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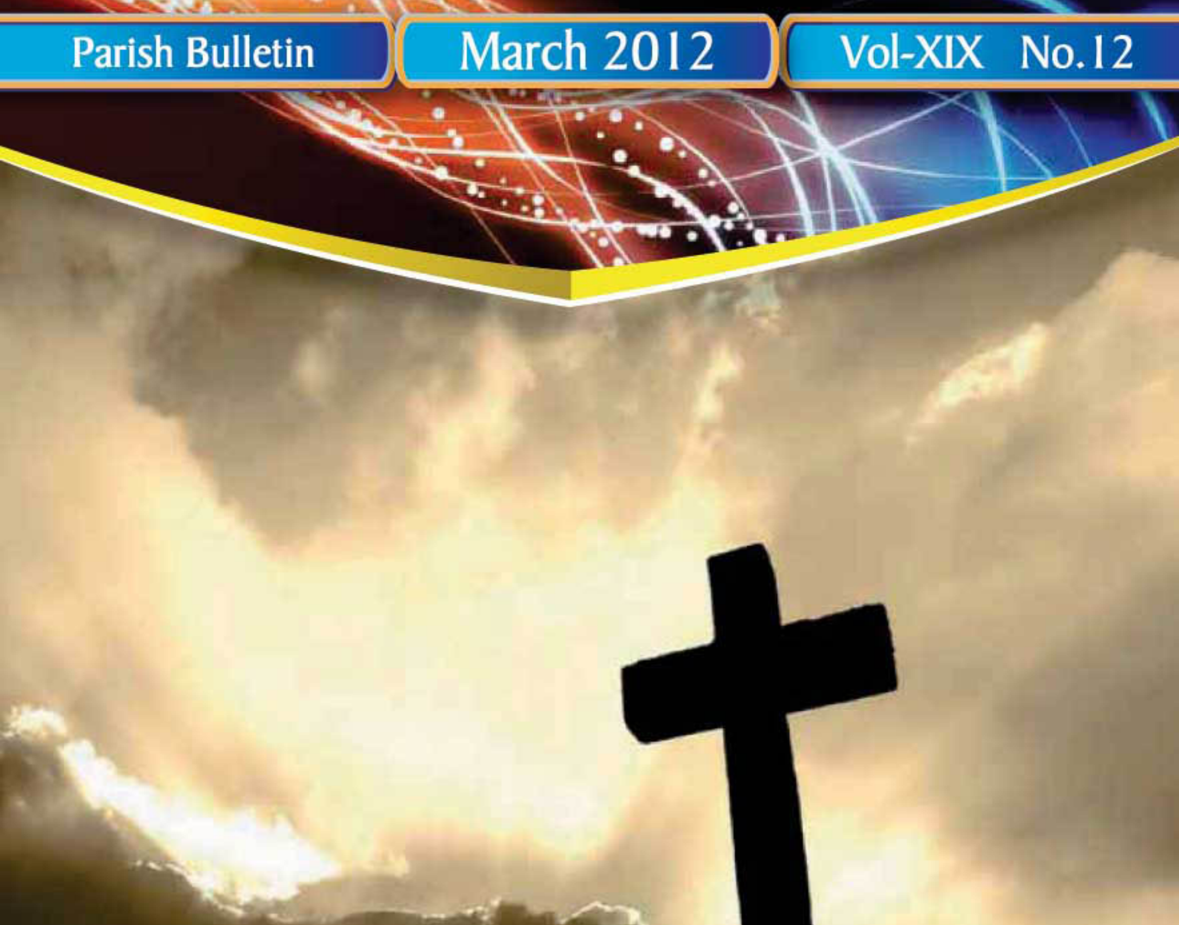

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Message From The Asst. Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Once again we had entered into the blessed fifty days of Lent. Lent is the season to develop greater spiritual discipline; it is a time of repentance and renewal.As someone said LENT means - Leave Every Negative Thing.Most of us wish to have victory over sins, but do nothing about it. We need tolive a victorious Christian life. St Paul to Timothy said; run away from evil desires, and to pursue righteousness and peace. So let us make a serious effort to find moretime in praying and reading the Bible. He needs our time, our presence totransform our lives.

