



St. Peter's C.S.I Church, Kuwait

Newsletter

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"Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus"

“ക്രിസ്തുയേശുവില്ലൂള്ള ഭാവം തന്നെ നിങ്ങളിലും
ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ”

Philippians 2:5

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

The month of November is very important in the History of Christianity because, world churches are celebrating World Sunday School day and Girl Child day. By the end of this month, we are entering into an Advent season. This is a commemoration and celebration of our Lord's incarnation. In this write up, I am trying to pen a few words about these topics. I am giving a title for this month's meditation "Children: God's wonderful Gifts and God-spell".

1. Life-Eternal

Every November 1st, church, throughout the world, observe as 'All saint's day' and November 2nd as 'All soul's day'. According to our faith, instead of praying for dead and the saints, we remember their influential lives. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us", Heb 12:1. This verse reminds us that, Christian life is like a race; and we should grow in Christlikeness.

2. Children: Grow in Christlikeness

The first Sunday of November is celebrated around the world as Sunday School Day. Robert Raikes (1735- 1811), an English Publisher, started the first Sunday School in the city of Gloucester in England in 1780. During the early days, reading, arithmetic and Bible were taught at the Sunday Schools. The early CMS missionaries who came to Kerala began teaching The Bible to children also, and therefore Sunday Schools started functioning in many of the Churches established by these missionaries. Systematic Sunday School work was started in 1880, at Holy Immanuel C.S.I. church, Mallappally, by Arch Deacon Oommen Mammen, who had got in touch with the India Sunday Schools Union roughly around that time. Hence, 1880 is considered to be the year of starting formal Sunday Schools in our Diocese and in Kerala. Bible strongly insists that "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it". Prov. 22:6. It is a God given responsibility to parents and the Church. It is worth to be noted that, today's Sunday School is tomorrow's Church.

3. Children: Graceful in Equality

We, the Church of South India observes every November 3rd Sunday as Girl Child Sunday. In our theological and biblical insight and notion, children are equal in God's creation. Creator God shared His image and likeness equally. So, we should consider our children in God's sight. "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gala 3:28).

4. Advent

End of November we are entering into a new season of faith journey – 'Advent'. The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the Second Coming. Advent compels us to live a "Christ centered life". In 2018, Pope Francis wrote "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world".

May our loving God strengthen us to do His will.

Rev. C.M. Eappen

Vicar



REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Holy Communion Service	: Fridays / Saturdays, NECK
WF Prayer Meeting	: Mondays, 7.00 pm (Zoom)
WF Bible Study	: 2 nd & 4 th Friday, 9.50 am, NECK
Youth Fellowship Meeting	: 3 rd Friday, November 15, 2024, 9.50 am, NECK
Sunday School	: Every Friday 5.30 pm at Church & Parish Hall, NECK
Ladies and Gents Meeting	: Every Friday 5.50 pm at AB Hall, NECK

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

Bethel Group (7.30pm @Abbasiya)		Shalom Group (7.45pm @Salmiya)	
Date		Date	
		01	Mr. Zachariah Varkey (Ajay) (# 66720455)
07	Mr. Saji Philip (# 96728609)	08	Online
14		15	
21	Mr. Dileep David (# 65075214)	22	Online
28	Mrs. Soji Roy (# 99258545)	29	Online

SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS

World Sunday School Week : 08th and 09th November

Girl Child Week : 15th and 16th November

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please take note of the dates for some upcoming events at our church:

