



Cathedral News May 2020



THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR

Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7

*Message
from the
Vicar of the
Cathedral*

My dear Friends in Christ,
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour!

Church: The present Global health crisis has caused much havoc and hardship to life. I am grateful to a very small group of about three persons who have stepped in to offer their services and expertise in order that the Worshipping Community can connect together for worship. As a result the opportunity to worship has been brought to our living rooms at home. I continue to encourage families and individuals to make use of these openings to strengthen our relationship with God. The

worship services shared in this manner on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and thereafter have also reached people in the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Germany, Australia, Dubai, India, New Zealand and many other parts of the world. A closer look at some of the data that we have been monitoring tells us that over 6000 people have viewed these services. We thank God for helping us to connect in worship with people and we also thank God for the ministry that we have been able to extend to people in distress, offering hope and encouragement in times of adversity and uncertainty.

During this time we have also been able to reach out to the elderly in the Worshipping Community who live on their own, in order to ensure that they had the essentials during the extended curfew, besides supporting the Board of Social Responsibility in their relief efforts across the Diocese.

Going forward we will also need to adjust as a Worshipping Community and be prepared for some changes when groups of people are permitted to gather for worship. These health and safety measures may require the seating arrangements in the Cathedral to be changed as a short term measure.

I am also grateful to you for your encouragement, generous support and response to the appeal I made to the Worshipping Community on 15th April 2020. This has enabled us to ensure that we retain our present staff, at least for the moment. Every effort will be made to sustain our commitments without any drastic changes for now. Your fervent prayers, assistance and continued financial support will also be appreciated.

Nation: As the nation battles the Covid 19 Pandemic, a lot of uncertainty seems to prevail. Sadly, even the handling of the National response has not been

consistently robust and meticulous. While the first respondents among the medical professionals have been exemplary in their work ethics and diligence in duty even though their spirits at times may have been subject to disappointment with decisions taken by those in leadership, these person have continued to be steadfast in their work. The nation acknowledges, and appreciates the sacrifices and risks taken by the medical professionals and other first respondents in order to treat and care for those infected with this deadly virus.

The leaders of the country don't appear to have understood the magnitude of this virus. If they have, then the wisdom behind the need to rush into a General Election, without the country returning to normalcy is questionable.

Our priority as a nation ought to be to ensure that the common adversary, in this Covid 19, is neutralized for good. At present scientific evidence seems to suggest that reaching that state will take more time. No doubt Covid 19 is going to disrupt the rhythm of life with face masks and social distancing becoming the order of the day. We will need to learn to cope with these temporary inconveniences for some time, until the health authorities tell us that they have eradicated the problem.

Retirement of the 15th Bishop of Colombo: On reaching the age of 65, Bishop Dhilo will retire as the 15th Diocesan Bishop on the 23rd of May 2020.

We thank God for the ministry of Bishop Dhilo and we take this opportunity to wish Harshini and Bishop Dhilo a blessed time after retirement.

Your prayers will be appreciated as the Diocese will shortly begin the process of choosing its next Bishop under the direction of the Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon.

Life in the Cathedral:

Electoral List 2020/2021: This list has been revised and the first posting will be made shortly.

Temporary Suspension - The Alpha Course: The prevailing Health Crisis has forced us to suspend the Alpha course until further notice.

First Anniversary of the Easter 2019 Attacks: On the 21st April 2020 a short service was held to remember all those who were victims of the Easer 2019 attacks. The Church bell was tolled from 8.40 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. and thereafter a lamp was lit, a passage of scripture reflected upon and prayers offered, in addition to the observance of two minutes silence.

Obituaries: I regret to inform you of the passing away of Rev. Canon James Ratnanayagam. Fr. James, as many of us fondly refer to him, passed away peacefully in the presence of his family, on the morning 20th April 2020.

Due to the prevailing health crisis and strict health and safety regulations being enforced by the authorities in the country, the funeral was held by early afternoon of the same day.

Your prayers will be appreciated for Mrs. Lathika Ratnanayagam, his wife, and children, Prasadini, Jayadeva, Deveshta and the extended family, at this time of bereavement.

Let us in our prayers, thank God for the life of this exemplary human being who touched many of us through his life and example.

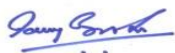
I also regret to inform you of the passing away of Swantri Dassenaik in the early hours of 18th April 2020.

Again, due to the prevailing health crisis and strict health and safety regulations being enforced by the authorities in the country, her funeral was also held by early afternoon of the same day. Many of us will miss her very warm and welcoming simple personality. She truly was a Martha, as she went out of her way to ensure that the Worshipping Community was extended hospitality when it was required.

May the Souls of the faithful Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

Thanking You,
With Prayers and Blessings

Yours Sincerely,



Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar





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15th April 2020

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace and Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour!

AN APPEAL TO THE CATHEDRAL WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

As the Country continues with a lockdown situation, we at the Cathedral similar to Churches in most parts of the world have not been able to conduct our regular Sunday and other Services. We have however been fortunate to conduct on-line Services that have been compiled by an amazingly dedicated team to whom I am truly grateful and thankful. In fact from the feedback I am receiving, numerous members of the Cathedral community and others have been positively impacted spiritually by the ability to worship from home with our services being delivered to their living rooms.

Apart from these services we have also been extending our support to families (by delivering groceries) in need of supplies, especially the elderly who have no help at hand to procure their regular needs. We have also been in telephone contact with those in our community whom we thought were vulnerable and offered our support if they needed it: and some indeed did and were grateful for our initiative to support them during these difficult times.

I assure you that for our part the Cathedral clergy and our team will continue these on-line services and pastoral care for as long as it takes.

