

# THE MARTHOMA PARISH, SHARJAH

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## Parish Bulletin

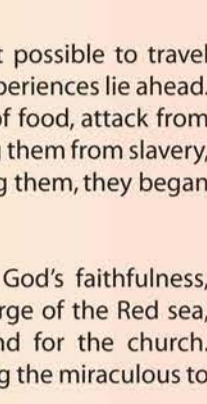
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## 40 years of Heavenly Providence

### Parish: Life Giving Stream in the wilderness

Celebrating 40 years of its mission and journey

## Message From Vicar



### Journeying Life

Different people see this life from different perspectives. The way you see this life is the way you are likely to take, handle and treat it. For example, some see life as a war or a battle-ground. A few others see life as a competition and competition is also about winning, finding out who the best is or who comes first. An unhealthy spirit of competition leads to killing, cheating and embezzlements. The Bible emphatically states that life is a journey. The journey of life is has a clear-cut destination, rules, regulations and purpose for it

The Israelites were a good model of a journeying community. Famine and related poverty affected their peaceful life and thereby they searched for a place which could cater to their needs. Journey of Joseph to Egypt is the pioneer one of this kind. At first they received prominent place in the new land. Such elevated position does not long for years. The new Pharaoh made them into slaves. In this vulnerable situations they dreamt for a Canaan, a better place for their sustenance

Moses was elevated as the leader of Israelites for their deliverance from bondage. During their march towards Canaan they faced various challenges. Adapting to the new circumstances and acclimatizing with the new culture was a challenge. Another challenge was adverse circumstances

In the midst of journeying, one has to face various hazards. It is not possible to travel through highways always. Sometimes rough roads and even desert experiences lie ahead. Israelites faced diverse threats such as raging seas, bitter water, lack of food, attack from enemies, hectic work load and snakes. Despite God's grace in delivering them from slavery, despite His generosity in feeding them, despite His guidance in leading them, they began to murmur and complain against God and Moses

The book of Exodus is a truly wonderful and remarkable story of God's faithfulness, provision and sustaining grace. Church is like the Israelites, on the verge of the Red sea, about to step forward, journeying through to God's Promised Land for the church. Stepping forward involves faith and seeing God, the God of Israel, doing the miraculous to make a way for His people in seemingly impossible circumstances

God uses the itinerant life of the Israelites to illustrate to the church a powerful spiritual lesson. When in the end, God's people were led to so goodly an inheritance, they forgot the sore trials of their pilgrimage through the wilderness. We must realize that this world, this vestibule of eternity, is God's place of discipline, God's place of preparation and God's ground for training us. As said in Deu: 8:16, God's purpose in making us go through the wilderness is to do us good at our latter end. Forward then, in peace and hope! Faith today, sight tomorrow! Weariness now, rest by and by! Here the desert; beyond the Promised Land! Forward!

Rev. John Philip P.

Vicar

### Hearty Welcome to New Members



Mr. Ajin Varughese (A-386) UAQ  
Bethel Mar Thoma Church  
Nellimala, Eriviperoor  
056 1536775



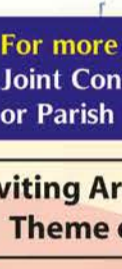
Mr. Aju Mathew John (A-387) SUC  
Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church  
Mundackal, Thalachira  
056 2730778



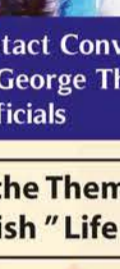
Mr. Binoj Jacob (B-314) ABC  
Salem Mar Thoma Church  
Kundara, Kollam  
050 8756926



Mr. JEPHIN B. MATHEWS (J-573) KHS  
Salem Marthoma Church,  
Chennithala South P.O., Mavalikara,  
058 2484480



Mr. Rojan George (R-279) RSQ  
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church  
Pallickal, Mavalikara  
055 7815653



Mr. Timmy Sam Thomas (T-289) RCH  
St. Pauls Marthoma Church,  
Kandempoor, Ranni  
055 2733043



Mr. Tobey Philip Thampy (T-290) SAN  
Carmel Mar Thoma Church  
Ayroor, Velliyara  
050 9848776



