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## Message from Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The tongue is a small organ and boasts great things. (James 3:5).

A mosquito is a very tiny insect, but its potential for devastation is enormous. James, in this verse, warns us of another little thing that can be very destructive. He says that even though the tongue is a little organ, it boasts great things. It's like a small spark that sets a dense forest on fire (James:3:5). Although the tongue is small, the damage it can do is significant. Words carry with them the power of healing or the power to destroy. And when it destroys, its destructive capacity is far greater than the consequence of any mosquito bite. It is hence essential to make sure that we use our words with wisdom and great care. Consider carefully the words we choose and find out whether they are seasoned with the balm of grace or the poison of anger.



A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life,  
A timely word may lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal and bless.

The great lent begins on March 2nd. Lent is a time of the year when all solemn followers of Christ discipline themselves and try to renew their lives. Some people give up something in lent. Others take up something. This is good, but what is most important is real alteration. During the lent season we need to spend more time in prayer and meditation. If we follow the discipline of observing the lent we will feel fresh, renewed and cleansed in body, mind and soul. This spiritual discipline will help us to examine our lives before the Lord and empower us to purify our hearts by the power of Holy Spirit. Let this lent be a time of transformation for each one of us and for our parish.

It was a great blessing for us to have Samson Samuel achen as our students chaplain for the past three years. The parish as a family acknowledge and appreciate all the services rendered by Achen in our midst especially among our kids and teens. As Achen is being transferred to Bhopal St. Peters MarThoma Church, M.P, as vicar, I wish God's richest blessings to Samson Achen, Susan Kochamma and Sruthi mol.

For the Sunday school family, the time of V B S is near. It is scheduled to be held from March 21st to 28th. The theme for this year's VBS is "Treasures in Clay". I request all the parents to send their children to the VBS. The month of March starts with Board exams. Let us all uphold in our prayers all our children who are appearing for the exams. By the time this news letter reach your hands our general body would have elected the new office bearers for the next financial year. I congratulate all the new office bearers and also I sincerely extend my thanks to all those who have ministered with me in this financial year. As we are approaching the end of this financial year it is our responsibility to pay all the subscription and other arrears. Please do the necessary.

May the compassionate God keep all of us in the shadow of His grace in the coming days.

Yours in His Service,

**Philip C Mathew Achen**



# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 03 2014	Sun 8.00 pm	NS	Beginning of Great Lent. Transformation of creation	Isa.44:21-28	1 Tim.1:12-17	Rom.11:13-24 St.John.2:1-11
06 03 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	SCS	Cleansing Christ	Zech.13:1-9	1 John.1:5-10	Eph.2:1-10
07 03 2014	Fri 7.30 am	UAQ				St.Mark.1:40-45
13 03 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	ACC	Forgiving Christ	Gen.4:8-16	Acts.16:11-18	Rom.5:6-11
14 03 2014	Fri 7.30 am	ABC				St.Mark.2:1-12
20 03 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	CA	Accepting Christ	Hos.2:14-23	Phile.1-21	Gal.6:1-5
21 03 2014	Fri 7.30 am	DXA				St.Math.15:21-28
21 03 2014	Fri 7.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
27 03 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	KHS	Redeeming Christ	Exo.3:1-10	Rom.8:31-39	Gal.5:1-12
28 03 2014	Fri 8.00 am	S.School (English)				St.Luke.13:10-17
03 04 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	RCH	Restoring Christ	Job.42:10-17	Phil.2:5-11	Eph.2:1-10
04 04 2014	Fri 7.30 am	DXG				St.Mark.10:46-52
06 04 2014	Sun 8.00 pm	RSQ				

*"Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life" Proverbs 22:6*



## Sharjah Mar Thoma Sunday School VBS 2014

**Venue : Sharjah Mar Thoma Church**

Opening Day : Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (10.30 am - 1.15 pm)

VBS Classes : 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> (7.45 pm - 9.45 pm)

Closing Day : Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> (5.30 pm - 8.30pm)



### THEME TREASURES IN CLAY

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നികേതവങ്ങൾ



VBS Director  
**Mr. Don John Thomas**  
(Mumbai)

Contact Number  
Mrs. Jennie Tharakan (050-5992832)

