



NOTICES & EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT



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A gentle reminder

to arrive earlier for Sunday Masses. Use this time to immerse yourself in the sacred atmosphere, especially during the liturgy. Listen attentively, allowing the words and prayers to resonate deeply, enriching your connection with the Lord. Together, let's wholeheartedly savor the full richness of the Mass experience.

Young People's Mass

Will be held on 21 April 2024 at 8.30am.

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.

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**

St Simon Church Likas Library

Open Every Sunday

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

To borrow books, register using the Membership Google Form provided here:

<https://forms.gletuJa4jvF7ovd582B9>

DONATIONS

28 March	Black	RM6,626.25
Holy Thursday	Red	RM5,556.45
29 March	Black	RM15,458.70
Good Friday		
30 March	Black	RM8,377.20
Easter Vigil	Red	RM6,231.55
31 March	Black	RM5,764.95
Easter Sunday	Red	RM4,531.45
7 April	Black	RM6,633.35
Sunday	Red	RM5,725.70

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



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Sat: 9am-1pm

Rector Rev Fr Cosmas Lee

Assistant Priest Rev Fr Rhobby Mojolou

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 14 APRIL 2024

R1: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 **R2:** St John 2:1-5
Res Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord
Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 APRIL 2024

R1: Acts 4:8-12 **R2:** St John 3:1-2
Res Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Gospel: John 10: 11-18

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28 APRIL 2024

R1: Acts 9:26-31
R2: 1 John 3:18-24
Res Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Gospel: John 15:1-8

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5 MAY 2024

R1: Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35.44-48
R2: St John 4:7-10
Res Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

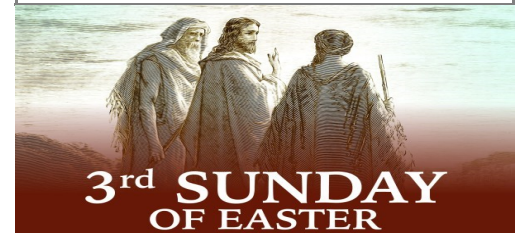
Holy Hour: 7.30pm Every Thursday from 4th April 2024 onwards.

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

21 Apr	St Anselm, <i>bishop & doctor</i>
23 Apr	St George, <i>martyr</i> St Adalbert, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i>
24 Apr	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>priest & Martyr</i>
28 Apr	St Peter Chanel, <i>priest & martyr</i> St Louis Grignion de Monfort, <i>priest & martyr</i>
29 Apr	St Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin & doctor</i>
30 Apr	St Pius V, <i>Pope</i>
1 May	St Joseph the Worker
2 May	St Athanasius, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>
9 May	Ascension of the Lord



Bella was a final year student who was studying abroad in the UK, and as a Catholic, she attended Sunday mass diligently to fulfil her compulsory duty. It was challenging studying abroad and she was struggling in her studies particularly trying to complete her final year dissertation, so she appreciates the consolation she receives from attending mass. For the past year, she has had sleepless nights and was often grumpy except on Sunday, especially after attending mass and her housemates often wondered what made her smile every Sunday. They assumed that it was the people whom she met at church, the "orang putih". And one fine day her housemate, Julie asked Bella what's so good about going to church on Sunday and she replied, "come and experience it for yourself". To Bella's surprise Julie agreed to attend, as she knew she was a practising Buddhist. Julie followed Bella the following Sunday and started observing the entire experience. During mass, Julie wasn't used to the long silence so she kept asking Bella on the gestures, why they needed to kneel,



bow and touch the water at the side and her immediate response to Julie was to keep quiet. Julie continued to nudge Bella and she was replied with a harsh remark continued to remind her to wait until mass ends. After mass, she explained that during mass it's utmost important to remain silent as it's an act of reverence before the Lord. Besides that explanation, Bella soon realised that, she couldn't answer Julie's questions cause she didn't know how to explain the reason for her great joy and peace was because of Jesus. She didn't know how to explain that the compulsory gestures i.e. kneeling, bowing, genuflecting, making the sign of the cross, recitation of the creed, were the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our worship and faith, where transubstantiation happens. All Bella could speak of was the compulsory gestures that they abide to and how good it was for Bella to be in the church, and any deeper level of explanation was far from reach at that time. She was unable to connect the relationship that she had with Jesus. All these burning questions didn't make any sense to her then as it was merely done out of obedience and respect toward what was taught to her in Sunday school. At the end of mass, Julie didn't say much and left with so many unanswered questions and never came back. This made Bella felt disappointed and began reflecting much on the depth of her own faith.

Like Bella we encounter instances in our

life, when we, too, failed to recognise and share with a soul who doesn't know who Jesus is because we didn't know him personally. In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus' closest companions who were HIS disciples, too, couldn't recognise nor comprehend what had happened, not because they were unaware but they couldn't BELIEVE and UNDERSTAND it, they knew the prophecies spoken and taught by the prophets and psalmists by heart but didn't truly UNDERSTAND the teachings which led to a heated discussion amongst themselves. Jesus could have left and gone home to Heaven after 3 days and let the Holy Spirit guide HIS disciples but He knew His disciples well and they would have been lost and drown with unanswered questions and it was so important for him to address them to erase all doubts and despair. He returned to find them soaked in confusion, that Jesus had to first establish the first revelation to them that He truly is alive, by asking for a grilled fish and ate it in front of them. To satisfy their doubtful mind and heart that he's truly and physically present before them. Once they recognised Jesus, their hearts were opened again to listen to Jesus. Jesus then opened their minds to understanding scriptures.

Bella and Jesus's closest disciples both experiences revealed that they had one common goal that is to head towards Jesus and that is the ultimate goal for all Catholics. But both failed to continue His

mission because one didn't understand Jesus enough to share about Jesus and the other didn't believe 100% in Jesus yet even though they have understood the entire mission of Christ. What Bella needed was to be equipped with the ability to proclaim and knowledge of His word and what Jesus's disciples needed was the internalisation of faith, to believe. The first step towards the works of evangelization is that we must first believe by faith and secondly, to understand God and to do this is to read the word of God. And from reading His words, Jesus will open our minds and hearts to dive deeper into His words, through the exegesis of scriptures and applying it in our own lives. In Luke, he said "He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'" Luke 24 :47-47.

In this Easter celebration of His resurrection, let us continue to pray fervently and to invite Jesus daily into our lives and to continue His works of evangelisation passionately by proclaiming the truth about repentance and forgiveness, the very reason why HE died on the cross for us, all.