The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah Estd. 1978



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Parish day of your parish." As they led him away they seized Simon from Cyrene and put the cross on him

Bulletin before the Scheduled visit.

Message from the Episcopa

I like to share some thoughts on Simon of Cyrene as you celebrating the 31st

and made him carry it behind Jesus" (Luke 23:26) Jesus must have been worn out. He had to endure several trials without sleep, together with a merciless flogging and much abuse. And now by Roman tradition he had to carry his own cross, or at least its crossbar,

I will be visiting that Parish during the Lenten Season. Glad that I could speak to you through the Parish

to the place of execution. It seems that he stumbled under its weight. True, none of the evangelists says so, but Christian tradition does. And this may explain why the soldiers laid hold of Simon of Cyrene and transferred the cross to his shoulders, compelling him to carry it. The church has always honored Simon for

this act of kindness, even if he was forced to do it. It seems clear that Simon and his family became believers. For Mark identifies him as "the father of Alexander and Rufus" (Mark 15:21) which indicates that they were well known in the church of Rome by the time Mark"s Gospel was published there "Simeon called Niger(Black)" a leader in the church of Antioch, may have been the same man(Act 13:1), and the Rufus and his mother whom Paul greeted in Rome(Rom 16:13) may well have been the same family. All this suggests that the Simon who carried the cross for Jesus was a black African from what we call Libya.

It is interesting to reflect how three of the major actors in the drama of the passion were related to the cross. We could say that Judas caused the cross, because his treachery led straight to it:Barabbas escaped the cross, gaining his freedom at Jesus's expense:and Simon bore the cross, carrying it for Jesus.Moreover these three are not incompatible with Christian experience today. Like Judas we caused the cross by our greed and duplicity. Like Barabbas we have escaped the cross through him who died in our place. And like Simon we are called to take up our cross every day and follow Christ. Hope, by this time you are all back form Kerala after your summer holidays. Spending time with your family members, friends and relatives is a joyous experience. Children are preparing themselves for the new academic year.

Start with God, sustain with God's strength and saturate with God's power. May the Holy spirit help us to allow God to take centre place in our lives. May we always present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God; hold up the banner of love wherever we are placed; and light our candle so that the light of the world can rescue those who are in darkness. May the Lord bless you always and in ALLWAYS! Yours in Christ

Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa. st Parish Day

> One of the greatest values of Indian culture that world acclaims is family relationship. In an age

> serve any, to be corrected by any regardless of

class, age or social status in children which they

should learn from their parents. The highest duty

(EQ) is important than Intelligence Quotient (IQ).

admonition of the Lord"

of Christian parents is to bring up their children "in the nurture and

Correction and instruction involved in nurturing, Instead of creating

unhealthy competitive spirit, a Team spirit is to be developed in

children. They should learn that Together, Each one Achieve More

(TEAM). Education is not a preparation for life, but life itself. Is there any

element more important than intelligence? Yes. Emotional Quotient

INFOSIS Director Mr. Narayana Murthy once said "I don't want any

Self confidence and Wisdom are needed for a successful life.. Education

and our activities in the church should aim at providing an environment

in which children can develop their unique talents, leadership,

potential, Christian virtues ,spirituality, responsible freedom and

geniuses, but people with confidence and pleasing personality".

Dearly beloved in Christ.

We wish to celebrate our 31st parish day on

September 25th, Rt.Rev.Dr.Geevarghese Mar

Theodosius Thirumeni will be our chief guest

community has to exist for longer, respect for to bless the occasion. parents and senior citizens and obedience to Our Almighty God has kept us and protected them is a must. us under His wings for the last 30 years in The education of a child begins at home. There this land and blessed us abundantly.Let us be must be a willingness to learn from any, to

Message from the Vicars

of nuclear families ,the increasing number of Old Age Homes show that there is a tendency develops in Malayalees to push the aged ones in to Old Age Homes for convenience. If any

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person as he is.

