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# Lent

*The Season of Spiritual Preparation*

**From Feb 23rd Sunday To April 12th Sunday 2020**

**Sandhya Namaskaram**

**( Feb 23rd To April 8th 2020, 8pm to 9 Pm )**

# Message From Asst. Vicar



## **Greetings in the Mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples." (Psalms 96:1-3). Thank you Lord for all the guidance and blessings showered upon us in the second month of 2020. We are going through the 50 days lent Season. Lent is a time of fasting, abstinence and penitence. During the lent season the Christians observe a period of repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. Lent days remind s us (1) to spend our time in Prayer and study the Word of God. God's Holy Word is the only source of true spiritual knowledge and understanding ( St. John 17:17; 2Timothy 3:14-17); (2) we are purified- cleansed, set apart and made pure in God's sight – by the blood of Jesus Christ ( Hebrews 9:11-14;13:22). No earthly thing can help anyone to wash out or cleanse the sinful natures from the human heart. Lent days help us to cleanse our sinful natures by the blood of Christ. (3) Nobody can create or fill the desire of God in one's life. The presence of God can only create and fill His desires in once life (Romans 8:5, 9). As we approach the days of lent spiritually surely it will create the divine natures in our life.

The main theme of 1st Sunday, (01-03-2020) is **"The cleansing Christ"** (2nd Sunday of the Great Lent). The Gospel of this Sunday is the Gospel according to St. Mark 1:40-45. Here we see Jesus heals a Leper. Leprosy was an incurable disease in both O.T and N.T times. So the society drove out the lepers and had no interaction with them. If anyone interacted with the lepers, the society also considered them as lepers. (Read Leviticus Chapters 13, 14). In this context the Jewish Rabbai, Jesus Christ interacted and healed the leper with God's Love. Lent season reminds us to change our attitude towards the persons who are bearing pain and difficulties.

The theme of the 2nd Sunday (08-03-2020) is **"The forgiving Christ"** (3rd Sunday of the Great Lent). The gospel portion is St. Mark 2:1-12. St. Mark beautifully describes the healing of a paralytic man by Jesus with the indescribable faith of his four friends. Why the four persons took this much effort? Paralytic man was the part of their society. So they were ready to take an effort for the healing of this paralytic. Here the word FAITH means the assurance of Jesus will certainly do something good for their friend. Lent season reminds us not to be selfish in the journey of our life rather do something good to our fellow beings. Let's spend some time to remember and pray for the sick persons around us.

The theme of the 3rd Sunday (15-03-2020) is **"The Accepting Christ"** (4th Sunday of the Great Lent). The gospel portion is St. Matt 15:21-28. Here Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite Woman, the person from the heathen land. Jewish people considered the non-Jews as gentiles (Read: Genesis 9:19-27, Numbers 35:10-14, Joshua 22:10, 11, Genesis 10:15). St. Matthew wrote his Gospel in a Jewish background. That is the reason Jesus replies in V.24 "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel". But the woman did not returned to her land without the healing of her daughter. She strongly requested before the Son of God (v.27). Jesus seeing the faith of the woman and said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted" (v.28). At the very moment her daughter was healed. It reminds us to sharpen our faith, and pray fervently to God without failure and receive precious blessings from God.

22nd of March 2020 (5th Sunday of the Great Lent) the main theme is **"The Redeeming Christ"**. The Gospel portion is St. Luke 13:10-17, the healing miracle of the Crippled Woman on the Sabbath. She was a part of the Worshipping community but no one saw the pain and difficulties of this woman. The eyes of the worshippers were closed so she was crippled for the last many years. They forgot the mission and responsibility towards the creatures of God. In v.14, the Synagogue ruler murmured to Jesus for the healing of this woman. Some time we are all like this Synagogue ruler as we do not worry about the pain of the persons who around us. Do our worship and prayers are a blessing to our fellow beings? Lent is the time to start a new journey in our worships with a new perspective. The Lent season also reminds us to know the needs of our dear ones.

