

NOTICES & EVENTS

Rosary on Sundays
before Mass
at 8.00 am and at 11.00 am.

Ascension of the Lord
Mass on 18 May 2023 at 7.30pm.
Please take note that this is
a **DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

Schedule on Nomination and Selection of Members for New Parish Pastoral Council (2023 - 2026)

- Sunday 16/4/23:** Announcement **PPC Selection Committee and Dissolution of current PPC**, brief catechesis on the role and function of the PPC at all Masses.
- Sunday 23/4/23:** **Reminder** to parishioners to prepare for nomination.
- Sunday 30/4/23:** **Nomination by all parishioners at both Masses.**
- ALL who are 18 years old and above present at the 8.30 and 11.30 Masses are eligible to nominate.
 - Distribution and filling of nomination forms will be done immediately after Mass in the church.
 - Each parishioner is to nominate and write down a maximum of 2 names of persons he/she considers most suitable to be in the PPC.
 - Please start thinking and discerning on your choice of candidates, and have their mobile phone contacts.
 - Bring a pen/pencil.
 - Place completed forms into nomination boxes at the main entrance of church as parishioners depart from church.
 - After the second Mass, the parish priests and the Selection Committee will meet to count the nominations, and begin the process of selecting a list of suitable candidates. Once the list of 12 candidates is finalized, the priests will approach and seek the consent of the selected candidates.

Friday 12/5/23: 8.00pm **Catechesis for all candidates** who have consented to be members of the PPC.

Sunday 14/5/23: **Commissioning** of new PPC at 8.30am Mass

Wednesday 17/5/23: 8.00pm **First Meeting of new PPC and election of office bearers.** Names of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be announced on the following Sunday 21 May 2023.



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23 APRIL 2023

R1: Ac 2:14, 22-23 **R2:** Pt 1: 17-21
Res Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life
Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 30 APRIL 2023

R1: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 **R2:** Peter 2: 20-25
Res Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

PARISH DONATIONS

06 April	Black	RM 5,885.25
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Red	RM 4,350.15
07 April	Black	RM16,645.40
<i>Good Friday</i>	Red	RM 6,822.50
08 April	Black	RM 6,822.50
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	Red	RM 5,273.75
09 April	Black	RM 4,839.55
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Red	RM 4,065.05
16 April	Black	RM 5,703.65
<i>Sunday</i>	Red	RM 4,549.80

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

Sunday Mass: 8.30am & 11.30am
Daily Mass: 6.30pm
Saturday: 7.00am
Chapel Open: 9am to 6pm (Mon-Fri)
9am to 12pm (Sat)
Closed on Sunday
Holy Hour: Every Thursday 7.30pm
Followed by Mass at 8.30pm
Weekly Intercessory Prayer: Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

23 Apr	Saint George, martyr Saint Adalbert, bishop & martyr
24 Apr	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr
25 Apr	Saint Mark the Evangelist
27 Apr	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
28 Apr	Saint Peter Chanel, priest & martyr Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
30 Apr	Saint Pius V. Pope
1 May	Saint Joseph, the worker
2 May	Saint Athanasius, bishop & doctor
3 May	Saint Philip, Saint James, apostle,
10 May	Saint John De Avila, priest & doctor
12 May	SS. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs Saint Pancras, martyr



Discovering Jesus at the end of our Emmaus

Lord Jesus, she is just a baby....why does she have to suffer this way?" I could not hold back my tears as I put on the sterile gown and gloves and slowly approached the adult size bed in the ICU where the tiny body of my God-daughter lay. Tubes and needles were in her hands, feet, nose and mouth. As the monstrous ventilator machine noisily worked to supply her with oxygen, the whole bed vibrated from its effort. I walked quietly to the other side of the bed to make space for the priest who was coming to give her the Sacrament of the Sick, and then I saw it - an angry bed sore on the back of her head; the result of lying in one position for over a month. With the instruction to limit movement posted on her bedpost I should not have been surprised to see the painful bed sore, but seeing her in this state brought new meaning to the Doctor's words to her parents: "Please call any family members who want to see her. Yes, you can bring your priest to pray for her." As silent tears streamed down my face I prayed with agony in my heart "Oh Jesus, have mercy on baby Mary! Please Jesus, comfort her and help her!"

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the powerful message delivered by the Peter on the day of Pentecost, as he spoke with conviction and authority to the crowd while he witnessed to



Jesus with confidence and boldness. What brought about this change?

Do I dare to stand up and bear witness to Jesus and all He has done in my life?

In the first letter of St Peter, we are reminded of our true value - our value that is not measured by the amount of money we earn, or by what assets we possess, but simply by the fact that our ransom has been paid for by the blood of Christ! We have been baptised and have become the children of God. Really? Yes, we are children of the King of the Universe. BUT how often have we said "If I were rich, or won the lottery, I would" or "If I were a billionaire, I would change the world by..." But is not being a child of the King of the Universe worth more than having a billion dollar to spend?

Do I believe that I am a child of God, the King of the Universe? If I do, then I am invaluable! As a child of the King of the Universe, surely I can make a difference in this world?

In St Luke's gospel today, we recall the classic story of the appearance of Jesus to two of His disciples on their way to Emmaus. We see Jesus' disciples were weighed down with sadness and worry. Jesus was dead, and now the angel announced that He was alive?! Shouldn't they have been happy? Sure, if they believed it! However, their reaction suggests that they were probably unsure and in doubt. And then the amazing thing happens - Jesus walks along side them and encourages them to tell him what they were discussing. Jesus listens and allows them to pour out their hearts to Him. What happens afterward is heartwarming as we see Jesus gently and firmly putting things right by systematically explaining God's plan of Salvation to the two. *And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to*

them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. As they drew near to the village, he appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." Jesus went in with them, sat at table, took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them... And that was when their eyes were opened and they recognized him!

Their response after the breaking of bread: "Did our hearts not burn within us while he talked to us on the road and opened to us the scriptures? And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread."

This Easter has been an eye opening experience for me in so many ways. The battle for the life of my baby God-daughter began in the season of Lent, and her return to God took place just before Holy Week. Uniting the pain we experienced through baby Mary's death, to the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, has made the meaning of our suffering clear and valuable. As I read the Gospel commentary on opusdei.org, I realise that nothing has really changed since Jesus walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

WE all have to make that journey down the road to Emmaus every now and then. Often, it occurs when we face the death of a loved one, or a life-changing issue that racks havoc in our life. And each time we do, we pour out our sadness and worries to Jesus, listen to His words of wisdom, guidance and comfort.

Finally, we are strengthened through the Blessed Sacrament as Jesus gives us His body and blood to nourish and sustain us. Joy returns and hope is born anew. Like the rays of sunshine at the break of dawn, the Holy Spirit consoles, guides and shows us His will for our lives. Let us like Mother Mary continue to say 'Yes' to the will of God for us, and then embrace our cross and allow our lives to become living witnesses to those around us.

***The Lord is truly risen indeed!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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Young People's Mass

We are happy to announce that the Young People's Mass will resume on the 4th Sunday of Easter, 30th April 2023 at 8.30am Sunday Mass.

All Young People especially from the Sunday School are encouraged to attend this Mass.

Come Join The Boys' Brigade

We would like to invite Boys from age 9 until 14 to join us in this new academic year of 2023! Our weekly Saturday program is fun, Christ-centred and wholesome.

Date: 29 April 2023, next Saturday
Time: 2pm-6pm

Venue: St Simon Parish Hall
Recommended attire: sportswear with sports shoes

Junior Section: for Boys age 9-12.
Senior Section: for Boys age 13-19

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