Let us fast from sinful deeds, fast from anger and hatred,fast from judging others, fast from discouragement, fast from complaining, fast from resentment and bitterness and fast from spending too much money. By observing a serious Lent, let us re-establish our lost harmony with God and ourfellow beings. And also resolve to set apart our material resources during this lent to give our caring hands to the most unfortunate brothers and sisters ofour community. Wishing you all a meaningful and fruitful Lent.

By God's grace we came to the last month of another financial year. I want to congratulate all the Office bearers and Kaisthana Samithy members for theirdevoted service rendered to the Parish all through this year. Let us give allglory and honor to Almighty God for using us, for His service.

Let me conclude with these lines, Ants:they are weak, but they store up their food in the summer".

(Prov:30:25).Yes,this is summer in our spiritual life and plenty of food is available now, so gather up the maximum spiritual food so that we may not be hungry in future…!

With love and prayerful regards,

Yours,

K S Mathews Achan

Welcome to New Members

1	SCS	S-456	MR. SAJU VARGHESE BETHEL MARTHOMA CHURCH, NEDUVALOOR, KANNUR Mob No: 050 7846928		4	RCH	W-12	MR. WILLS THOMAS ST THOMAS MARTHOMA, KIDANGANOOR Mob No: 050 4176708	
2	AJM	K-80	MR.KOSHY THOMAS SALEM MATHOMA CHURCH, KAVIYOOR, ANJILTHANAM Mob No: 055 2243011		5	NS	F-8	MR. FRIJIL ROY CHACKO ST. THOMAS MARTHOMA CHURCH, KURIANOOR Mob No: 055 4637204	
3	BMN	I-122	MR. ISSAC ABRAHAM SHARON MARTHOMA CHURCH, PALARIVATTOM, COCHIN Mob No: 050 9242148		6	SCS	R-200	MR. RONY GEORGE JACOB ST. PAULS MARTHOMA CHURCH, POOVATHOOR,	

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
01 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	AJM	Jesus who absolves our Sin (3rd Sunday in Lent)	Isa. 1:1-20	1John.1:5-2:6	Heb.9:24-28 St.Mark. 2:1-12
02 Mar	Fri-7.30 am	BMN				
04 Mar	Sun-8.00 pm	CA				
08 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	IM	The Zeal of Faith (4th Sunday in Lent)	Isa. 45:1-8	Acts.16:6-15	Gal.2:11-21 St.Mat. 15:21-28
09 Mar	Fri-7.30 am	DXB				
15 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	KHS	Restoration through Worship (5th Sunday in Lent)	Isa.59:9-21	Rom.8:31-39	Eph.6:10-20 St Luke. 13:10-17
16 Mar	Fri-7.30 am	MC				
16 Mar	Fri-7.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
22 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	MM	Annunciation to Virgin Mary Messiah: Fullfillment of the promise (36th Sunday) - (40th Friday)	Isa. 42:1-9	Acts. 16:19-34	2Cor. 11:18-28 St.Mark. 10:46-52
23 Mar	Fri-8.00 am	Sunday School				
29 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	NS	Jesus who absolves our Sin (3rd Sunday in Lent)	Numbers 21 : 4-9	(4oth Friday) Epistle – Gal. 6:11-16	Gospel – Matt. 4:1-11
30 Mar	Fri-7.30 am	RCH				
01 Apr	Sun-7.30 pm	RSQ	Hosana - Messiah the Prince of Peace	Zech. 9:9-12	Heb. 5:1-10	Eph. 1:3-10 St.Mark. 11:1-11
05 Apr	Thu-7.30 am	SCS	Passover Thursday- Holy Qurbana: Remembrance of Salvation	Exo.12:1-17 Cor.11:23-34	Heb.9 : 1-15 St.Mat.26:1-16	St.Mat.26:17-30
06 Apr	Fri-8.00 am	-	Good Friday Salvation through Christ	First Service 1st Lesson : Isa.53:1-12 2nd Lesson : 1Pet.1:1-25 Gospel : St.Mat.26:47-75	Second Service 1st Lesson : Zech.13:1-9 2nd Lesson : Gal.3:1-22 Gospel : St.Mat.27:1-44	Third Service 1st Lesson : Num.21:1-9 2nd Lesson : Heb.3:1-19 Gospel : St.Mat.27:45-56
07 Apr	Sat-7.30 pm	SCS	Easter Sunday - Resurrection: Festival of Hope	2Kings.4:27-37	1Cor.15:1-20	Col.3:1-11 St.Luke.24:1-12
08 Apr	Sun-5.00 am	RSQ				