The main theme of 5th Sunday, (29-03-2020) is **"The Restoring Christ"** (6th Sunday of the Great Lent). The Gospel portion for this Sunday is the Gospel according to St. Mark 10:46-52. Here we see Jesus heals Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. He was the son of Timaeus. The name Bartimaeus means "Beautiful". But the beautiful one was sitting by the roadside for begging. In v.47 he heard Jesus was coming to his place so he cried and shouted "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped there and healed Bartimaeus. Lent season reminds us (1) to regain the beauty of our life through the presence of Christ (2) Jesus is planning a journey to us for removing our shortcomings. (3) those who pray to God definitely God will transform his life.

May God Almighty help & bless you all to observe this lent season with good spiritual disciplines.

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**Asst. Vicar, Sharjah M.T.C.**

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES						
Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
05.03.20	Thu. 7:30 pm	ACC	The Forgiving Christ	Gen 4:8-16	Acts 16:11-18	Rom 5:6-11 Mark 2:1-12
06.03.20	Fri. 7:30 am	SAN				
07.03.20	Sat. 7:30 am(Mal)	Choir				
12.03.20	Thu. 7:30 pm	RCH	The Accepting Christ	Hos 2:14-23	Phlm 1:1-21	Gal 6:1-5 Matt 15:21-28
13.03.20	Fri. 7:30 am	ABC				
14.03.20	Sat. 7:30 am(Mal)	Parish Mission				
19.03.20	Thu. 7:30 pm	AGM	The Redeeming Christ	Exod 3:1-10	Rom 8:31-39	Gal 5:1-12 Luke 13:10-17
20.03.20	Fri. 7:30 am	UAQ				
21.03.20	Sat. 7:30 am(Eng)	Youth Fellowship				
26.03.20	Thu. 7:30 pm	CA	The Restoring Christ	Job 42:10-17	Phil 2:5-11	Eph 2:1-10 Mark 10:46-52
27.03.20	Fri. 8:00 am ( Eng )	Sunday School				
27.03.20	Fri. 7:00 pm	Senior Citizen				
28.03.20	Sat. 7:30 am(Mal)	Yuvajana Sakhyam				
02.04.20	Thu. 7:30 pm	IM	40th Friday	Num 21:1-9	Heb 12:1-13	1 Pet 1:13-22 Matt 4:1-11
03.04.20	Fri. 7:30 am	ALK				
04.04.20	Sat. 7:30 am(Mal)	Sevika Sangam	Hosana Service	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5:1-10	Colo. 1:15-23 Mark 11:1-11
05.04.20	Sun. 7:30 pm	Kaisthana Samithi				

**UAQ - 7:00 pm on all Fridays (except 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)**  
**CONTACT AREA SECRETARY : Mr.Siby Koleth, ID# S-528, 056-7466130**

**Fasting prayer Every Friday at 12:30 PM at Navathy Hall**  
**" Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God."**  
**Contact Lay Leaders.**

**Mr. Jacob M.Chacko (J-307) 050-9572842 | Mr.Siju George Thomas (S-162) 050-8451234**

### **AREA PRAYER GROUP- MEETINGS DATES FOR April 2020**

**3rd DXG & ALK , 13th CA & BMW, 14th ABC & MM , 17th AGM & SAN, 20th SCS & SUC,  
21st ACC & IM , 28th KHS&RSQ**



## Hearty Welcome to New Members



**MR. JENIN JOHN**  
(J-624) SAN  
Mar Thoma Church  
Vapi, Gujarat.  
056-8395039



**MR. MATHEW JACOB**  
(M-305) NS  
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church  
Eraviperoor.  
058-2517748



**MR. SANTHOSH P GEORGE**  
(S-717) SUC  
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church  
Chunkapara.  
050-4781697



**MR. NIBU KOSHY**  
(N-55) RSQ  
Bethel Mar Thoma Church  
Elavumthitta, Thumpamon.  
056-3623587



**MR. BINU ZACHARIAH**  
(B-344) IM  
Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Pullencherry  
Nallamthanni, Nilambur.  
052-7600082



**MR. AJITH DANNY SAMUEL**  
(A-432) ACC  
Trinity Mar Thoma Church  
Thittamel, Chengannur.  
055-5265330



**MR. SHIJU THOMAS MATHEW**  
(S-714) ALK  
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church  
Kozhenchery.  
056-2109380



**MR. SANJU EAPEN JOHN**  
(S-715) AJC  
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church  
Punnaveley, Mallappally.  
056-6007752



