



NOTICES & EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT



SCAN ME

Website: www.stsimonlikas.org

www.facebook.com/StSimonLikas

SCAN ME

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

29 Mar	Good Friday <i>(The Passion & Death of the Lord)</i> Day of Fasting and Abstinence Service begins at 3pm. However Church doors will only open at 1pm.	3.00pm
30 Mar	Easter Vigil Parishioners are reminded to bring their own water for blessing.	7.30pm
31 Mar	Easter Sunday One Mass Only	8.30am

Security, Traffic, and Seating Arrangement for Holy Week And Sundays

We appeal to all parishioners attending daily, Sunday, and Days of Obligation masses to please take note of the following:

- NO booking of seats inside the church during Sundays and Holy Week masses.
- Some pews are reserved for the frail, sick, and aged.
- Please switch off your mobile phones.
- Follow the directions of the traffic wardens.
- Easter Eggs for children will be blessed and distributed after the Vigil Mass.

Regina Caeli Laetare
(The Regina Caeli prayer will be recited for the whole month of Easter)
Regina Caeli laetare, alleluia
Quia a quem meruisti portare, alleluia
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia

Sunday School, the Canteen, and the Library
will be **closed** on Easter Sunday.

- Do not leave your personal belongings unattended in the church. Also, never leave these items in your vehicle.
- All parishioners are reminded to bring their own drinking water. There will be no bottled water sold during these celebrations.
- The Good Shepherd's Sisters will be selling candles on Holy Saturday outside the Church, Chapel, and the Hall.
- All, especially parents of children, are respectfully urged to ensure that the church is not soiled by candle wax.
NO CANDLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE CHAPEL.
- Since all lights would be turned off at the Service of Light on Easter Vigil, parishioners are asked to be vigilant with their valuables.
- In case of emergency, please refer to any warden on duty. Please do not block emergency cars with emergency signage.



BULLETIN EDITION: 31 MARCH 2024

Address Jln Punai Tanah, Off Jln Tuaran, Mile 3.5 (KM6), 88400 Kota Kinabalu

Contact 088-212713 (Tel) / 088-288713 (Fax)

E-mail SSCCL010608@gmail.com

Webpage <http://stsimonlikas.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StSimonLikas/>

Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm
Sat: 9am-1pm

Rector Rev Fr Cosmas Lee
Assistant Priest Rev Fr Rhobby Mojolou

GOOD FRIDAY - 29 MARCH 2024

R1: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 **R2:** Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9
Res Psalm: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

EASTER VIGIL - 30 MARCH 2024

R1: Genesis 1:1-2:2
R. Psalm: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
R2: Genesis 22:1-18
R. Psalm: Preserve me, O God, I take refuge in you
R3: Exodus 14:15-15:1
R. Psalm: I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
R4: Isaiah 54:5-14
R. Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.
R5: Isaiah 55:1-11
R. Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
R6: Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
R. Psalm: You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.
R7: Ezekiel 36:16-28
R. Psalm: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.
R8: Romans 6:3-11
R. Psalm: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY - 31 MARCH 2024

R1: Acts 10:34,37-43 **R2:** Colossians 3:1-4
Res Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
Gospel: John 20:1-9

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: 7.30pm Every Thursday from 4th April 2024 onwards.

Weekly Intercessory Prayer: Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

Rosary on Sundays: Before Mass at 8.00 am and at 11.00 am.

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

2 Apr	St Francis of Paola, Hermit
4 Apr	St Isidore, <i>bishop & doctor</i>
5 Apr	St Vincent Ferrer, <i>priest</i>
7 Apr	St John Baptist de la Salle, <i>priest</i>
8 Apr	Annunciation of the Lord - <i>Solemnity</i>
11 Apr	St Stanislaus, <i>bishop & martyr</i>
13 Apr	St Martin I, <i>Pope & martyr</i>
20 Apr	St Anselm, <i>bishop & doctor</i>

