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GREAT LENT (MARCH 03 - APRIL-21)

SANDHYA NAMASKARAM- MARCH-03rd - APRIL-17th

TIME:08.00PM-09.00PM

Message From Youth Chaplain



Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior and Jesus Christ,

We are entering into Great Lent, the season of preparation before Easter. It reminds Jesus' victory on the Cross and the triumph of His resurrection. The good traditions and practices of church are to enunciate human goodness and for spiritual well being. The practice of restrictions and abstinence is for discipline and to improve our spiritual life. When we control our interests, habits and inclinations to train ourselves in the life of Christ, we experience a divine intervention in our life. Christ is meditation of Lent and all other concerns related to life are secondary. This is the message that we carry in Lent.

Lent is a time for 'less' for 'more'. When we eat less, spend less, work less, celebrate less, we gain more time for prayer and meditation. It helps us to prune our excess that we may grow luxuriantly in Christ. Fasting and abstinence are part of the traditions of the church during the lent. "Christian fasting is a test to see what desires control us", thus conditioning us to decrease our desire for worldly things and increase our desire for God. Abstinence is not only about 'what we give up', but rather the willingness and joy we experience 'when we give up'. Genesis 1: 27-31 explains how God created human being with a special purpose. God blessed the human beings to be fruitful and commanded to take care of the entire creation. We are not just living animals but bearers of the image of God. Therefore we need to keep the dignity and worth which is intrinsic to us since we have been created in God's image. As we live in this frightening age of technology and change, let us uphold the image and fulfill God's purpose in our life.

Pope Benedict XVI said that "Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." —

Many of our children are going to complete their studies this year or are looking forward to a new academic year. Education has a huge meaning in our lives, but sadly the meaning is reduced to the fact that it will go on to become our source of bread and butter – nothing more and nothing less. Is this what education stands for in our life? Is not education a way to make life better? **"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil."** said the famous twentieth century lay theologian, C.S Lewis. Since the only source of all wisdom, virtue, or excellence is Jesus, let us seek Him with all our heart.

May God bless you all

Sajesh Mathews Achen
Youth Chaplain

Hearty Welcome to New Members



Mr. ANOOP MATHEW ALEX
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Mavelikara.
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Mrs. ANU MARIAM ABRAHAM
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Shenion Mar Thoma Church
Pulad.
054-3455073



Mr. ASHISH MATHEW THOMAS
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Mar Thoma Church
Jaipur
055-7301242



Mr. BINOY MATHEW
(B-333) AJC
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
Thevalakara.
058-9735357



Mr. JOBIN K. JOHNS
(J-602) SAN
Bethel Mar Thoma Church
Kottara, Kollam.
058-1805205



Mr. JAISON THOMAS
(J-603) MM
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
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050-2112847



Mr. JIJU VARGHESE
(J-604) SAN
St: Thomas Mar Thoma Church
Kurathikadu, Mavelikara.
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Mr. MATHEW C. IYPE
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Mar Thoma Church, Cherukole
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Mr. SHIJO K. SANTHOSH
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St: Thomas Mar Thoma Church
Elanthoor.
054-5250374



Mr. SAJO CHACKO
(S-696) AJC
St: Andrews Mar Thoma Church
Karimpanamkuzhy, Ranny.
052-8795181



Mr. TIBY BENSE NINAN
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Immanuel Mar Thoma Church,
Punnackadu, Kozhenchery.
050-8425816



Mr. ROSHAN MATHRAIL THOMAS
(T-301) SUC
Mar Thoma Church, Keezhvaipur
Mallappally.
056-7756240



Mr. THOMAS KOICKALATHU THOMAS
(T-302) DXG
St: Thomas Mar Thoma Church
Kozhenchery.
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Mr. VARGHESE PHILIP CUNNAPPUZHA
(V-179) AJC
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
Kangazha.
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Farewell



Mr. Jacob Kunjappan and family (J-147) KHS area.
Transferred to home parish Mar Thoma Syrian Church
Mukhathala, Kollam.

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. Mammen Thomas (M-216) 050-6744708 | Mr. Binu Easow Samuel (B-025) 050-4792155

Ponnomanakal

Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal and their parents will be held on Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 4.30 pm in parish hall.

