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**PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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## **MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR**

Dear Parish Members,

Greetings to you all, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Praise God for keeping us safe and active, in the activities of the last quarter.

In the quarter of January-February-March:2016, God helped us to finish many of our plans. The VBS ministry was well organized by the Sunday School from January.15,2016 to January.17,2016. Ms. Manna Prasadh (Banglore) served as the VBS leader. Thanks to all Parish members and the VBS leader for the wholehearted support towards the VBS ministry. On February.07,2016 we met as the General Body and elected the people for various positions, including the Office Bearers and Auditors. All the best wishes to the newly elected members. Pray to the God Almighty to strengthen them to carry out their responsibilities with complete dedication and devotion.

The Great Lent of 50 days was observed by the Church from February.07, 2016 to the Easter Sunday on March.27,2016. God helped our Parish also to take separate time for prayer and meditation. Let's thank God for enabling Rev. Mathew Varghese Achen to lead our special services from Passover Thursday to Easter Sunday. Let's record our wholehearted thanks to all those who have supported financially, physically and spiritually during the arrangements of the Great Lent services.

On March.27,2016 we along with the Diocese, offered our sincere thanks and bid farewell to our beloved our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa and the Diocesan/Bishop Secretary Rev. Manoj Idiculla at the farewell meeting arranged at the Jerusalem MTC., Anna Nagar. Let's pray and wish all the best to both of them in their ministry in the new context.

In the new quarter of April-May-June,2016: we will be starting the new financial year. As the famous quote reminds us "well started is half done". Let's start the new financial with proper planning and prayers. We need to arrange the Annual General Body Meeting on the month of May and finish all the formalities related to the last financial year.

Please pray and participate in the Parish activities.

Wish you all grace and happiness through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His ministry,

**Renu Achen**

**BIBLE READING AND OFFERTORY ASSIGNMENTS:**

<i>April - 16</i>			
Date	Area	Bible portion	
3/4/2016	Keelkattalai	1st Lesson: Gen 28 : 10-22	2nd Lesson: Acts 20:7-12
10/4/2016	Guindy	1st Lesson: 2 Chro. 34:29-33	2nd Lesson: Acts 8:26-40
17/4/2016	Sunday School	1st Lesson: Jer. 1:1-10	2nd Lesson: 1Tim. 4:6-16
24/4/2016	St. Thomas Mount	1st Lesson: Exo. 34:1-9	2nd Lesson: Ephe. 4:11-16

<i>May - 16</i>			
Date	Area	Bible portion	
1/5/2016	Porur	1st Lesson: Lev 25 : 1-17	2nd Lesson: Acts 7:54-60
8/5/2016	Pazhavanthangal	1st Lesson: Eze. 36:24-36	2nd Lesson: Rom. 8:12-17
15/5/2016	YuvajanaSakhyam	1st Lesson: Isa. 6:1-11	2nd Lesson: Acts. 2:1-13
22/5/2016	Choir	1st Lesson: Gen. 18:1-15	2nd Lesson: 1 John. 5:6-12
29/5/16	Edavaka Mission	1st Lesson: 1Kings. 8:26-43	2nd Lesson: Rev 14: 1-7

<i>June-16</i>			
Date	Area	Bible portion	
5/6/2016	Keelkattalai	1st Lesson: 1 Kings 3 : 3-14	2nd Lesson: 1 Cor. 1:18-25
12/6/2016	SevikaSangam	1st Lesson: Gen. 2:1-17	2nd Lesson: Rev. 21:1-7
19/6/2016	Sunday School	1st Lesson: 1 Kings 19 : 15 -21	2nd Lesson: Rom. 15:22-29
26/6/2016	Pazhavanthangal	1st Lesson: Gen. 35:1-7	2nd Lesson: 1 Peter. 5:1-11

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

03/04/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 10/04/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 17/04/2016 8:30 AM -English  
 24/04/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam

01/05/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 08/05/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 15/05/2016 8:30 AM -English  
 22/05/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 29/05/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam

05/06/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam  
 12/06/2016 8:30 AM -Malayalam  
 19/06/2016 8:30 AM -English  
 26/06/2016 8:30 AM - Malayalam

## **SUNDAY PRAYER MEETINGS**

<b>April</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>17/04/16</b> - Ms.Annamma Prasad	<b>05/06/16</b> - Mr.Dileep.P.George
<b>24/04/16</b> – Mr.Raju Pothen	<b>19/06/16</b> - Ms.Leelamma Cherian

\*Further any Prayer meeting update will be intimated through sms.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS**

### **YuvajanaSakhyam**

1. Youth Meeting will be held every Sunday after the Service

### **SevikaSangham**

1. Every Wednesday, meeting at Church/Cottage on 10:30 am
2. Sevika Sangham Annual Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 10.00 am.
3. Chennai Centre Annual Meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Madras Marthoma Church, Chetpet.

### **Sunday School**

1. Sunday School Classes will be held on every Sunday after the Holy Communion Service, at Parish Hall.
2. Sunday school classes will resume from First week of June.

### **Edavaka Mission**

1. Fasting prayer will be conducted every Friday in our Church at 10.30 am.
2. Edavaka Mission Annual General Body meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10.00 am.
3. MTVEA Chennai Centre Annual General Body meeting will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10.00am at Madras Marthoma Church, Chetpet. Our Diocesan Bishop Rt.Rev.Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa will preside over the meeting.

### **Choir**

1. Practice on every Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am
2. Choir Annual Meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April Saturday at 4.30 pm.

### **Dental\_Camp**

A free dental camp will be organized by Ms. Fiby & team on 16 & 17 of April 2016.

- Timing will be from 9.00 am onwards on 16<sup>th</sup> and after 11.00 am on 17 respectively.
- General Check-up treatment such as cleaning, filling etc.
- Registration fee for this event will be Rs.20/-

## **BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name</b>
1-Apr	Sunil Samuel [S of Mariamma Samuel]
1-Apr	Renjith Isaac [S of Isaac P.D.]
2-Apr	Mishael Susan Sanjay [D of Sanjay Zachariah ]
2-Apr	Abraham Thomas (Capt.)
2-Apr	Rachael Anna Regi [GD of Aleyamma Kunjachen]
5-Apr	Ashish Philip [GS of Varghese C.P.]
6-Apr	Jose George Philip [S of George K.G. Philip]
7-Apr	Sibi George [D of Thomas George M.]
7-Apr	Manz Thomas
8-Apr	Rebecca Joanne T. [D of Thomas Prasad V.]
9-Apr	Laura Thomas [D of Thomas John V.T.]
10-Apr	Jerin Reji [S of Reji Chacko]
10-Apr	Sheeja Jeejo [W of Jeejo C.G.]
11-Apr	Eddy Abraham [S of Abraham K.C.]
11-Apr	Chirag Thomas Cherian [GS of Thomas Cherian]
11-Apr	Aleena Anna Prasad [D of Anil Prasad]
12-Apr	Sheena Mathew [DL of Varghese C.P.]
13-Apr	Preethi Regi [DL of Varghese K.M.]
14-Apr	Anita Cherian [D of Cherian R.P. (Lt.Col.)]
14-Apr	Gribbin K. Joseph [S of Joseph K.S.]
15-Apr	Samuel Kutty A.K.
15-Apr	Sosamma [FS of Thomas M.J.]
16-Apr	Aleyamma Yovel [W of Anil Prasad]
17-Apr	Mathew Thomas C. (Dr.)
18-Apr	Jainina Sara George [D of George Mathew]
19-Apr	Jithin T. Jijesh [S of Jijesh T. Philip]