Carol Service - December 13, 2024

Harvest Festival - January 25, 2025

Annual Church Picnic - January 31, 2025

BIRTHDAYS

1	Mr. Joykuttu Oommen	65815309		
	Mrs. Carol Bin Jacob	65811932	w/o	Mr. Nithin Joseph
2	Jonah Blesson Jacob	97283600	s/o	Mr. Jibu Jacob Varghese
3	Mrs. Renjini Mathew	60013498	w/o	Mr. Cyril Thomas
	Aleena Liza Jose	66235105	d/o	Mr. Jose Samuel
4	Jessie Anna Robin	94051795	d/o	Mr. Robin Jesu Thomas
5	Jeremiah Vergis Jacob	97283600	s/o	Mr. Jibu Jacob Varghese
7	Mr. Vijith Mathai John	60981467		
8	Mrs. Mini Susan Jacob	99116235	w/o	Mr. Rajeev Koshy
9	Mrs. Bindhumol Mathew	60952429	w/o	Mr. Philip Sunil Koshy
10	Mirah Elza Bibin	50862548	d/o	Mr. Bibin Thomas
11	Mr. Philip Thomas (Shajan)	99536320		
	Mr. Rajeev Koshy	66359485		
	Mr. Sony Thomas	99062169		
	Mrs. Athira P.S.	97643577	w/o	Mr. Subin N.P.
	Sebah Elsa John	67671484	d/o	Mrs. Asha Sunil
12	Mr. Biju Tharian	97936139		
13	Mr. Jibu Jacob Varghese	97283600		
14	Neyleen Elisa Jacob	66361309	d/o	Mr. Abraham Jini Jacob
	Marcus Thomas Ajai	66956290	s/o	Mr. Ajai I. Thomas
15	Mrs. Betty Grit Nimble	51613006	w/o	Mr. Grit Nimble
	Mithrael Philip Thomas	97596671	s/o	Mr. Philip Thomas (Binu)
	Thomas Jacob	97394739	s/o	Mr. Jacob Thomas
16	Sneha Elizabeth Varghese	97222917	d/o	Mr. Roy Varghese Paul
17	Mrs. Asha Rony	66209336	w/o	Mr. Rony C. George
19	Mr. Saju E. Abraham	99509947		
	Mrs. Geena Ann George	67705154	w/o	Mr. Ajith Thomas Koshy
	Mr. Nithin Joseph	65811932		
20	Mrs. Beena Mammen	66272839	w/o	Mr. Mammen Philipose
	Jessa Ann Tharian	99310251	d/o	Mr. Jerry Joseph Tharian
	Joann Sara Manjit	66234391	d/o	Mr. Manjit George Jacob
21	Mrs. Mary Elizabeth	66177757	w/o	Mr. Stephen Manoj J.
22	Mammen Korah	66936945	s/o	Mr. Korah G. Mathew
23	Catherine Sara Jacob	99487195	d/o	Mr. Robinson Jacob

BIRTHDAYS (CONTD.)

26	Naeva Serah Manu	99136535	d/o	Mr. Manu K. Cherian
27	Mr. Manjit George Jacob Ryan Raju Regien	66234391 60795871	s/o	Mr. Regien Raju Varghese
29	Mrs. Sally Roy Aaron Varkey Zachariah	97851152 99417298	w/o s/o	Mr. Roy Varghese Paul Mr. Zachariah Varkey
30	Aditya Thomas Akash Rahael Ann Jacob	66910059 97394739	s/o d/o	Mr. Akash John Mr. Jacob Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mr. Johnson K. Peter & Bindumol	66156681
5	Mr. Jobin George & Niya	96961208
11	Mr. Mathew P. John & Susan	66251684
14	Mr. Thomas Stephen & Jennifer	66418635
17	Mr. Renju V. Joseph & Sherin	97830745
20	Mr. Betson Titus & Anu	94797768
26	Mr. Bibin Thomas & Monisha	50862548
29	Mr. Philip Thomas (Binu) & Shiji	97596671
30	Mr. Mathew Thomas & Sherin	97200371

SUBSCRIPTION

Subscription plays a vital role in supporting the ministry and mission of our Church. If you have any outstanding dues, we kindly ask you to clear them as an offering of faith and commitment. For assistance or more information, please reach out to the Secretary or Treasurer.

May your contributions continue to be a blessing.

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Theme	Lesson I	Psalm	Lesson II	Gospel
01 Fri & 02 Sat 24 th week after Pentecost	ALL SAINTS DAY സകല വിശുദ്ധരുടെയും നാൾ	Jeremiah 31:31-34	150	Revelation 07:02-04, 09-17	Mark 05:01-12
08 Fri & 09 Sat (Eng.) 25 th week after Pentecost	HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD നല്ലതിനോട് പറ്റിക്കൊൾവിൻ WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY	Micah 06:01-16	37: 01-20	Romans 12:09-21	Luke 10:38-42
15 Fri & 16 Sat 26 th week after Pentecost	PROTECTING THE GIRL CHILD പെൺ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ സംരക്ഷിക്കുക GIRL CHILD WEEK	Job 42:10-17	45: 08-14	Acts 16:16-18	Matthew 15:21-28
22 Fri & 23 Sat 27 th week after Pentecost	WAITING PRAYERFULLY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD കർത്താവിന്റെ വരവിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ കാത്തിരിക്കുക	Malachi 04:01-06	121	2 Thess. 02:01-17	Matthew 25:01-13
29 Fri & 30 Sat 01 st week in Advent	CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS സുവാർത്തയുടെ ആഘോഷം	Exodus 02:01-10	117	Acts 09:10-18	Luke 01:46-56