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
01.03.19	Fri. 7:30 am	UAQ	Beginning of Great Lent - Lent: Time of Redemption	Isa 58:1-14	Rom 2:1-10	2Cor 5:16-21 John:2:1-11
02.02.19	Sat 7.30 am	Sevika Sangham				
07.03.19	Thu.7.30 pm	ABC	Christ's Presence with the outcast-	Esth 4:1-17	Acts 15:6-21	Rom 15:7-13 Mark:1:40-45
08.03.19	Fri. 7.30 am	ACC				
09.02.19	Sat. 7:30 am	Choir				
14.03.19	Thu. 7:30 pm	AGM	Release from the Burden of Sin	2 Sam 12:1-14	Acts 8:9-17	Gal 3:10-14 Mark:2:1-12
15.03.19	Fri. 7:30 am	AJC				
16.03.19	Sat. 7:30 am(Eng)	Youth Fellowship				
21.03.19	Thu.7.30pm	ALK	Faith expression of the Marginalised	Isa 45:1-8	Acts 10:24-33	1Cor 1:20-25 Matt:15:21-28
22.03.19	Fri.8.00am(Eng)	Sunday School				
22.03.19	Fri.7.00 pm	Senior Citizen Forum				
23.03.19	Sat. 7.30 am	Parish mission				
28.03.19	Thu.7.30pm	CA	Transforming the oppressive structures	Nah 1:1-5	Acts 16:25-34	Acts 4:32-37 Luke 13:10-17
29.03.19	Fri.7.30 am	BMW				
30.03.19	Sat.7.30am	Yuvajana Sakhyam				
04.04.19	Thu.7.30pm	DXG	Cross:the new model of discipleship	Gen:26:12-33	2 Cori:11:20-31	2 Cori:1:3-11 Mark:10:46-52
05.04.19	Fri.7.30 am	DXA				
06.04.19	Sat.7.30am	Sevika Sangham				

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

General Co-ordinator - Mr. Abey Simon (A-340) 055-5710180

Route 1 Ajman - Church Mr. Japhin George (J-523) 056 2447890 (Bus Starting 6.30 am)

Route 2 National Paint - Binladen - Geco - J&P - Caterpillar - J&P - CS - Maza - Church
Mr. Shaijumon 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, 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.
DXG	01.03.19	Fri	6.30 pm	Church	Mr.Georgy Thomas	G-74	050-3502958
AJC	04.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.John Eapen	J-45	050-4977960
RCH	04.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Mathew Thomas	M-146	055-7195125
NS	05.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Arun Tom Mathew	A-307	050-7156509
					Mr.Mathew Abraham	M-169	055-7384359
MC	05.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-9331369
DXA	08.03.19	Fri	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Alexander K.Eapen	A-283	056-5367916
BMW	11.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-7083952
CA	11.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Reni John	R-102	050-5672454
MM	12.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Babu George	B-09	050-4094274
					Mr.Jerry Joseph	J-328	050-8758841
					Mr.Tony Varghese	T-203	055-6686479
ABC	12.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Biju Varghese	B-38	050-4792313
					Mr.Bobby Varkey	B-144	058-1474674
AGM	15.03.19	Fri	8.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		055-7794564
SAN	15.03.19	Fri	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Alex Varghese	A-316	050-4283814
					Mr.John C.O	J-411	050-4979417
					Mr.Roy Baby	R-101	055-8711473
					Mr.Shibu Daniel	S-643	056-1541673
SCS	18.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham I.Thomas	A-200	050-4743183
SUC	18.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Shibu Koshy	S-172	050-4706178
ACC	19.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mr.Johnson Koshy	J-322	050-4628195
IM	19.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mr Easo K.Thomas	E-017	050-6167340
ALK	25.03.19	Mon	8.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-2174168
RSQ	26.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Mrs.Susan Joseph	S-097	055-5061711
KHS	26.03.19	Tue	8.00 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		055-6898583

UAQ - 7:00 pm on all Fridays (except 4th Friday)

Contact Area Secretary Mr. David Joy Joseph, D-031, Mob: 052 8863500

AREA PRAYER GROUP- MEETINGS DATES FOR April 2019

1st AJC&RCH, 2nd NS&MC, 5th DXG, 08th CA & BMW, 09th MM & ABC, 12th DXA, 15th SCS & SUC
16th ACC & IM, 19th AGM & SAN, 22nd ALK, 23rd RSQ & KHS.

Senior Citizens Forum

**Regular monthly meeting 16th March
8.00PM at Parish Hall.**

Secretary : Dr.T.G.Thomas (T-164) 050-2195570

Vice President :Mr.Raju Samuel (R-066)050-4545250

Church Choir

Practise on every wednesday 8:30 pm at church

Secretary :Mr.Mathai John (M-152) 050-2107192

Vice President :Mr.Alexander Koshy (A-067) 050-5772349

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

Sunday School

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

Secretary : Mr. Manoj Varghese (M-75) 050 4545639

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

- Sunday School Classes will begin at 10.30 am every Friday and 9.30 am on every Saturday at Church and 5.00 pm on every Friday at UAQ Prayer Hall
- Auditions will be held for new members who wish to join the Sunday School choir ;on 1st of March Friday from 12.30 pm onwards at the church.
- There will be a Quiz Training Session for the students of Intermediate 1 to Young Adult 2 on 22nd of March Friday from 12.30 pm to 2 pm,after the Sunday school classes.
- Teacher's Course Certificate Examination will be held on Friday , 22nd of March 2019.
- Children's Convention is scheduled to be held on 29th of March ,Friday from 11:30am onwards and on Saturday 30th of March ,Saturday from 7.30 onwards