**Mr. John Thomas M & Family**  
(J-280) MC  
Transferred to Kerala



**Mr. Sumith John Samuel & Family**  
(S-512) UAQ  
Transferred to UK



**Mr. Joseph Paulose & Family**  
(J-152) IM  
Transferred to Kerala

### Ponnomanakal

*Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal and their parents will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 4.30 pm in parish hall.*

### CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7:30 AM

**General Co-ordinator - Mr. David Joy Joseph (ID# D-31) 052-8863500**

- Route 1** Ajman - Al Jurf - Church Mr. Japhin George (J-523) 056 2447890 ( Bus Starting 6.15 am)
- Route 2** National Paint - Binladen - Geco - J&P - Caterpillar - J&P - CS - Maza - Church  
Mr. Shajjumon Thankachan (S-203) 050 8643249 ( Bus Starting 6.15 am)
- Route 3** Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6:10 am ) Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A (6:30)  
Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab (6:45 am) Ghusais (7:00 am), Al Nadha NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7:15 am)  
Al Wahda Road - Church Mr. Binoy Ponnachan (B-213) 050 2776980
- Route 4** Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police Station Mr. Libin Mathew (L-63) 052 2628070
- Route 5** Sonapur - Church, Mr. Joby Michel Joseph (J 584) 054 5985441

## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Day	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel.No.
AJC	02.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		052 - 7709595
RCH	02.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Parish Hall	Mr.Philip V Mathew	P-143	050-7874058
					Mr.Jose M Mathew	J-392	050-9472114
NS	03.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Church	Mr. George K C	G-21	050 - 6964120
					Mr. Manoj P John	M-114	050 – 1598757
					Mr. Mathew Jacob	M-168	050 – 5682852
					Mr. Sebi Zach	S-377	050 – 4885306
					Mr. Baby Mathew	B-153	050 - 5753002
					Mr. Bibin Thomas	B-243	055 - 9767633
ALK	06.03.20	Fri	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas C C	T-017	050-8951260
					Mr.Binu Thomas	B-265	055-7729584
					Mr.Bejo Thomas	B-291	055-4070265
DXG	06.03.20	Fri	9.00 pm	Navathi Hall	Mr.Bijumon Samuel	B-162	056-6809642
CA	09.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Manoj Samuel	M-287	055-7059356
					Mr.Samson Thomas Kalloor	S-68	055-3279819
BMW	09.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Parish Hall	Contact Area Secretary		050-6571240
ABC	10.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Mathai John P	M-152	050-2107192
					Mr.Koshy Mathew Kurien	K-81	050-5417413
					Mr.Roney Isaac Mathew	R-177	050-3463551
MM	10.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Parish Hall	Mr.Roney Mathew	R-193	050-3017561
					Mr.George Varghese	G-155	055-4615648
DXA	13.03.20	Fri	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas John	T-182	055-9565584
SCS	16.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Parish Hall	Mr.Vibin Chacko	V-141	050-1524394
SUC	16.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		055-9222384
ACC	17.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham John	A-136	050-4554097
					Mr.Sajin George Sajan	S-578	050-5417876
IM	17.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Parish Hall	Mr.Babu Samuel	B-057	050-4566462
SAN	20.03.20	Fri	9.00 pm	Navathi Hall	Mr.Roy Baby	R-101	055-8711473
AGM	20.03.20	Fri	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Jaymon P Unni	J-445	055-9906837
MC	23.03.20	Mon	9.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-8077769
RSQ	24.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Navathi Hall	Mr.Joy Mathew	J-71	050-6528316
KHS	24.03.20	Tue	9.00 pm	Church	Mr.Regy Philip P	R-48	050-2011577

## Parish Spritual Organaisations - Events

### Sunday School

Head Master : Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-19) 050 7278925

Secretary : Mr. Stanley John (S-550) 055 718 6683

Asst. Head Mistress : Mrs. Mercy Mathew (M-02) 050 5275432 | sharjahmtss@gmail.com

- **New Admission : Open for all classes for Friday, Saturday and Umm Al Quwain batches. Online form available on Parish Website**
- **Admission for Nursery 1: For students whose birthdays fall between 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016.**
- **Last date for Arts Competition registration-13th March 2020 for Friday and UAQ sessions and 14th March 2020 for SAT session. Details are uploaded in the parish website.**
- **Teens meet on Friday 27th March,2020 after Sunday School classes.**
- **Memory Verse Competition after Sunday School classes on 27th March,2020 for Friday and UAQ session and 28th March 2020 for SAT session. Oral exams from Nursery – Primary and written exams for Junior – Young Adult.**
- **Third Friday Sunday school Qurbana after Sunday School classes on 20th March,2020.**

