioners are required to -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. queue-up in the designated area in front of the main entrance of the church, 2. keep face mask on, 3. maintain physical distancing of one (1) meter at all times, 4. approach the Registration Desk one by one, to -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan body temperature at the forehead (not on the wrist); • show own <i>MySejahtera Covid-19 Risk Status</i> and <i>Covid-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate</i> and inform body temperature reading, to the Volunteer at the Registration Desk. A Vaccination Card is acceptable as alternative proof of fully vaccinated status ONLY if the Digital Vaccination Certificate is not available in the MySejahtera due to valid technical problems. • Parishioners with the following reasons will be required to leave the church compound immediately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Body temperature above 37.5C ○ MySejahtera Profile status not of “low risk” ○ Invalid Vaccination Certificate • Before entering the church, sanitize hands using sanitizer provided at the Registration Desks.
<p>SOP for seating, entering and exiting the church</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter and exit the church using only the Main Entrance Door. 2. Do not enter or exit the church by the side doors. 3. Sit at the allocated seat number as directed by the Wardens. 4. To assist in contact tracing (if required), changing of seats is not allowed. 5. Once seated, leaving one’s seat to go outside or to go to the toilet, is discouraged unless absolutely necessary.
<p>SOP during Mass</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parishioners must bring their own prayer books or prayer accessories. 2. Sanitize hands frequently. 3. Sign of peace: No handshakes or hugging or personal contact for Sign of Peace. 4. Collection, Offertory Procession during Mass: will be omitted. All donations to the Parish and Mass intention envelopes are to be dropped into the Black Bag and Red Bag Collection Boxes placed inside the main entrance of the church, OR by online bank transfer to: Account Name: RTDKK-ST SIMON HALL, Account No: 100930010018355, Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad 5. Holy Communion: Whilst maintaining physical distancing at all times, parishioners -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With face mask on, proceed towards the sanctuary as directed by the Wardens. • Keep face mask on to receive communion on the hand, with arms outstretched to the EMC. • On receiving the body of Christ, immediately take one step aside away from the EMC before unmasking to eat the body of Christ and immediately put mask back on, and return to own seat. • Everyone in the congregation must leave their seat during Holy Communion, and proceed towards the sanctuary. Those not desiring to receive the Body of Christ can show this intention by a deep reverent bow when in front of the EMC.
SOP when Mass Ends	<p>1. AFTER THE FINAL BLESSING: Parishioners who have religious articles to be blessed, are requested to hold up their article while remaining at their seat and the priest will bless it from the altar.</p> <p>2. DISMISSAL: Follow the directions of the wardens to leave the church by exiting through the Main Entrance Door.</p>
SOP leaving the church	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not leave any personal tissues, face mask or seat coupon anywhere inside or outside the church. 2. Maintain physical distancing at all times while exiting the church. 3. Parishioners must leave the church compound upon exiting from the church. No eating or drinking anywhere within the church compound. 4. Personal gathering or meeting within the church compound is not allowed.
CHURCH SANITISATION	Sanitisation of the church will be done at the end of each Mass by the PHT sanitizing team using chemical as advised by KKM.

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