Isaiah 64:8

# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	SAN	B-270	Mr. BOBBY MATHEWS GEORGE (BOBBAN) St. Thomas MTC, Parackathanam, Mallapally bobby1979mg@yahoo.com 055-3322817		12	RSQ	R-226	Mr. RANJITH BABU ( RENJITH) Bethel MTC - Ottupara - Konni 056-6350183	
2	IM	B-271	Mr. BOBBEN MATHEW Bethel MTC - Padi - Chennai bobben.2008@gmail.com 055-9571063		13	DXG	S-542	Mr. SAJI GEORGE (SAJI) Bethel MTC - Panavely - Kottarakara sajjigeorge007@gmail.com 055-9724798	
3	SCS	G-166	Mr. GIYO T GEORGE Immanuel MTC - Thevalakara giyo172@gmail.com 052-6842384		14	AGM	S-543	Mr. SHAJI MATHEW (SHAJI) Jerusalem MTC - Perumpetty - Kattanad shajimathewp@hotmail.com 050-4651889	
4	SCS	G-167	Mr. GEORGE V RICHARD (MERIL) St. Andrews MTC - Vadaserikara georgevrichard@gmail.com 050-7603945		15	NS	S-544	Mr. SHIBI MATHEW St. Thomas MTC - Puthenpeedika - Omalloor tmshibi@yahoo.co.in 055-4450503	
5	KHS	J-483	Mr. JINU K SAMUEL (JINU) North Madras MTC - Rajakkadal, Thiruvottiyur ksjinu@gmail.com 055-2166139		16	SCS	S-545	Mr. Shibe Varghese (Shibe) Mar Thoma Valiyapally, Elanthoor shibukuzhikala@hotmail.com 050-7856728	
6	RSQ	J-484	Mr. JINU GEORGE ( JINU ) Salem MTC -Konnappara - Konni jinugeorge@gmail.com 050-8994739		17	AJC	T-260	Mr. THOMAS ABRAHAM (RENNY) Salem MTC, Kaviyoor, Anjilithanam rennyabraham1972@gmail.com 050-5604675	
7	KHS	K-085	Mr. KOCHUMMAN CHARUVILA RAJU (RAJU) Mar Thoma Church - Odanavattom kochummanraju@gmail.com 050-5286029		18	UAQ	V-160	Mr. VIMAL THOMAS Mar Thoma Valiyapally, Elanthoor vimalthomas0@gmail.com 050-5641971	
8	AJC	L-054	Mr. LANCY PERIAIA (LANCY) St. Thomas MTC - Kappil - Kayamkulam mercymolthomas@yahoo.com 050-1385275		19	SAN	A-316	Mr. ALEX VARGHESE (RAJAN) Mar Thoma Church, Edanadu, Puthencavu nv_alex@yahoo.com 050-4283814	
9	IM	M-253	Mr. MANOJ MATHEW (MATHEW K GEORGE) AMPOTY Emmanuel MTC- Pazhavengdikara- Rammy renny.manoj@yahoo.com 050-3629141		20	AGM	B-272	Mr. BOBEN BABU JOSEPH (BOBEN) Sethion MTC, Pulled bobanjos2010@gmail.com 050-4197350	
10	AGM	P-130	Mr. PHILIP C CHERIAN (JOJY) St. Thomas MTC - Kazhencherry jomachennattu@yahoo.com 050-2034639		21	IM	J-485	Mr. JACOB THOMAS (REJI) St. Thomas MTC, Parackathanam, Mallapally jac_thoma@yahoo.com 050-9571189	
11	AGM	R-225	Mr. REGI GEORGE (REGI) Christos MTC - Eruvellipra - Kattod- Thiruvalla 050-2216752						

**KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE RESPECTIVE AREA SECRETARIES FOR MARCH 2014**

## NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy, Jonathan Chacko Koshy, is Born to Mr. Koshy Chacko(Kevin) & Mrs. Cgy Rebecca John Church ID K-53, DXG area prayer.
- ★ A baby Girl, Juwana, is born to Mr. Varghese Abraham (Jomon) & Mrs. Mariyama Varghese Church ID V-44, RSQ area prayer.
- ★ A Baby Girl, Leah Ann Thomas, is Born to Mr. Binu Thomas And Nikitha Elza Thomas ID B-265, MC Area Prayer Group.