a blessing to others.Let us stand together for

Greetings

the glory of His name.Let us also extend our thanks to the rulers of this nation. A young girl once said "I was my fathers favourite child, the apple of his eye because I always did what pleased him.but as I grow I have to live my own life". What she meant was that one is accepted

If God has done this favour to us what will be our response.yes, As parish where we gather together, our worship is a response to the Divine love.If I experience the love of God how can I stay away from giving thanks to God. There for the worshiping community has a responsibility to love God and to love another and accept the other This is the mark of Spirit lead community. The spirit of God brings newness and vitality. The parish life needs to be rejuvenated with

> feel it is a privilege for us to address you through this bulletin. After taking a glance at the past five months work, I would like to

> express certain facts which have struck me.l feel that as a parish, we are strong, united and healthy but it is high time for us to reflect upon

> the fact whether we are doing our duty as a

In the early church, as we know everything

was considered common and nobody owned

anything individually. The church owned every

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the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. Then the faithful will live and witness as a loving and caring community. This will have its involvement outside.Let the parish "be the parish" that related hope, share love and live with renewed identity in Christ. With prayerful regards Stephen Mathew Achen Vicar

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Message from Trustees

community service. The teachers by their example and by sharing their knowledge experience and values ,help each student to know and love himself better, so that they will be able to know and love others in committed relationship May God Bless you all Chacko Achen. Asst. Vicar

From your Parish Secretary

priesthood.

With kind regards

Sam P.George

Secretary.

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socio-economic

thing amassed by the individuals. Keeping this in mind we should self assess and analyze if we as fellow parishners are doing our part for the smooth functioning and operations of the various activities and projects of our parish.

true parishioner.

reminded of our duties and responsibilities towards our parish and try to fulfill its needs. God bless you all. Hoping your co-operation Baby V.Y.Tharakan Abraham P.Mathew

This month, as we are celebrating our 31st

Parish Day, let us remember that God

commissions the Church to renew the whole

creation in the context of religious pluralism,

imbalances and oppression.let us also be

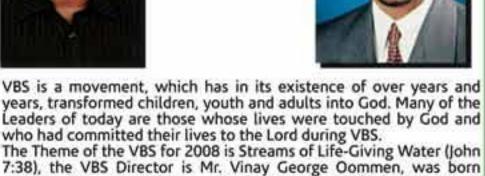
inequalities,

Bangalore, India.

VBS Conveners

change to the new generation.

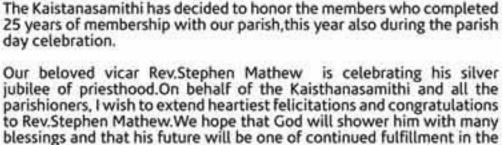
Ashby Tom Abraham (050-3681952) Manoj.T. Varghese (050-4545639)





Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.Let us thank God Almighty for all his blessings showered up on If God willing, the Parish convention will be held from September28th to 1st October ,Rev.

Dearly beloved in Christ,



convention.

Our state festival "Onam' is all set for celebrating in all its traditional form and style. It is the time of prosperity and happiness. I wish all the parishioners a very happy Onam.

Jacob P.Thomas will be the main speaker.Let us

pray for showering His blessings on this year's

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The Sharjah Mar Thomas Sunday School will be conducting this year's VBS from 16th september to 26th September 2008. The theme of VBS will be «Streams of Life-giving water».

VBS director: Mr. Vinay George Oommen Venue Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish 6pm -8.45pm except on Friday. Time

We request the whole hearted support from all the members of the

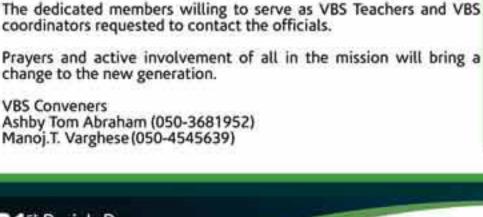
Church and invite all the children to take part in the VBS and make it a

memorable one. We invite applications from all those who volunteer to

The session will be led by the VBS director Mr Vinay George Oommen.

and brought up in Bahrain and is now doing his higher studies in VBS conveners Ashby Tom Abraham (050-3681952) We hope that all the children will come and participate. We request all the parents to encourage your children to attend every session that this VBS has to offer and be blessed. Manoj.T. Varghese (050-4545639)

Reg fees:



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MR.ITTY PANICKER

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VBS CAMP. This years VBS camp will be held on 27th September 2008 Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm.