DONATIONS

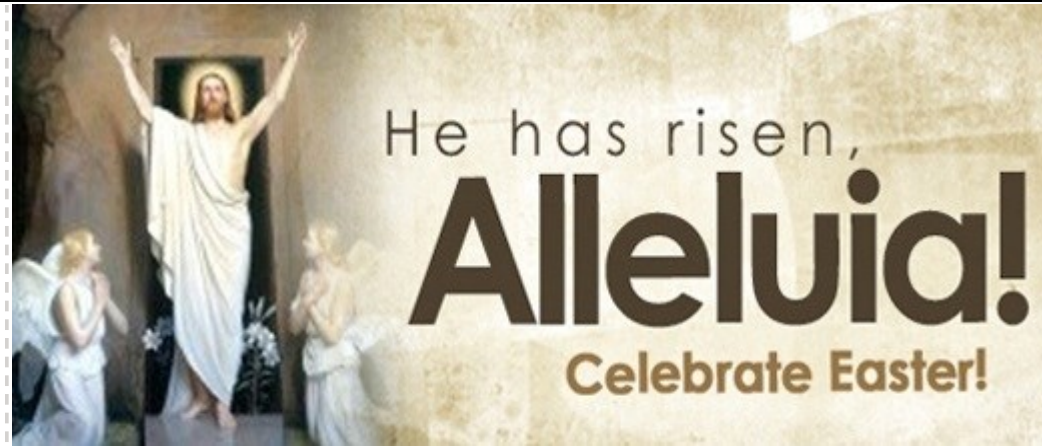
15 March	Black	RM1,705.00
Stations of the Cross		
17 March	Black	RM6,843.05
Sunday	Red	RM5,676.15
22 March	Black	RM1,775.00
Stations of the cross		
24 March	Black	RM8,923.30
Palm Sunday	Red	RM7,432.60

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

Embracing the Surprises of Easter: Reflections on the Resurrected Christ

Surprise. Surprise. Surprise. They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have put him (John 20:2). This is the statement of a shocked Mary of Magdala after she found the tomb was empty. Even after his burial, Jesus never seem to stop surprising his followers. During these days of Holy Week, we have journeyed with Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem until his resurrection. Many events surrounding Jesus have surprised us. In fact throughout his lifetime, Jesus has said and done many things that go against the grain. That is just how Jesus is. When his worried and anxious parents went to look for him and tried to reprimand him for leaving without informing them, Jesus said, 'Why are you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' (Luke 2:49). When he saw people were selling and buying in the Temple, he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves (Matthew 21:12). Of course there were many occasions in which Jesus reached out and healed those neglected by society even on Sabbath Day.

During the Holy Week celebration alone, we see Jesus surprising us. He was expected to be the Messiah, the one who is to liberate Israel from the Roman occupation. Instead of coming in majesty and grandeur, he humbly entered Jerusalem riding a donkey fulfilling the



prophecy of Isaiah (Isaiah 62:11). He could have called the army of angels to save him from persecution but instead he endured the sufferings which he did not deserve. Instead Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place (John 18:36)". In the gospel reading for Easter Sunday, Jesus surprises his disciples again and not for the last time that he is missing from the tomb. When Mary of Magdala rushed to the other disciples to inform them, they thought that she was pulling their leg. Peter and the other disciple rushed to the tomb to see for themselves and indeed the body of Jesus was not there anymore.

Jesus indeed has risen from the dead. At that time, the disciples had failed to understand the teaching of the Scripture that he must rise from the dead (John 20:9). As we listen and look and

understand all these events unfolding to us through the Scriptures, we are given the assurance that the Risen Lord will continue to surprise us in whatever situation of our lives. Listening to other people's accounts move us to experience for our own self the presence of the Risen Lord. Just like Peter, seeing is believing. We often search for God but Jesus said to Philip, 'To see me is to see the Father' (John 14:9). Jesus who shows us the face of God has defeated sin and death. He loves us so much that he is willing to go to the depths of the underworld to save us from the slavery of sin. We are invited to encounter him, to encounter God through him, with him and in him. Pope Benedict XVI tells us, 'Only when God is seen does true life begin, only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of

God. each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him'.

May this year's Easter celebration opens us to encounter the many surprises he prepares for us in our life.

*Blessed Easter to one and all.
God bless.*

NOTICES & EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Come Join The Boys' Brigade!
We are recruiting new members to join our weekly Saturday Christ-centred fun program.

Day: every Saturday afternoon

Time: 2pm-5.30pm

Venue: St Simon Parish Hall

Recommended attire: Sportswear, sports shoes & bring a water bottle

Junior Section: For Boys age 9-12.

We are training our Junior Boys for a BB KK Division Captain Ball competition on 02 July 2024.

Senior Section: For Boys age 13-19.

And we are preparing our Senior Boys for BB Malaysia Pesta 2024 in Kuching, 16-21 September 2024.

For more information please contact Godfrey Moey, 019-224 9432.