Mr. Subin George Sam (S-653) AJC  
Mar Thoma Church  
Kadammanitta  
056 5722566

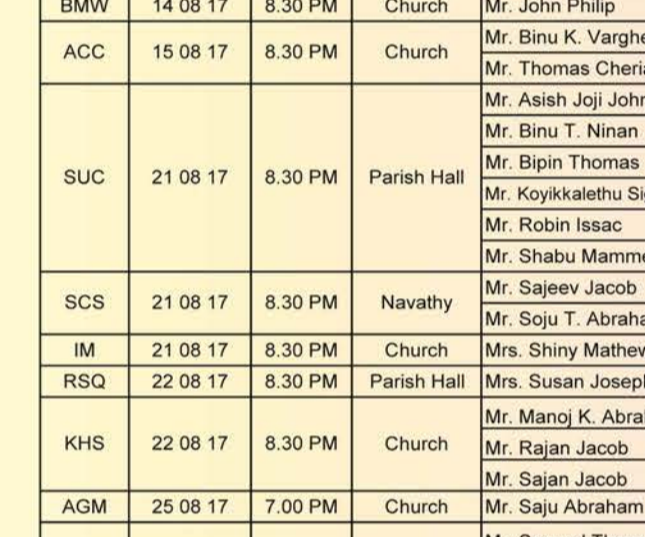
## Sharjah MarThoma Parish Mission Presents

40 YEARS OF HEAVENLY PROVIDENCE

### Parish Life Giving Stream in the wilderness

## ബീദനീരകര 2017

A Musical Live Concert For Attapadi Projects



Main Singers: K. G. MARKOSE  
Rev. SAJAN P. MATHEW  
Ms. CELIN

Venue: : Worship Centre, Sharjah  
Date: : Saturday 7th Oct 2017  
Time: : 7 pm onwards

For more details Contact Convener: Mr. Jayan T John Tel: 050 736 0263  
Joint Convener: Mr. George Thomas Tel: 050 656 1876  
or Parish Mission Officials

### Inviting Articles for the Theme Book Publishing in Relation to the Theme of our Parish " Life Giving Stream in the wilderness "

Please Contact:

Mr. Sam Cherian (S-63) 050 6793842

Mr. Manoj Abraham (M-197) 050 1530170

UAQ - 7:00 pm on all Fridays (except 3rd Friday)  
Contact Area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham, S-283 | 050 3618443

Area Prayer Group - Meeting Dates for SEPTEMBER 2017

01st - DXG, 04th - AJC & RCH, 5th - MC & NS, 8th - DXA, 9th - BMW, 11th - CA, 12th - ABC & MM,  
18th - SUC, IM & SCS, 19th - ACC, 22nd - SAN & AGM, 25th - ALK, 26th - RSQ & KHS

### HOLY QURBAN LECTONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day- Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana Theme	1st lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle/Gospel
03.08.17	Thu. 7:30 pm	ACC	കവിത കണ്ട	Exo. 24:12-18	Heb. 12:18-29	2 Pet. 1:16-19 St. Luke. 9:28-36
04.08.17	Fri. 7:30 am	ALIK	അകലിയിക്കുക			
06.08.17	Sun. 8:00 pm	PARISH MISSION				
10.08.17	Thu. 7:30 pm	AJC	വിവരം	Gen. 2:18-25	Heb. 13:1-6	Eph. 5:21-32 St. Mat. 19:1-12
11.08.17	Fri. 7:30 am	BMW	ഒരു കുറ്റം			
17.08.17	Thu. 7:30 pm	AGM				
18.08.17	Fri. 7:30 am	DXG	വെള്ളാ	2 King 23:1-9	Rev. 1:1-9	1 Pet. 1:13-25 St. Mat. 9:35-38
18.08.17	Fri. 7:00 pm	SENIOR CITIZEN	താമിയിക്കുക			
24.08.17	Thu. 7:30 pm	KHS	വിശ്വാസം	Exo. 16: 1-16	1 Cor. 11:23-30	1 Cor. 10:15-17 St. John 6:47-58
25.08.17	Fri. 8:00 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL	എന്ന കുറ്റം			
31.08.17	Thu. 7:30 pm	IM				
01.09.17	Fri. 7:30 am	MC	വിശ്വാസം	Prov. 8:1-12	Acts. 8:26-38	Col. 1:24-29 St. Mark 11:15-18
03.09.17	Sun. 8:00 pm	PARISH MISSION				

### Fasting Prayer - Every Friday 10:30 am at Navathy Hall

Contact Lay Leaders

Mr. Binu Ponnachan (B-202) 050 2678455 | Mr. Anish Thomas (A-228) 050 8977089

### Bus Service for Friday Holy Qurbana at 7:30 am

General Co-ordinator Mr. Ajeev Joyson (A-195) 050 5242554

- Route 1** Ajman - Church | Mr. Koshykunju V (K-84) 056 9252890 (Bus Starting 6:30 am)
- Route 2** Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nahda - Al Khan - Church  
Mr. Yohannan P. V (Y-02) 055 6779607
- Route 3** Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6:10 am) | Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A (6:30 am)  
Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab (6:45 am), Ghusaib (7:00 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safer Mall (7:15 am)  
Al Wahda Road - Church | Mr. Binu Ponnachan (B-213) 050 2776980
- Route 4** Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police station | Mr. Aby John (A-338) 052 2743356