Dhs 10/-

be teachers and coordinators for the VBS.

Theme: Facing your Giants

Reg fees: Dhs 10/-

MR. VARGHESE MATHEW

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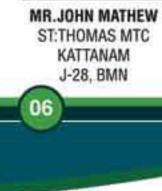
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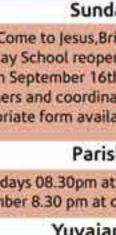
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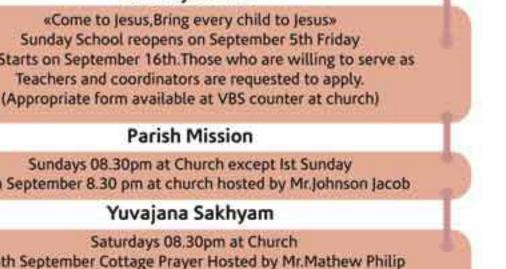












Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

Mrs.Leelamma Alex, 64years Sister of Mr. Varghese Mathew(ID# V-22)RCH and Mr. John Mathew(ID#J-28) BMN Mrs.Aleyamma Kurien, 88 years Mother of Mr.Kurien Mathai(ID# K-29)MM

Condolences

Mrs. Aleyamma George, 94 years Grandmother of Mr.Shojee George Oommen(ID#-S-267)ABS

Mr.K.Cherian Thomas, 56 years

Father of Mr.George Thomas(ID#G-20)RSQ

Father in law of Mr.Zachariah Abraham(ID#Z-04)RCH

Grandfather of Mr.Bency V.Thomas(ID#B-08)NS Grandfather of Mr.Siju GeorgeThomas(ID#5-162)NS

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condo-

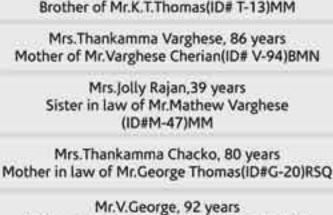
lences to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort

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Area Prayer Meetings

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8.30pm

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B-04, MM « O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things»

Organization Events Sunday School «Come to Jesus, Bring every child to Jesus» Sunday School reopens on September 5th Friday VBS:Starts on September 16th. Those who are willing to serve as



Yuvajana Sakhyam Saturdays 08,30pm at Church Sevika Sangam

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

CHOIR

Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

Acolytes From

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Date

04.09.2008

05.09.2008

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18.09,2008

19.09.2008

25.09.2008

Hosted by

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Mr. Varghese Mathew

Contact Area Secretary

Mr. Arun Punnan Prasad

Mr.Chacko Eapen

Mr. Abraham John

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Mr.Johnson Jacob

Mr.Jacob Abraham

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Immanuel MTC, Paruthipra

St:Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery

Ebenezar MTC, Punnamoodu

St:Thomas MTC, Chunakara

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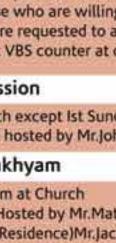
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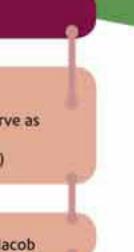
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Salem MTC, Kunnathoor

07.09.2008 8pm



14th September 8.30 pm at church hosted by Mr.Johnson Jacob 06th September Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Mathew Philip 13th September Cottage Prayer(Residence)Mr.Jacob Thomas 27th September Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr.Binu Easo Samuel