### Parish Mission

**Every Sunday 9:00 pm at Church**

**Prayer cell co-ordinators.** Mr.Biji Mammen (B-06) 055 6085611

Mr Philip Thomas (P-59) 050 7756125

Secretary: Mr. P.C.Jacob (J-01) 050-498 2140

Vice President: Mr. Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil (S-52) 050-7976396

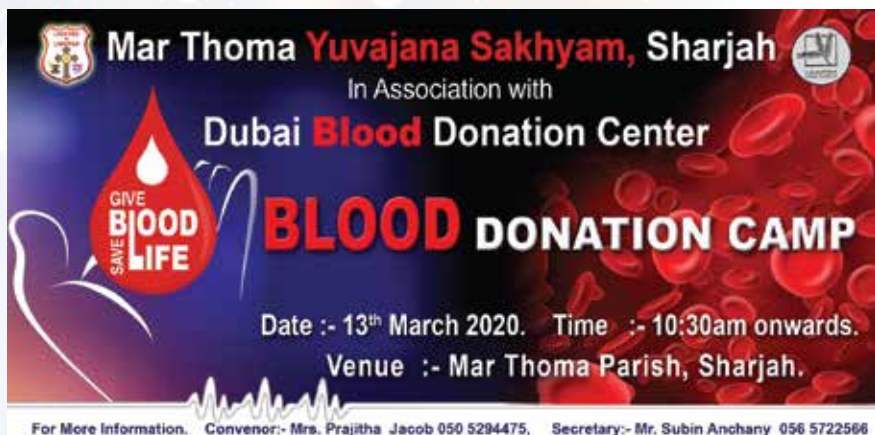
- **26th March , Thursday - Night Prayer from 10.30 pm**

### Yuvajana Sakhyam

**Regular Sakhyam Meeting on Every Saturday at 8.00PM in our Church**

YS Secretary: Mr. Subin George Sam (S-653) 056-5722566 YCF Co-ordinator: Mr. Denny P. George (D-40) 050 9232925

YF Co-ordinator: Mr. Steve Joe Shaji (S-39) 055 944 3681 YS Vice President: Mr. Sibi Mathew (S-451) 056-1488474



The poster is for a blood donation camp. It features a large red blood drop on the left with the text 'GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE' inside it. To the right of the drop, it says 'Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam, Sharjah' in bold red letters, followed by 'In Association with' and 'Dubai Blood Donation Center'. Below this, 'BLOOD DONATION CAMP' is written in large, bold, red and white letters. At the bottom, it specifies the date and time: 'Date :- 13th March 2020. Time :- 10:30am onwards.' and the venue: 'Venue :- Mar Thoma Parish, Sharjah.' There are logos for the Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the Dubai Blood Donation Center. At the very bottom, it provides contact information: 'For More Information, Convenor:- Mrs. Prajitha Jacob 050 5294475, Secretary:- Mr. Subin Anchany 056 5722566'.

**Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam, Sharjah**  
In Association with  
**Dubai Blood Donation Center**  
**BLOOD DONATION CAMP**  
Date :- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Time :- 10:30am onwards.  
Venue :- Mar Thoma Parish, Sharjah.  
For More Information, Convenor:- Mrs. Prajitha Jacob 050 5294475, Secretary:- Mr. Subin Anchany 056 5722566



## Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesday at 9.00 pm at Parish Hall

Vice President: Mrs.Ivy Mathew (J-028)050-7579562

Secretary: Mrs.Jolly George (G-56)050-2681399

## Church Choir

Practise on every wednesday 9.00 pm at church

Secretary : Mr.Rubin Raju (R-227) 052-5426826

Vice President : Mr.Jacob Samuel (J-113) 050-7844128

“കർത്താവേ, എന്റെ അധരങ്ങളെ തുറക്കേണമേ;  
എന്നാൽ എന്റെ വായ നിന്റെ സ്തുതിയെ വർണിക്കും”

## Senior Citizens Forum

Vice President : Mr.George Thomas (G-52)050-6561876

Secretary : Mr.Raju Samuel (R-66)050-4545250

➤ 7th and 21st March - Assisting Sandhya Namaskaram.