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2019
ചിതാവിഷയം : ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരവീര്യം (എഫെ.2.10)
God's Masterpiece (Eph: 2:10)
17th May 2019 - 24th May 2019 (Nursery to Primary),
24th May 2019 - 31st May 2019 (Junior to Young Adult)
VBS Conveners : Mr. Mathew M. Johnson & Mr. Liju Thomas

Parish Mission

Every Sunday 8:30 pm at Church

Night Prayer : 21st March 2019 Thursday After Service

Cell Prayer: Every Sunday 7:30 pm at Church

Prayer cell co-ordinators.Mr.Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil (S-52) 050-7976396

Mr.Biji Mammen (B-06) 0556085611 Secretary: Mr. Roy George (R-049) 050 5595007

Vice President: Mr. George Thomas (G-052) 050 6561876

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

There will be a Special Meeting for Sevika Sangham at UAQ Prayer Hall on 01/03/2019 Friday at 7.30 pm.

Fasting Prayer on 16/03/2019 at 10:00 am. in Parish Hall

Secretary: Mrs. Kavitha Biju (B-105) 050 1738616 Vice President: Mrs. Jaya Babu (B-009) 050 5852487

JOB CELL

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

PARISH LIBRARY

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



SHARJAH MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM



Regular Sakhyam Meeting on Every Saturday at 8.30PM in our Church

Joint meeting of Youth Fellowship, Young Couples Fellowship and Yuvajana Sakhyam on 02.03.2019 from 8.30 pm in our church.

Excel Tranning Class.

Yuvajana Sakhuam is conducting Excel Tranning Class scheduled on staturday 2nd March 2019.



All are Invited to Participate with Prayers.



SHARJAH MAR THOMA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Centre Meet 2019

29 March
2019

2:30pm - 7:30 pm

**MAR THOMA CHURCH,
SHARJAH**

Passion

GOING WITH THE FLOW ?
FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD OR
THE FLOCK

SPEAKERS :

Jeswin (Evangelical Church)
[Youth Session]

Rapture (Dubai)
[Kids & Teens Session]

REGISTRATION FEE : AED 20

For further details: Joel Mathew (055-276 4596)

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship at 10:30 am. Every Friday after service at Bishop's Suite

For more details please contact **YF COORDINATOR Mr.Joel Mathew, 055-2764596**

KIDS AND TEENS

Date	Area	Time	Date	Area	Time
16/3 (Sat)	DXA-DXG	4.30 pm	22/3 (Fri)	AJC	7.00 pm
16/3 (Sat)	CA	7.00 pm	23/3 (Sat)	SUC-SCS	4.00 pm
17/3 (Sun)	ABC	7.30 pm	23/3 (Sat)	ALK	6.30 pm
18/3 (Mon)	RSQ	7.30 pm	24/3 (Sun)	SAN	7.30 pm
19/3 (Tue)	MM	7.30 pm	25/3 (Mon)	IM	7.30 pm
20/3 (Wed)	KHS	7.30 pm	26/3 (Tue)	NS	7.30 pm
22/3 (Fri)	ABC-ACC	3.00 pm	27/3 (Wed)	MC	7.30 pm
22/3 (Fri)	AGM	5.00 pm			



*Heartly Congratulations
to the Proud Parents !!!*

New Born

A baby girl **Ruth Philip** born to Mrs.Chinju Thomas and Mr.Jerin Easow Philip (Id # J-522 AJC) on 23rd February 2019.

A baby girl **Olivia Alpha Sanu** born to Mrs.Kripa Thomas and Mr.Sanu K.Thomas (Id# S-482 SUC) on 15th January 2019.

CONDOLENCES

- ◆ **Mr.T.N.Mathai**, 77 yrs,Father of Mr.Gigy Mathew (Id# G-123,MC), passed away. Funeral service held at Mar Thoma Syrian Church,Hyderabad.
- ◆ **Mrs.Aleykutty Philippose**, 84 yrs, Mother of Mr.Jacob Philip (Id# J-402, MM), passed away. Funeral service held at St:Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Tiruvalla.
- ◆ **Mr.Mammen Thomas**, 81 yrs,Father of Mr.Thomas K.Mammen (Id# T-172,DXA) passed away. Funeral service held at Mar Thoma Church,Kumbanad.
- ◆ **Mrs.Pennamma Babu**, 64 Yrs, Sister of Mr.George Mathew(Id# G-118,DXA) passed away. Funeral service held at St:George Orthodox Church, Mulund, Mumbai.
- ◆ **Mr.O.S.John**, 78 Yrs, Father of Mr.Jessy John(Id# J-503,DXG) and Brother of Mr.Paul V.Sam (Id#P-11 SAN) passed away. Funeral service held at St:Thomas Mar Thoma Syrian Church Pazavanthagal, Madras.

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.

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