

## Message from the Vicar

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Loving greetings in His Loving name.

Being the 25th year of my ordained ministry you have promised your special prayers and best wishes. I thank God Almighty for all His blessings. Our Parish Day celebration was very inspiring and challenging one. I thank each and every one who did their level best to make the event as a grand success.

In this month we are celebrating The Voluntary Evangelistic Association Day. The Parish mission is the branch of this organization within the parish. The catchword of the Association is Every "Christian is an Evangelist" Yes we all are evangelists. A man with Christ is Missionary, and a man without Christ is Mission field. This is the slogan of the Voluntary Evangelistic Association. All the parishioners are requested to take the membership of this association through our parish mission.

The Holy Church exhorts us to set apart October 12th Sunday, for the proclamation of our solidarity to the handicapped people of the world let us pray for them and support them to develop their talents. 19th October is the Youth Sunday. "Youths are the power of the present. Let us encourage our youths for attempting great things from the God.

We observe the family week also in this month. Family is a divine organization. Christian family life is a great privilege, and big responsibility. So love one another, respect each other, be constant in family prayer. In our parish we scheduled 23rd Thursday and 24th Friday for family dedication. All are requested to attend at least one of these service.

Every month we get the chance to observe several weeks and days and to think about the importance of each occasion. I hope and pray that may God Almighty will help all of us to see everything in its true light and to make our life worthy of God's intention.

May God Bless You All

Yours in His service  
Stephen Mathew Achen.

## OBITUARY

In loving and affectionate memory

**Master. Rickie Mathew, 10 yrs**  
**Son of Mr. Varghese P. Mathew**  
**Church ID#V-7**

With deep regrets we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Rickie at his sad demise and pray that God provides them His comfort and peace.

The Marthoma Parish Sharjah

## From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to one and you all, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank God for His abundant love and care showered on us during the month of September.

We celebrated our 31st Parish Day on 25th September. I extend my sincere thanks to all who worked hard to make the occasion a grand success. It was a time to examine and rededicate ourselves to Jesus. Let us be grateful to God for all the blessings that we enjoyed for the last 31 years and remember all our Vicars and Associate Vicars and office bearers of yester years who served the parish and helped us grow in the love of God.

The month of September was the annual convention of the parish. Rev. Jacob P. Thomas was the main speaker. Through his preachings Achen had given us a new direction to our Christian life. Using his immense experience Achen narrated the different dimension of Christianity. Let me put in record my gratitude to each and every one who prayed and worked hard to make the convention a grand success. Also I take this opportunity to thank our Vicars and all other parish members who gave hospitality to Rev. Jacob P. Thomas.

The Sharjah Marthoma Church is blessed with a chosen set of parishioners who get themselves fully involved in all the activities of the parish. On behalf of office bearers and Kaisthanasamithi members I thank each one of you for your immense support to our parish ministry. Please uphold each one of us in your daily prayers.

with kind regards  
Sam P. George  
Secretary. 050-6964903

## HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00pm, Third Friday at 7.00pm <<  
>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 9.00am <<>> Ordinary Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes				
Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle
02.10.08	CA	2 Kings	Acts	Acts
03.10.08	IM	5:1-14	11:19-30	18:24-28
05.10.08 8pm	MC			
09.10.08	Parish mission	2 Samuel	1 Thessalonians	2 Corinthians
10.10.08	KHS	09:1-13	5:12-22	12:1-10
16.10.08	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1 Samuel	Philippians	1 Timothy
17.10.08	MM	17:32-50	3:1-16	4:6-16
17.10.08 7pm	NS			
23.10.08	RCH	Joshua	Galatians	Romans
24.10.08	Sunday School	24:14-22	6:1-10	16:1-16
30.10.08	RSQ	Proverbs	Hebrews	Ephesians
31.10.08	UAQ	23:15-26	12:1-13	6:1-4
02.11.08	ABS	Ezekiel	Ephesians	Romans
06.11.08	AJM	37:15-23	4:1-16	12:3-13
07.11.08	BMN			

Area Prayer Meetings						
Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
DXB	03.10.08	6.30 pm	Church	Mr. Titus Thomas	T-131	050-6441751
AJM	06.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mrs. Jolly Jacob	G-24	06-7422283
MC	07.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Bini Varghese	B-67	050-4994724
RCH	13.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Deepak Mathew	D-4	050-5646240
CA	13.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Zachariah John	Z-10	050-9490581
MM	14.10.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jose Mathai	J-80	050-7797170
ABS	14.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-6364201
SCS	20.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Varghese Zachariah	V-54	050-6792243
IM	20.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Varghese Thomas	V-17	050-5670041
BMN	21.10.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Itticheria	G-49	050-7974998
NS	21.10.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Matthew K. Alexander	M-107	050-7897770
RSQ	28.10.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. M. J. Joseph	J-30	050-6468243
KHS	28.10.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Biju T. John	B-44	050-4819264
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-6581179