### JOB CELL

If there are any job vacancies please inform the Convenor  
050 4259358 | smtyjobcell@gmail.com

### PARISH LIBRARY

Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Parish Hall Complex (First Floor)

### PARISH ORGANISATIONS OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2017 - 2018

PARISH MISSION	Vice President Secretary Jt. Secretary Treasurer	Mr. Biji Mammen Mr. Philip Thomas Mr. Roy George Mr. Jayan T John	B-06 P-059 R-49 J-189	050 5450186 050 7756125 050 5595007 050 7360263
SEVICA SANGAM	Vice President Secretary Jt. Secretary Treasurer Accountant	Mrs. Alice Abraham Mrs. Jiss Mary Mammen Mrs. Susan Philip Mrs. Jaya Abraham Mrs. Jaya Babu	A-07 M-216 P-49 A-48 B-09	050 8050348 050 7107961 056 1481345 050 2513531 050 5852477
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM	Vice President Secretary Joint Secretary Joint Secretary Lady Secretary Accountant Young Couples Co-ordinator Y/F Co-ordinator	Mr. Shaji John Mr. Sajeev Jacob Mr. Rahul Chandu Philip Mr. Shiji Samuel Ms. Merlin John Mrs. Rony C Varghese Mr. Rubin Raju Mr. Shinto Varghese Mr. Githin C. George	S-111 S-411 P-12 K-83 J-155 V-26 R-227 S-554 G-21	050 3875770 056 5653943 050 8127809 050 4100870 054 3517385 050 6393540 052 5426826 052 9878177 055 9337604
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Head Master Asst Head Master Secretary Joint Secretary Trustee Accountant	Mr. John Thomas Mr. Varghese Samuel Mr. Ashok Rajan Mr. Shibu Thomas Mrs. Mercy Mathew Mr. Biji Varghese	J-093 V-019 A-112 S-106 M-02 B-205	050 4991168 050 7278925 050 7481361 050 5373928 050 5275432 050 3790181
CHURCH CHOIR	Choir Leader Junior Choir Leader Vice President Secretary	Mr. Thomas Kurian Mr. Jacob Mani Mr. Mathew Philip Mr. Jayan Chacko	T-049 J-098 M-60 J-164	050 7857376 050 6976029 050 6748136 050 6951861
SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM	Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Mr. Joseph Eapen Mr. Jose Daniel Mr. Jacob Abraham	J-167 J-59 J-26	050 3602772 050 7971978 050 5482324

### 40 YEARS OF HEAVENLY PROVIDENCE

The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah, is celebrating 40th year of its mission and journey. The theme selected for the whole year for meditation and prayer is

**"PARISH: LIFE GIVING STREAM IN THE WILDERNESS".**  
**"ഇടവക: മരുഭൂമിയിൽ ജീവൻ നൽകുന്ന നീരകര"**

Wilderness is a symbol of barrenness, loneliness, pain, agony, sorrows etc.  
Stream is a symbol of comfort, growth, life, prosperity etc. It is time to examine, how this parish acted in your life as a stream in the midst of wilderness experience.

Hence this a time of:  
(Deut. 2 : 7)

Thanks giving  
Rejuvenation

## Parish Spiritual Organisations Events

### Sunday School

Closed for Summer Vacations 30th June - 1st September

Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050 4991168 | Secretary: Mr. Ashok Rajan (A-112) 050 3614229  
Asst. Head Master: Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-19) 050 727892 | sharjahmtss@gmail.com

### Parish Mission

Every Sunday 8:30 pm at Church (except 1st Sunday)  
Night Prayer: 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 from 10:30 pm  
Cell Prayer: Every Sunday 7:00 pm at Parish Hall  
Prayer Cell Conveners: Mr. Koshy Kunju P T (K-79) 055 1575447  
Mr. Mathew Koshy (M-7) 050 6978280  
Secretary: Mr. Philip Thomas (P-59) 050 7756125  
Vice President: Mr. Biji Mammen (B-06) 050 5450186

### HOLY LAND TOUR | November 6 - 12

Convenor  
Mr. Raju Samuel (R-66) 050 4545250  
Please remember in your prayer

### Sevika Sangam

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer 20<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am onwards at church  
Secretary: Mrs. Jiss Mary Mammen (M-61) 050 7107961  
Vice President: Mrs. Alice Abraham (A-007) 06 5636921