## Youth Fellowship

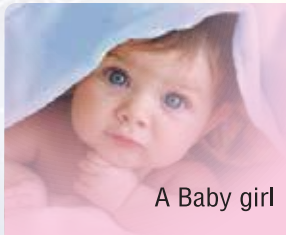
Youth Fellowship at 10:30 am. Every Friday after service at Library

For more details please contact

**YF COORDINATOR : Mr. Steve Joe Shaji 055 944 3681**

## KIDS AND TEENS

Date	Area	Time
16-3-2020	SUC&SCS	7.00 pm
20-3-2020	UAQ	5.00 pm
21-3-2020	ALK	6.00 pm
22-3-2020	ABC& ACC	7.00 pm
23-3-2020	MC	7.00 pm
24-3-2020	MM	7.00 pm
25-3-2020	RCH	7.00 pm
27-3-2020	AJC	8.00 pm
28-3-2020	KHS	7.00 pm
29-3-2020	CA	7.00 pm
30-3-2020	SAN	7.00 pm



*Heartly Congratulations  
to the Proud Parents !!!*

*New Born*

A Baby girl **Aradhya Anna Dani** born to Mrs.Asha Dani & Mr.Dani George  
( ID# D-39, ABC ) on 04th February 2020

## CONDOLENCES



**Mrs.Leelamma Thomas**, 70 years  
wife of Our Former Member Mr.T T Thomas  
Mother of Mr.Tiju Thomas ( T-51, UAQ )  
Funeral service held at Ayroor Carmel Mar Thoma Church.

## CONDOLENCES

- ◆ **Mr.T.J Mathai** , 84 years Father of Mr. John Mathew ( ID # J-149 ,ALK ) passed away.  
Funeral service held at St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Puthuval.
- ◆ **Mrs.Chinnamma Skaria** ,81 years Mother of Mr.Thomas Zacharia ( ID # T-31, MM ) passed away.  
Funeral service held at Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church, Punnakkadu.
- ◆ **Mrs.Chinnamma Thomas** , 90 years Mother of Mr.Thomas Mathew ( ID # T-5, RSQ ) Passed away.  
Funeral service held at St Pauls Mar Thoma Church, Kandenperoor.
- ◆ **Mr.K T Jacob** , 75 years Father of Mrs. Miji Jacob ( W/O Mr. Robin Mammen ID # R-99, DXG )  
passed away. Funeral service held at Kolenchery Pazhamthottam St Mary's Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Mrs.Thankamma George** ,89 years Mother of Mrs.Annamma John ( ID #J-155 , ACC ) Passed away.  
Funeral service held at Puthiyakavu St Mary's Orthodox church, Mavelikara.
- ◆ **Mr.V K Joshua** ,71 years Father of Mr. Rejoe Joshua ( ID # R-130, MC ) passed away.  
Funeral service held at St.Peters Mar Thoma Church, Chennithala.
- ◆ **Mr.Mathew George** ,72 years Father of Mrs. Sheena Mathew ( W/O Dr.Liju John Thomas ID # L-12, AJC )  
passed away. Funeral service held at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Ernakulam.
- ◆ **Mr.Jacob Varghese** ,75 years Father of Mrs.Jisha Siby ( W/O Mr.Siby Koleth ID # S-528, UAQ )  
passed away. Funeral service held at St Thomas Orthodox Church, Pandanad North.
- ◆ **Mr.K M George** ,96 years Father of Mrs. Jolly George ( W/O Mr. K M Georgekutty ID # G-56, MM )  
passed away. Funeral service held at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Kurianoor.
- ◆ **Mrs. Achamma Varghese Pappy** , 90 years Mother of Mrs. Annamma Benjamin( W/O Mr. Benjamin Mathew  
ID # B-20, BMW ) passed away. Funeral service held at Sehion Mar Thoma Church, Venmony.
- ◆ **Mrs.Thankamma Pappachan** , 89 years Grand mother of Mr. Tinjo Thankachen ( ID# T-296, KHS )  
passed away. Funeral service held at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Kundara

**The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them.**

***For more informations, Please contact:***

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