Not being able to conduct regular services and have the Cathedral open as usual means that we have not had any Offertory collections, Thank offerings, Donations and the income we receive through special events such as Thanksgiving Services and Weddings. While this weighs heavily on one side, you will fully appreciate the fact that the work of the Cathedral and its needs have to be sustained and our statutory overheads and commitments have to continue as the situation we are in at the present time has not altered any of these needs.

I also wish to bring to your attention the appeal made by the Bishop of Colombo to assist the Board of Social Responsibility(BSR) to meet the desperate needs of the wider community through contributions towards the distribution of relief packs of food and other essentials. This project is presently in progress in several districts of the country.

I now write to you to make an appeal for any contributions that maybe possible towards:

1. The maintenance and upkeep of the Cathedral and the commitments that we have to fulfill, and/or
2. Meeting the needs of the wider community via the BSR project that is presently in progress;

All contributions can be made as follows:

On-line (internet banking) transfers:

Beneficiary : Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour
Bank : Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue Branch
Account # : 1116019905

For the purpose of properly identifying each remittance and accurately issuing receipts after a remittance is made, please send the following details via email to anglican.cathedral@yahoo.com with cc to info@cathedral.lk

- a) Name, Address and Telephone number of donor/remitter;
- b) Remitting Bank;
- c) Amount (Rs.);
- d) Date of Transfer;
- e) Purpose of remittance:
 - i. **To support upkeep of Cathedral commitments** or words to that effect or
 - ii. **To support the Board of Social Responsibility' project**
(so that we can clearly distinguish these support special donations from other forms of contributions);

Cheque payments

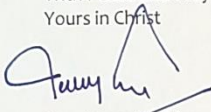
Beneficiary : Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

Please indicate your details and purpose of contribution [as at a) and e) above] in a note attached to the cheque.

Cheques may please be mailed or delivered to the Cathedral office whenever it is possible to do so.

I commend this appeal for your serious consideration and encouraging support.

Thanking You
With Peace and Prayers
Yours in Christ



Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar

Holy Days / Festivals & Important Dates -May 2020

1 st	St. Joseph the Worker – May Day
3 rd	Philip and James, Apostles
6 th	St. John the Evangelist
14 th	St. Matthias, Apostle
21 st	Ascension Day
24 th	Aldersgate Day Ascension Sunday & Asia Sunday
31 st	The Feast of Pentecost

Clergy at the Cathedral

Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey
The Bishop of Colombo

Ven. Perry Brohier
The Vicar of the Cathedral & Archdeacon of Colombo (0777541234)

Revd. Earnest Nadeem
Assistant Curate (0777138831)

Sunday Worship Service Times

7:00 am - Sinhala
8:15 am - English
11:00 am - Tamil

Daily Eucharist - Monday to Saturday - 7:30 am
Every Second Sunday-Sinhala & Tamil Combined service- 7:00 am
Every Fifth Sunday- Tri-Lingual Service-8:15 am

Date: 3rd May 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Theme: Jesus the Good Shepherd		
First Reading	Acts 2: 42 - 47	Shanya Sadananda
Second Reading	St. John 10: 1 - 10	Renuka Sadananda
Intercessions		Shanthikumar Sadananda
Date: 10th May 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Theme: Jesus' New Way – Our Royal Priesthood		
First Reading	Acts 7: 55 - 60	Shenara David
Second Reading	St. John 14: 1 - 14	Randeep David
Intercessions		Romesh David
Date: 17th May 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Theme: The Promised Holy Spirit to the Church		
First Reading	Acts 17: 22 – 31	Eshan de Mel
Second Reading	St. John 14: 15 - 21	Nilakshi de Mel
Intercessions		Erantha de Mel
Date: 24th May 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Easter(Asia or Ascension Sunday)		
Theme: Asia for the Ascended and Glorified Christ		
First Reading	Acts 1: 6 - 14	Dineth Kannangara
Second Reading	St. John 17: 1 - 11	Dilsara Derrick
Intercessions		Anojana Fernandopulle
Date: 31st May 2020 – Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday)		
Theme: The Spirit Poured Out		
First Reading	Acts 2: 1 - 21	Anithra Yatawake
Second Reading	St. John 20: 19 - 23	Enosh Randunubandara
Intercessions		Daphne Charles

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ALL FOR KIDS

Sunday School - Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Colombo 07

Hi kids, we are happy to announce that we are presenting video series to be viewed through YouTube link, at 9 am every Sunday,

We have also started Sunday school lessons by a zoom link. You can join your online class at 9.30 am. Please

connect with your teacher by joining the zoom meeting. The zoom link for each age group will be sent through Sunday School WhatsApp group.



Cathedral Bible Study

“HOW LONG,
O LORD”



A Study
of
the
Psalms
of
Lament

An interactive study of the Lament Psalms touching on understanding, Hope, Trust, Pain, Suffering, Sorrow, and Life.

Online with Zoom Link

Every
Wednesday
at 6pm

From 13th May to 10th June 2020

For Further Details, Please Contact:

The Vicar: 0777541234
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angcathedralcmb@gmail.com

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During these challenging times, the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour will host a time of online fellowship every Sunday after the Sunday service streamed on YouTube.

This is to facilitate interaction and discussion on the sermon and current challenges the community is facing.

CHURCH REIMAGINED



**Space to
Interact and
Fellowship
with one
another**

**Cathedral Online
Fellowship Hour**

Please join us for a time of fellowship at 9.30am over Zoom.

Starting from 10th May 2020

Please contact Clergy for further details

Cathedral Youth Connect



All young people are invited to join online zoom meeting every Tuesday at 6:00 pm. To interact and to share thinking and experiences on relevant topics.

Please send your name to Fr. Earnest (0777138831) to receive zoom link to join the meeting.