19-Apr	Aby S. George [S of Shibu George]
20-Apr	Ammukutty George [W of Thomas George M.]
20-Apr	Thomas John V.T.
20-Apr	Mini Sam [W of Sam George]
20-Apr	Soumya Paul [D of Paul Evans G.]
21-Apr	Reji Chacko
21-Apr	Anjali V. Joshua [d of Vinu Ninan Joshua]
21-Apr	Jeslin Maria Pothan [D of Raju Pothan]
22-Apr	Shruthi Elza Varughese [D of Jiju John V.]
22-Apr	Mariamamma John [W of John O.S.]
23-Apr	Freddy Zachariah Antony [S of Antony Cherian]
25-Apr	Samuel K.
26-Apr	Shyla Mathai [W of Sunand Mathai]
27-Apr	Varghese Oommen [S of Saramma Oommen]
27-Apr	Bijo Jose [S of Jose L.]
27-Apr	Mini Regi [DL of Aleyamma Kunjachen]
28-Apr	Mariamamma George [M of Shibu George]
28-Apr	Mariamamma George [M of Sam George]
29-Apr	Tintu Abraham [S of Abraham K.V. ]
30-Apr	Lalu P.
30-Apr	Iwyn John Shiju [GS of Inder Kumar John]
1-May	Kanchi Dileep [W of Dileep P. George]
3-May	Ivan John Arun [GS of Geevarghese John]
4-May	Sandeep George Mathew
5-May	Aleyamma Samuel [W of Samuel K.]
6-May	Susan Mathew [W of Cherian Mathew]
6-May	Anuja Sanjay [DL of Sanjay Zachariah ]
6-May	Jiji Varghese [W of Varghese Daniel]

7-May	Daisy Manz [W of Manz Thomas]
7-May	Annamma Prasad
8-May	Sherly Jacob [W of Jacob Philip]
8-May	Rajeev Mathew Thomas [S of Mathew Thomas C. (Dr.)]
11-May	Sajee Varghese
12-May	Hanah Jijy [GD of Leelamma Pothen]
13-May	Isha Maria Jijo [D of Jijo T. Philip]
13-May	Saramma Thomas
14-May	George Koshy
14-May	Ayush Abraham John [S of Sudhir Abraham J.]
15-May	Eva Angeline Jijo [D of Jijo T. Philip]
15-May	Anita R. Thomas [DL of Thomas K.V.]
15-May	Thomas K. Varghese [S of Thomas K.V.]
16-May	Leelamma Pothen
17-May	Robin Reji [S of Reji Chacko]
17-May	Reni Moncy [DL of Kurien K.M.]
18-May	Alice Joseph [W of Joseph K.S.]
19-May	Rekha Thomas [W of Thomas John V.T.]
20-May	Daisy Daniel [W of Daniel Mathew]
22-May	Jijo T. Philip
23-May	Sneha Liza Varughese [D of Jiju John V.]
23-May	Blesson Georgy Biju [S of Biju Philipose G.]
23-May	Abraham K.V.
24-May	Beena Jose [W of Jose L.]
24-May	Shyla Susan John [W of John George K.]
24-May	Jose Varghese
25-May	Daniel Mathew
25-May	Thomas M.J.

25-May	Arun K. Philip
26-May	Dileep P. George
26-May	Sabu M.
26-May	Mary Alice Jacob [W of Sam George (Munnar)]
26-May	Aleyamma Raju [W of Raju Pothan]
27-May	Albin T. Joji [S of Joji T. Philip]
27-May	Stephin Sam [S of Sam George]
28-May	Varghese M.J.
28-May	Tintu T. [W of Shibu M.S.]
28-May	Binoy P. Abraham
30-May	Sigin Mathew George
30-May	Mini Lalu [W of Lalu P.]
30-May	Sharon Thomas [S of Thomas M.J.]
31-May	Jose N.M.
31-May	Jiji Reji [W of Reji Chacko]
1-Jun	Samma Abraham
1-Jun	Raju Pothan
4-Jun	Rohan Abraham Mathew [GS of Mariamma Abraham]
6-Jun	Anitha Biju [W of Biju Philipose G.]
6-Jun	Thankamma Thomas [W of Thomas M.M.]
6-Jun	Annamma Koshy [W of Koshy C.G.]
7-Jun	Geevarghese John
8-Jun	Akshay [GS of Chacko V.M.]
9-Jun	Annamma Eapen
9-Jun	Vinitha Sunil [DL of Mariamma Samuel]
10-Jun	Reba Mary Anna Mathew [GD of Mariamma Abraham]
11-Jun	Anju Sara Varghese [W of Anaswar Abraham Thomas]
12-Jun	Daniel Raghav