# DEDICATION CEREMONY

*Dedication Ceremony Of Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference  
Convenors On Friday, 7th March, 2014 During The Church Service.*

## 18<sup>TH</sup> GULF MAR THOMA YOUTH CONFERENCE, SHARJAH

**Date : 3 - 5th October, 2014**

**Hosted by Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam**

Chief Patron  
Patron  
Patron

**His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan**  
**Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa**  
**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa**

**President : Rev: Philip C Mathew**  
**Vice President : Rev: Philip George**  
**Vice-President : Rev. Samson Samuel**

**General Convenor : Mr. Manoj T. Varghese**  
**Joint Convenor : Benoj K. Abraham**  
**Joint Convenor : Binu Easow Samuel**

### Convenor

### Joint Convenor

**Programme**  
**Finance**  
**Sovenier**  
**Accommodation**  
**Registration**  
**Reception**  
**Publicity & Media**  
**Visa/Immigration**  
**Printing & Stationery**  
**Food**

**Mr. Pramod George**  
**Mr. P C Jacob**  
**Mr. Mathew Philip & Mr. Moni Jose Cherian**  
**Mr. Sam P George**  
**Mr. Abrahm Mathew**  
**Mr. Saju Abraham**  
**Mr. Binu Varghese**  
**Mr. Cherian Thomas**  
**Mr. Johnson Koshy**  
**Mr. Thomas Varghese**

**Ms. Priya Susan Abraham**  
**Mr. Sony Varghese**

**Ms. Jessy Anna Philip**  
**Ms. Soumya Sara Cherian**  
**Ms. Sweetha Sam**  
**Mr. George John**  
**Mr. Mathew M Thomas**  
**Mr. Shyju Abraham**  
**Mr. Abraham Chacko &**  
**Ms. Grace Koshy**  
**Mr. Siby Mathew**  
**Mr. Roy Baby**  
**Ms. Beena Johnson**  
**Mr. Binny P S**  
**Mr. Niren Abraham &**  
**Mr. Mathew Abraham**

**Transportation**  
**General Arrangement**  
**Prayer Cell**  
**Talent Night**  
**Medical**  
**Souvenir Chief Editor**  
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**Mr. Denil Thomas**  
**Mr. M S Thomas**  
**Mr. Alexander K T**  
**Ms. Sosamma Eapen**  
**Mr. Johnson Chacko**  
**Mr. Aji Thomas & Nidish Cherian**

**" DIOCESE COLLECTION VISIT IS IN PROGRESS BY REV. SUNIL CHACKO ACHEN.  
KINDLY PRAY FOR THE DIOCESE WORK AND INVOLVE IN IT"**





# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
RCH	03 03 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Biju Mathew	B-240	050-8075347
				Mr. Moncy Mathew	M-219	050-2096656
AJC	03 03 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. George Mathew	G-127	050-5259199
				Mr. Thomas Joseph	T-155	050-5683869
				Mr. Linu Jacob	L-031	050-5452051
NS	04 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Yohannan	A-289	050-5763750
				Mr. Arun Tom Mathew	A-307	050-7156509
				Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-251	050-8669350
				Mr. Varghese KC	V-128	055-9454562
DXG	7 03 2014	07.00 pm	Church	Moni Jose Cherian	M-059	050-7868629
BMW	10 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Reni John	R-102	050-5672454
CA	10 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomaskutty KS	T-073	050-3033116
				Mr. Jayan Chacko	J-164	050-6951861
				Mr. Aby Varghese	A-058	050-4314002
ABC	11 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Binu Mathew	B-117	050-5122657
				Mr. Joy Thomas	J-159	055-9296398
				Mr. Shaiju Abraham	S-374	055-6124531
MM	11 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Oommen	J-090	050-6798894
DXA	14 03 2014	07.00 pm	Church	Mr. Rijo Jacob	R-187	050-9509360
MC	14 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Reny P Cherian	R-018	050-6363642
SCS	17 03 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Dr. Sudheep Thomas	S-076	050-7748977
IM	17 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Ashly Thomas	A-183	050-2156545
				Mr. Sujith Thomas	S-465	050-5505320
SAN	18 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Ebey Mathew K	S-229	050-5190747
ACC	18 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Dinesh Itty Thomas	D-012	050-4551082
				Mr. Saimon K	S-023	050-3554549
				Mr. Sharly Benjamin	S-084	055-5743162
KHS	18 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Lalu Varghese	L-004	050-4995340
RSQ	29 03 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mrs. Susan Joseph	S-097	055-5061711
				Ms. Ragi Sara Varghese	R-214	055-2822318
AGM				Contact Area Secretary		