### MISSION TOUR | AUGUST 6 - 8

Please remember in your prayer

### Yuvaajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

YS, YF & YCF every Saturday 8:30 pm

Youth Fellowship Every Friday 10:30 am at church  
Combined Meetings of YS - YF - YCF on 4th Sat. at 8:00 pm

YS Secretary Mr. Sajeev Jacob (S-411) 055 5653943  
YF Co-ordinator Mr. Githin C. George (G-21) 055 9337604  
YCF Co-ordinator Mr. Shinto Varghese (S-554) 052 9878177  
YS Vice President Mr. Shaji John (S-111) 050 3675770

### Senior Citizens Forum

Regular Monthly Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 8:00 pm at Parish Hall  
Secretary: Mr. Jose Daniel (J-59) 050 7971978  
Vice President: Mr. Joseph Eapen (J-167) 050 3602772

### Church Choir

Practise on every wednesday 8:30 pm at church  
Secretary Mr. Jayan Chacko (J-164) 050 6951861  
Vice President: Mr. Mathew Philip (M-60) 050 6748136

### KIDS AND TEENS MEET

Date	Time	Area	Date	Time	Area
18.08.17	7.00 PM	ACC	27.08.17	7.00 PM	AGM
20.08.17	7.00 PM	RSQ	28.08.17	7.00 PM	MM
22.08.17	7.00 PM	SAN	29.08.17	7.00 PM	CA

### New Born

A baby girl JEWEL JOSEPH THARAKAN, born to Mrs. Libi Joseph and Mr. Joseph John (ID No. J-513, SCS) on 22nd June, 2017

## CONDOLENCES



Mr. KAROOR. K. SAMSON (50 YEARS)

We express our heartfelt condolences on the demise of our member (Church ID K-76, IM, Ex-Trustee 2014-15)  
Funeral Service held on Wednesday, 19/07/17, 3.00 PM at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Thamarakulam

Mrs. Lilly Mathew, 72 yrs, Mother of Mr. Saji Mathew (S-209, IM) passed away. Funeral services held at MTC, Cheppad.  
Mrs. Annamma Mathai, 71 Yrs, Mother of Mr. Mathai John (M-152, ABC) passed away. Funeral services held at MTC, Penukkara.  
Mrs. Mariamma Chacko, 99 Yrs, Grad Mother of Mr. Jacob George (J-320, AGM) & Mrs. Bindu M. George (P-83, AGM) passed away. Funeral services held at MTC, Karuvatta  
Mr. M.A. Kurian, 71 Yrs, Father of Mr. Aji Kurian Andrews (A-374, MM) passed away. Funeral services held at Christos MTC, Anchery  
Mrs. Susan Philip, 59 yrs, sister-in-law of Mr. Mammen Thomas (M-229, ACC) passed away. Funeral services held at MTC, Melpadom  
Mr. P.O. Mathews, 86 yrs, Father of Mr. Commem Mathew (O-08, ABC) passed away. Funeral services held at MTC, Cheppad  
Mr. PV. John, 84 yrs, Father of Mr. Shaji P. John (S-294, NS) & Mrs. Saly Jacob (J-241, AJC) passed away.  
Mr. Varghese Eapen, 86 Yrs, Grand Father of Mr. Anish Eapen (A-385, RSQ) passed away. Funeral Service held at Salem MTC, Kuriannor  
Funeral Service held at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, South Pampady  
Mr. C.A. Abraham, 88 Yrs, Father of Mr. Andrews Abraham (A-220, SCS) passed away. Funeral Service held at Salem MTC, Kumpalampola  
Mr. K.J. Samuel, 87 Yrs, Father of Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-166, UAQ) passed away. Funeral Service held at Salem MTC, Kidanganoor  
Mrs. Mariamma Daniel, 80 Yrs, Mother of Late Mr. John Daniel (J-155, ACC), Mr. John Daniel (J-374, ACC) & Mrs. Annamma Varghese (V-96) ACC, passed away. Funeral Service held at Salem MTC, Kilimel

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.  
May God's care strengthen and comfort them.

### For more informations Please contact:

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Chaplain	Rev. Sajesh Mathews 06-554858 / 050-2214400 Fax: 06-5546016 sajeshachen@gmail.com	Trustee Accounts	Mr. Benny K. Jain 050-4517820 benny_jain@hotmail.com

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Church Care Takers: Mr. A. G. Samuel (Joy) 055-2731678, Mr. Mathew John (Biju) 052-5274609

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