13-Jun	Chinnu Anna Iype [W of Anup K. John]
13-Jun	Jiju John V.
17-Jun	Annie Mathew [DL of Mariamma Abraham]
17-Jun	Mariamma Mathews [W of Mathews K.S.]
18-Jun	Siena Susan Abraham [GD of Abraham K.C.]
19-Jun	Eva Mary Dileep [D of Dileep P. George]
19-Jun	Leelamma Cherian
20-Jun	Sherly J R [W of Paul Evans G.]
22-Jun	Justin David. D
22-Jun	John George K.
23-Jun	Rohan R. Thomas [S of Rajesh Thomas]
25-Jun	Tincy Annie Kurien [D of Kurien K.M.]
26-Jun	Jibu George Varghese
29-Jun	Jolly Jibu Abraham [W of Jibu P. Abraham]
30-Jun	Reny K. Philip
30-Jun	Suraj Zachariah [B of Sanjay Zachariah ]

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

<b>Wedding Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
7-Apr	Varghese K.M. & Saramma Mathew
20-Apr	Daniel Mathew & Daisy Daniel
22-Apr	Anaswar Abraham Thomas & Anju Sara Varghese
23-Apr	Thomas M.J. & Annamma Thomas
26-Apr	Jijo T. Philip & Sameera T. Jijo
27-Apr	Mathew Thomas C. (Dr.) & Thankamma Thomas
30-Apr	Sunoj T. Cherian & Bindu Cherian [c/o Thomas Cherian]
2-May	Biju Philipose G. & Anitha Biju

5-May	Jijesh T. Philip & Emely Alice N.
9-May	Jibu George Varghese & Remy Susan Mathew
15-May	Jubin Mathew George & Tunia Cherian
19-May	Jacob Mathew & Nirmala
19-May	Abraham K.V. & Jaina Abraham
19-May	Jose L. & Beena Jose
22-May	Samuel K. & Aleyamma Samuel
23-May	Cherian R.P. (Lt.Col.) & Annie Cherian
24-May	Thomas K. Varghese & Anita R. Thomas [c/o Thomas K.V.]
28-May	Manz Thomas & Daisy Manz
29-May	Reenish P. Thomas & Mini Reenish [c/o Thomas P.K.]
29-May	Varghese Oommen & Susan Varghese [c/o Saramma Oommen]
29-May	Sweetie P. John & Dimy Sweetie
30-May	Regi Mathew & Annie Mathew [c/o Mariamma Abraham]
5-Jun	George Babu K. & Gracy Babu
6-Jun	Jose N.M. & Elizabeth Sujatha
6-Jun	Philip Varghese & Usha Philip [c/o Varghese C.P.]
7-Jun	Dileep P. George & Kanchi Dileep
11-Jun	Vinod Kuruvilla & Susan Vinod [c/o Annamma Eapen]
12-Jun	Shibu M.S. & Tintu T.
13-Jun	Thomas M.M. & Thankamma Thomas
17-Jun	Oommen Thomas & Pressy Oommen
19-Jun	Sudhir Abraham J. & Shynu John
21-Jun	Jacob Philip & Sherly Jacob
23-Jun	Antony Cherian & Sheela Antony
24-Jun	Mathew T.S. & Achamma Mathew

27-Jun	Sabu M. & Elizabeth Sabu
30-Jun	Samuel Kutty C.M. & Lily Samuel

**Reminders**

- Check if you've paid your monthly subscription/Dues.
- For more info on accounts, please contact the trustees.
- To join our messaging list/phone number change contact parish Secretary or Samuel Mathews.

“Being a Christian means accepting Christ as your savior, your God. That's why you are called a 'Christian.' If you remove Christ, there's only 'ian' and that means 'I am nothing.'”

— Manny Pacquiao

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