UAQ 7.00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday> Contact area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham S-283 - 050-3618443

## April 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

1st MC, NS, 4th DXG, 7th RCH, AJC, 8th ABC, MM, 11th DXA, 14th BMW, CA,  
15th ACC, SAN, 21st IM, 22nd KHS, RSQ, 25th AGM, 28th SCS



# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

**PARISH MISSION** Every Sunday at 8.30 pm at Church , except 1st Sunday

Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. George Thomas (G-25) 050-5861685 for more details.

**SEVIKA SANGAM** Every Wednesday at 8.30 PM at Parish Hall

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.**

**Normal Meeting:**

- \* Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm at Church
- \* Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- \* Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

**For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:**

- \* Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham 050-8681481
- \* Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Ashish James 055-9989254
- \* Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Binu Varghese 050-8520079

**Blood Donation Campaign will be held on 14th March Friday 2014 at Sharjah Mar Thoma Church Navathi Hall**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Every Friday at 10.30 am at Church

Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT:** Secretary Mr. Alexander Varghese Tel. 050-4273398

**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."

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT:** Choir Secretary: Mr. Roy K Iype 050-9785560

**FASTING PRAYER:** Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall (after Sunday School)

*"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"*

**CONTACT LAYLEADERS :-** Mr Jacob M Chacko 050-9572842 Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)**

Senior Citizens' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 Saturday at 8.00 PM at Parish Hall

**Contact for more details:** Mr Varghese M John - Vice President - 050 - 6326958  
Mr Thomaskutty K S - Secretary - 050 - 3033116  
Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

**CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7.30 AM**

Ajman-Church: Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B-121) 050-8631207

Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church

Mr. Binu M Alex(B-158) 050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10 am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30 am), Hor-Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45 am)

Ghusais (7.00), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall ( 7.15 am), Al Wahda Road,

Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700



**JOB CELL:** If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor -  
Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email : smtysjobcell@gmail.com

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Group, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter to update our records.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY -PROOF ALREADY DISPLAYED AND PRINTING IN PROGRESS**

**For more details contact :-**

Convenors Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050 3594440 or Mr KT Alexander 050 5378753

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**WEB SITE**

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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**OBITUARY**



**Mrs. ANNAMMA THOMAS**

W/O Mr. P.J. Thomas Church ID T-150, Mother in law  
of Dr. Ashok Rajan Church ID A-112,  
Church Area Prayer Group,

## CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

- ❖ Mrs. Mary Joseph 52 years, wife of our former member Mr. NV Joseph. ID J-86 and sister-in-law of Mr. Abraham varghese ID A-54, passed away
- ❖ Mrs. Thankamma Mathew 81 years, mother in law of Mr. Saji Thomas ID S-201, IM area prayer passed away on 28th January 2014
- ❖ Mrs. Annamma Thomas 65 years, wife of our member Mr. P.J. Thomas ID T-150 CA prayer and mother in law of Dr. Ashok Rajan ID A-112, CA passed away on 12th February 2014
- ❖ Mrs. Sosamma Ulahannan 80 years, mother in law of Mr. Abraham A.J, ID A-49, AJC prayer group passed away on 10th February 2014
- ❖ Mr. I. Ninan 70 years, father of Mr. Jubbel Isaac Ninan, ID J-273, IM area prayer passed away on 22nd February 2014
- ❖ Mrs. Annamma Thomas, 83 years mother in law of Mr. John Koshy Church ID J-5, RCH area prayer passed away on 23 02 2014
- ❖ Mrs. Annamma Baby 70 years, mother of Mr. K.B. Mathew , Church ID B-212, UAQ area prayer passed away on 19 02 2014
- ❖ Mr. Simon Abraham 73 years, father of Mr. Kurian P Simon(Shibu), Church ID K-47, MC area prayer group passed away on 25 12 2013.

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.

**For more information Please contact:**

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