Welcome to New Members ...					
Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Abraham Cherian	A-221	Salem MTC, Chennithala	KHS	050-1907110
2	Mr. George Mathew	G-118	St. Peters MTC, Chennithala	DXB	04-2540631
3	Mr. Tiby Abraham	T-205	St. Thomas MTC, Thevally, Kollam	MC	050-8479426
4	Mr. Saji Daniel	S-337	Salem MTC, Kunnathur	BMN	050-2341538
5	Mr. Roy Daniel	R-143	Immanuel MTC, Paruthipara	IM	050-3017025
6	Mr. Liju Thomas	L-34	Ebenezer MTC, Vallamkulam	KHS	055-8521025
7	Mr. John Abraham	J-329	Thodical MTC, Bhilai Nagar	BMN	06-5300406
8	Mr. Abraham Chacko	A-225	St. Thomas MTC, Elampal, Punalur	KHS	050-2651263
9	Mr. Abraham Mathew	A-224	St. Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	DXB	050-3580186
10	Mr. Thomas Pramod Joseph	T-204	Marthoma Church, Anaprampal	CA	06-5663104
11	Mr. Bejoy Mathew	B-175	St. Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	SCS	050-7108514
12	Mr. Daniel M. John	D-25	Marthoma Church, Govandi, Mumbai	IM	050-3528558
13	Mr. Sabu Abraham	S-334	Salem MTC, Kumplampoika	DXB	050-5280326
14	Mr. Sijo Abraham John	S-335	Cristos MTC, Ranny	SCS	050-2689560
15	Mr. Vipin Abraham Varghese	V-125	Ebenezer MTC, Perorkadda, Trivandrum	AJ	06-7479198
16	Mr. Renji Mathew	R-144	Trinity MTC, Kochukoikal	BMN	050-5155876
17	Mr. Sabu Abraham	S-336	Ebenezer MTC, Perorkadda, Trivandrum	DXB	050-6575172
18	Mr. Joseph George	J-331	Immanuel MTC, Adoor	AJ	06-7443675
19	Mr. Reji Thomas	R-145	Bethel MTC, Edappavoor	NS	06-5612263
20	Mr. Robin Thomas	R-146	Holy Trinity MTC, Ummannoor	BMN	055-8196032
21	Mr. Joji P. Samuel	J-330	St. Thomas MTC, Nakada, Pandanad	BMN	050-7315227

## Organization Events

**Sunday School**  
Friday 10.15am

**Parish Mission**  
Sundays 08.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday  
08.10.2008-Wednesday-House visit starts at 8.00pm  
12.10.08-Sunday 8.30pm at church hosted by Mr. Jose P.s  
19.10.08-Sunday 8.30pm at church hosted by Mr. Johnson Chacko  
26.10.08-Sunday 8.30pm at church

**Yuvajana Sakhyam**  
Saturdays 08.30pm at Church  
04th October Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Binu Easo Samuel  
11th October Analysis Centre Kalamela  
18th October Debate or Musical Programme  
25th October Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Gigi Mathews

**Sevika Sangam**  
Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall  
Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

**FASTING PRAYER**  
Every Friday 12.00 noon at Church

**CHOIR**  
« O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things »  
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

## Bus service for Holy Communion at 7.30am on every Friday

<b>Ajman</b>	<b>Contact:</b> Mr. Saji K. Abraham	<b>ID#S-242</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 050-6793677
	Mr. Varghese T.M	<b>ID#V-120</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 050-3803988
<b>Industrial Area</b>			
<b>Bus#1</b>	Geco - Skyline - National - Prickett - Binladin - Church		
<b>Bus#2</b>	Geco - Skyline - J&P - Cricket Stadium - BMW - Al Nahda - Al Khan - Al Wahda - Church		
<b>Contact:</b>	Mr. John Mathew	<b>ID#J-28</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 050-6265926
	Mr. George Varghese	<b>ID#G-13</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 050-5271423

## Condolences

Mr. O.G. Philip, 85 years Father of Mr. Varghese Philip (ID# V-96) BMN	Mrs. Annamma Punnoose, 73 years Mother in law of Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian (ID# S-73) RSQ
Mr. P.J. John, 70 years Father of Mr. Wilson John (ID# W-08) NS	Master. Rickie Mathew, 10 years Son of Mr. Varghese P. Mathew (ID# V-07)
Master. Noel Sam Thomas, 1 year Son of Mr. Thomas C. Samuel (ID# T-152) RCH	Mr. Thomas Mathew, 79 years Father of Mr. Mammen Thomas (ID# M-104) BMN
Mr. V.M. Cherian, 85 years Father of Mr. Moni Jose Cherian (ID# M-59) DXB	Mr. T.M. Thomas, 80 years, Father of Mr. Sajan Thomas (ID# S-41) KHS & Mr. Sabu Thomas (ID# S-14) KHS

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.

**Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam General Quiz Competition**  
Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church / Date: 1st November 2008 Saturday / Time: 08.00 pm

**Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam YOUTH DAY**  
17th October 2008-Friday

**PARISH MISSION DAY**  
09th October 2008-Thursday

**PARISH MISSION CENTRE MEETINGS**  
Meeting will be held on Friday 10th October 2008 from 2.30pm to 5.00pm at Immanuel Marthoma Church, Fujairah. Transportation provided. Contact: Mr. Jose Samuel-050-2656716

**TEENS RETREAT ON 24TH OCT-08 :12 noon to 5.30 pm (Half Day)**  
(after Sunday School classes)

Our VBS Teens Camp held on 27th September was an amazing experience of spiritual renewal for over 210 Teens and Youth as well as few teachers.

Powerful singing, praise and worship, focused discussions on the Theme «Facing the Giants» a movie show, and final dedication in the presence of our beloved Achen were some of the highlights.

A follow up session titled-«FACING THE GIANTS»- will be held as stated.

All interested Teens & Youth are requested to register with the Sunday School officials.

Interested teachers and elders may also attend these sessions.

**Come, attend & be blessed**

For transportation needs/any other details, please contact Teens Convenors  
Meeva Thomas- 050 7168640/George Abraham(Kuttan)-050 4599468

**New Borns**

A baby boy Rojal born to Aja & Roy (ID#R-100) of ABS on 29th August.

A baby boy Johan is born to Jinu & Jerry (ID#J-04) of RSQ on 05th September.

All the officials of the organizations and prayer groups are requested to hand over the matters to be published in the parish bulletin on or before 25th of every month to the vicar or the parish secretary