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
AJM	6-Mar-16	08:30pm	Church	Mr. Abu Jacob George	A-130	050 7063318
				Mr. Jacob Thomas	J-284	050 2728977
				Mr. Oommen Chacko	O-11	055 8108245
				Mr. Saji K. Abraham	S-242	050 6793617
MC	7-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathen Mathew Muthalaly	M-204	050 2188268
DXB	3-Mar-16	06:30 pm	Church	Mr. MATHEW C PHILIP	M -170	050 1428535
CA	13-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. BINU K. VARGHESE	B - 70	050 3641875
				Mr. MATHEW M. JOHNSON	M-56	055 9860375
				Mr. SHIJU ZACHARIA	S - 341	050 8604096
RCH	18-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. JAISON ABRAHAM	J-372	050 4275041
				Mr. VARGHESE MATHEW	V-133	055 7270054
ABS	14-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. BINU MATHEWS JOHN	B-124	055 3006633
				Mr.BINNY GEORGE	B-183	050 5740596
				Mr. DANIEL GEORGE	D-10	050 3459690
				Mr. DINESH ITTY THOMAS	D-12	050 4551082
				Mr. DANIEL ABRAHAM	D-19	050 4547270
MM	14-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Residence	Mr. ZACHARIA THOMAS	Z-02	050 6322710
IM	20-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. GEORGEKUTTY .T.M.	G 12	050 6268073
				Mr. JOICE. K .MATHEW	J 180	0507567 237
				Mr. JOHN KURIAN	J 399	0506554951
SCS	20-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.SABU JOSE	S-161	050 6568498
BMN	21-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
NS	21-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. GEORGE JOHN	G-104	050 4276957
				Mr. SUBASH CHERIAN	S-326	050 5054331
KHS	1-Apr-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. SIMON THOMAS	S-48	050 1711660
RSQ	21-Mar-16	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. JACOB C JACOB	J-37	050 6594518
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary				S-29	050-6332519

April 2012 - Prayer Group Dates

9- CA & RCH, 10- ABS & MM, 13- DXB, 16- IM & SCS, 17- BMN & NS
23- AJM & MC, 24- KHS & RSQ

AREA PRAYER GROUP SECRETARIES					
DXB	Mr. M.S.Thomas	050-7550675	IM	Mr. Benny P Samuel	055-9211731
AJM	Mr. Koshy Abraham	050-5245663	SCS	Mr. Varghese Zachariah	050-6792243
MC	Mr. Reji K Varghese	050-6790370	BMN	Mr. John Mathew	050 6265926
CA	Mr. Shaji John	050-3675770	NS	Mr. James Abraham	050-5691712
RCH	Mr. Abraham. K. K	050-7762274	KHS	Mr. K.C. Thomas	050-4505414
ABS	Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham	050-8681481	RSQ	Mr. Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil	050-7976396
MM	Mr. Roshan Abraham	050-5698992	UAQ	Mr. Stephen. K. K	050-6332519

ORGANIZATION SECRETARIES:					
Parish Mission	Mr. Johnson Jacob	050-4556272	Choir	Mr. Sajin Thomas	050-2664030
Sevika Sangham	Mrs. Susy Mathew	055-9861140	Senior Citizen Forum	Mr. Samuel P Mathew	050-6311413
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Promoth George	050-1631018	Senior Citizen Forum	Mr. M M Mathew	050-4569722
Sunday School	Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian	050-3594440	Senior Citizen Forum	Mr. Varghese M John	050-6326958

Organization Events

Parish Mission

Every Sundays at 8.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday (4th,11th & 18th March 2012)

For More Details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr. Johnson Jacob (J-11) 050-4556272

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesdays at 08.30pm at Parish Hall (7th,14th & 21st March 2012)

Fasting Prayer at Church on 17th March 2012 at 10am, (3rd Saturday of every month)

For More Details Contact: Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs. Susy Mathew (ID # M-12), 055-9861140

Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

Every Saturdays, Sakhyam meetings @8.30pm
Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship @6.30 pm
Every 4th Saturday, Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF @ 8.00 pm
January 7th (Saturday) -Sakhyam Meeting : Devotional Talk by Mrs. Priya Susan Abraham

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)"

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact
Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Promoth George (050-1631018)
Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr. Nevin Geo Thomas (050-5372789)
Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr. Johnson Koshy (050-4628195)

Those interested in contributing articles for the next issue of Jyothis magazine ,are requested to give their articles, poems ,cartoons to Jyothis Editor Mr. Saju Abraham.