MR. VARGHESE MATHEW

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Holy Communion

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Titus

2:1-8

Acts

6:11-15

2 Corinthians

5:11-21

1Timothians

Acts

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Congratulations

And Best Wishes

To Our

Epistle

Colossians

1:24-29

2Timothians

1:1-5

Romans

12:9-21

1 John

3:1-10

Acts

18:24-28

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>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<

>>1st Sunday at 8.00pm, Third Friday at 7.00pm <<

>>Ordinary Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30 am <<

>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Ist Lesson

Proverbs

8:1-12

Esther

7:1-10

Micah

4:1-7

Isaiah

26.09.2008 40:21-31 5:1-10 Sunday School 02.10.2008 CA 2 Kings 03.10.2008 IM 5:1-14 11:19-30 MC 05.10.2008

Beloved vicar 1-252 06-5639698 Contact Area Secretary 050-6951861 Rev. Stephen Mathew 7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary 050-6581179 On the Silver Jubilee of Blood Donation Campaign Date:17th & 23rd September 2008; Time:6pm Priesthood. For more details contact conveners: Mrs.Jessy Philip(050-6794156) Mr.Solomon Jacob (050-5749039) 09 Welcome to New Members ... Home Parish Area Contact No. Marthoma Church, Thalavoor AJM 050-3677823 Marthoma Church, Elamkulam DXB 04-2586234 Marthoma Church, Kurianoor RSQ 050-1875253

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Mr.Bejoy Thomas

Mr.Lijo George Thomas

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Mr.Shajan Thomas

Mr.Shison C.K

Mr.Jerry Joseph

15 Mr.Manoj Philip John

1 Mr.Robin Issac R-142 2 Mr. Anup Revi Chandy A-222 3 Mr.Alex John A-223 4 Mr.Jerry Titus J-326 5 Mr.Shibu Mathew 5-327 6 Mr.Georgy Varghese Patteril G-117 7 Mr.Mathew Thomas M-176

Mr.Sajumon Thannikatharayil George

Mr.Shibu Mathew 5-332 Trinity MTC, Kottanadu Mr.Binu A George B-174 Bethel MTC, Kottara Mr.Sunil Mathew S-333 Bethel MTC, Mannamaruthi, Ranni

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31st Parish Convention **Sharjah Marthoma Parish**

KALOLSAVAM-2008

Rev. Stephen Mathew (Vicar)

Our TEENS & YOUTH will be assisting various sessions in the service and those interested in Lesson reading, Assisting, Offertory, and other activities, may contact the Sunday School officials.

Yuvajana Sakhyam is Organizing a Kalamela on 12th September 2008, Friday at the Church at 2.pm For more information, please contact:

Rev. P J Chacko (Asst. Vicar) Tel 06-5749696, Mob 050-8627593

Mr.Cherian Thomas Kuriadom C-74 Marthoma Church, Kalliserry 06-7460774 AJM 31st Parish Day a Sanga Dinam September 2008

Rev. Jacob P. Thomas

New Borns n girls Eliza and Enina born to Seema uraj(ID#S-239) of MM on 4th July. aby boy Elloy is born to Patsy & sy(ID#T150) of CA on 20th August.

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Email: asstvicar@marthomaparishsharjah.com

Date: 2008 September 28 to 1st Oct Time: 8 pm - 10 pm Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church Parents are requested to come with their children and attend theservice, for them to get a deeper involvement in our worship activities.

Treasurer Mr.Saju Thomas 050-2899629 Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam FREE MEDICAL CAMP Organized by Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajanasakhyam Venue:Sharjah Marthoma Church Date:5th September 2008 (Friday) Time:10.30 AM (Lead by specialists ENT, Dental, Gynachology, General Physician) Sponsored by IBIN SINA Medical Centre, Ajman Rescheduling of English service to 9.00am every 4th Friday The regular English service(held every 4th Friday at 7.30am) will be rescheduled to 9.00 am from the month of September, to encourage active participation of our Sunday School children, TEENS and the YOUTH.