Sunday School

Every Friday at 10:30 am after Church Service (9th & 16th March 2012)

For more details Contact: Head Master Mr. Issac George 050-7260153
Asst. Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 050-7657029
Secretary : Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050-3594440

Vacation Bible School (VBS-2012)

Venue : Sharjah Marthoma Church
VBS Director : Rev. Thomas John (Student's Chaplain, Bangalore)
Theme : "Get Set Go" (Luke 10.3)
Schedule : Opening Day 23rd March 2012 10.30 AM to 1.15 PM
VBS Classes 24th March - 28th March , 7.45 PM to 9.45 PM
Closing Day 30th March 2012 , 5.30 PM to 8.30 PM
For more details: Contact: VBS Convenor: Mr. Johnson Chacko

Choir

" Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy"

Every Wednesdays from 08.30pm to 10.30pm - Choir Practice at Church (7th,14th & 21st March 2012)

For More Details Contact: Choir Secretary, Mr. Sajin Thomas 050-2664030

Fasting Prayer

"Participate, Pray and get the healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday at 12:15 pm (9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, March 2012),
at Navathy Hall (after Sunday School / VBS)

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders: Mr. Alexander K T - 050-5378753 and Mr Reji K Varghese - 050-6790370

Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on every 3rd Saturday at 8:00 pm at Church, 17th March 2012.All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

For More Details Contact: Mr. Samuel P Mathew, Vice President : 050 6311413
Mr. M M Mathew, Secretarty : 050 4569722
Mr. Varghese M John, Treasurer : 050 6326958

Other Events

Kids &Teens

SCS Kids & Teens Fellowship to be held on Friday, 16th March at 5 pm at the church
AJM Kids & Teens Fellowship to be held on Friday, 23rd March at 5 pm at the church

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

Ajman - Church : Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) Tel: 055 8493329

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel:050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station(6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45) - Ghusais(7.00), Al NahdaNMCRoad, Safeer Mall(7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church"
Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-8812918

Area Picnic

Abushagara Area Picinic on 23 March 2012 after VBS inaugural meeting.
Contact:. Picnic Convenors Mr. Mathew Abraham (M-207) 050-3507173 &
Mr. Saju Abraham (S-390) 050-6756527

New Borns

A baby girl born to Biju & Jemi (ID# B-179) on 19/02/2012
A baby girl, Ashraya born to Jomi & Shuba (ID# J-22) on 05/02/2012
A baby girl born to Rejoe & Remi (ID# R-130) on 15/02/2012

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing Residence, Area Prayer Group, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

Condolences On The Sad Demise Of

Mr. M. V. George (84 years)
father in law of Mr. Abraham Thomas ID # A-240

Mr. Mathew Abraham (94 years) grand father of Mr. Ritty Abraham Mathew ID # R-118

Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (75 years) mother of Mr. Sunil Thomas ID # S-446 and mother in law of Mr. K.C.George ID # G-21

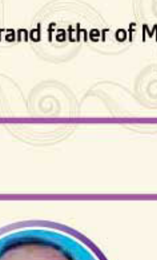
Mr. Chacko Eapen (99 years) grand father of Mr. Jacob Kunjapppan ID # J-147, Mrs. Alex Abraham ID # A-106, Mrs. Mathew Baby ID # M-200

Mr. Thomas Abraham (73 years)
father in law of Mr. George Lal ID # G-100

Mrs. Rahelamma John (90 years)
mother of Mr. K. J. John ID # J-203

Mr. K.V.Philipose ID # P8
Former member

Rev. K. P. Alexander
Former Vicar



Mathew Pappachen (Babu)
(M-13)

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

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Parish Secretary: Mr. M. A. Mathew (M-12)
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Church Caretakers: Mr. Sanal Abraham: Tel No: 050-4944158 , Mr. A. G. Samuel (Joy) Tel No: 055-2731678