



Cathedral News October 2020

Health and Healing

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:7-8

**THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST
THE LIVING SAVIOUR**

368, 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 – Appointment of the 16th Bishop of Colombo:

We have a new Bishop! On 30th September 2020, the Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon formally notified the Diocese of Colombo of the appointment of Rev. Dushantha Lakshman Rodrigo as the 16th Bishop of Colombo.

We wish the new Bishop Designate and his wife Shehara God's blessings as he prepares to undertake

his new responsibility as the Chief Shepherd of our Diocese.

Preparations are now being made for the Episcopal Ordination to be held on Sunday, 15th November 2020. Further details will be conveyed to the Diocese as they are made available.

Nation: A lot of conversation is taking place in different quarters on the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution of our Country. While many are sharing their concerns about the impending dangers that the proposed draft included, the said amendment was also legally challenged before the Court of Law. The determination of the Supreme Court has not been conveyed to the Speaker of Parliament.

While the nation awaits the final outcome of this process, one important truth which is extremely clear that has emerged, is that the majority is not always right! It is a given fact that while the President and the recently elected government campaigned openly stating that they will bring in the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the country endorsed that idea with a clear and overwhelming mandate. This has now resulted in further political conversation!

A bigger danger, the Covid 19 Virus threatens to physically harm the people of this nation. We as people of this nation, must collectively share our collective responsibility in the breakdown that has opened the door for this crisis to visit us again. Our failure to take this crisis seriously, our failure to follow the proper health and safety protocols strictly, our desire to keep blaming others for the situation, are some of the reasons we could cite in this regard. Therefore, even at this late stage we need to resolve to be part of a solution and not part of the

bigger problem. We need to take responsibility for our actions without taking the precautions being prescribed personally.

If our leaders failed us by giving us wrong directions in this regard, we must not let ourselves down by following their poor example! We have seen the results of their short-sighted, personally motivated decisions. Now that they have got the power they all seemed to be hungry for, the rest seems history. We owe this to our community, our families and ourselves, to do what is right at a time of national calamity, as anyone, irrespective of your social standing, status, religion or position can be a possible victim of this terrible virus. The virus is not looking for any particular type of person with a specific profile.

Life in the Cathedral:

Notice to Worshipping Community: As a result of the escalation of the cases being detected in the community with the Covid 19 Virus, the health and safety protocols recommended by the health authorities have once again been revised. The number permitted to gather together for worship is 50 persons. While these requirements may be an inconvenience to us, let us comply with the health and safety protocols as a community, without being critical of them or taking them for granted or being personally offended. The greater well-being of the Community is at risk if the required health and safety protocols are not followed. Therefore, please call the office and give your name, contact details and the time of service you would like to attend. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request. In the event we are unable to, we request you to please try and adjust with the other options the office staff can offer you.

Sunday School: The Sunday School has also now reverted to functioning fully online as done during the lockdown earlier this year. Our observance of World Children's and Elders' Day was of a very muted nature due to the current situation caused by the Covid 19 virus.

Live Stream: The 8.30am Service continues to be live streamed for the benefit of those who chose to remain at home and not expose themselves to a health risk at this time.

Other Services: The services being conducted from Monday to Saturday at 7.30am have also been temporarily suspended as a precautionary measure.

The congregation will be kept informed through What's App, text messages and email of any changes. Details could also be obtained from the Cathedral office or by speaking to the Cathedral Clergy.

Obituary: I regret to inform you of the passing away of Vimal Ranaweera. She passed away early on the morning of the 5th October 2020 and her funeral took place on the afternoon of the same day. We thank God for her life! May she rest in Peace and rise in glory.

Pastoral Care: The Clergy of the Cathedral remain committed to intervene with the required Pastoral care if and where there is an emergency.

Thanking You,

With Prayers and Blessings
Yours Sincerely,



Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar

Holy Days / Festivals & Other Important Dates

- 4th The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- 6th Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle to India and Sri Lanka
- 18th Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician
- 23rd Feast of St. James, the Just of Jerusalem
- 28th Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude



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CHURCH OF CEYLON DIOCESE OF COLOMBO



Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj R. Canagasabey
Metropolitan's Commissary & Vicar General

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6th October 2020

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You will by now be aware of the decision of our Metropolitan, The Most Revd. & Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury to nominate the Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Colombo.

On behalf of the Diocese as well as on my own, I congratulate Fr. Dushantha and wish him and his wife Shehara, God's sustaining grace and strength as they begin this new, challenging journey of faith in their lives. I have already met with them and assured them of my fullest co-operation and assistance during the period of transition and in the days ahead. I also wish to express my thanks to Archdeacon, Ven. Perry Brohier and Warden, Revd. Marc Billimoria the two other candidates, who felt called by God to offer themselves for election. My prayers are with them and their families.

It is no secret that the entire diocese has gone through a very difficult time of anxiety, testing and trial in the past several months. Suspicions, perceptions, rumours, accusations, innuendo and allegations reigned in the period leading up to the elections and thereafter. The selection of a new spiritual head for the Diocese of Colombo instead of being a holy, prayerful and joyful exercise became a very distasteful and divisive event. For this, we all have to bear some responsibility and we need therefore to honestly and sincerely examine ourselves and be accountable to God. The Diocese has I also believe a need to re-examine the whole exercise of the election of a Bishop, not only constitutionally but also in a wider manner. In the light of our experiences. But this is a task that must be taken up by the new Bishop and the Standing Committee and indeed the wider Church.

But a more urgent and serious issue needs to be tackled immediately by all of us, as the Archbishop stated in his own message. That is of Reconciliation and of healing. Whatever our differing views, theologies, attitudes, likes and dislike may be and whatever sharp difference that may have arisen during the electoral period, it is now a time for asking and receiving forgiveness, of embracing each other as a people equally loved by God, of magnanimity, generosity and a reaching out for true unity within our diversities.

Each one of us is called, first to be reconciled with God, with one another and then to be a Peace maker and a Reconciler (Matthew 5:9 and 2 Corinthians 5:19). We cannot shirk this task, It must be a genuine and thorough going, not a mere papering over of differences. It is

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only then can we regain the credibility of our witness as Christ's disciples in our communities and in our nation.

I also ask you to pray earnestly for the Bishop-designate Fr. Dushantha and his wife Shehara as they prepare themselves for the task ahead, for God's wisdom, understanding, strength, courage and guidance in their lives. Pray also for our diocese, for all our clergy and their families for our parishes and for the entire Church of Ceylon as we begin a new chapter in the life of our ministry in this our dear land.

With Prayers and Blessings


The Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj R. Canagasabey
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LECTIONARY OCTOBER 2020	
Date: 4th October 2020 : Proper 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Theme: The Ten Commandments	
First Reading	Exodus 20: 1 – 4
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 21 : 33 – 46
Intercessions	
Date: 11th October 2020 – Proper 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Theme: All Invited to the Lord's Wedding Feast	
First Reading	Exodus 32: 1 – 14
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 22: 1 - 14
Intercessions	
Date: 18th October 2020 – Proper 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Health Care Workers Sunday	
Theme: Work of Faith and Labour of Love	
First Reading	Exodus 33: 12 – 23
Gospel Reading	St. Luke 10: 1 - 7
Intercessions	
Date: 25th October 2020 – Proper 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Theme: Love God, Love All	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 22: 34 - 46
Intercessions	

Clergy at the Cathedral

Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey
Metropolitan's Commissary and Vicar General

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

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CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR

YF Meeting

OUR FIRST MEETING BACK!

WORSHIP, GAMES AND FUN!

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2020

UNITY CHAPEL

4PM

On the first of October, the Youth Fellowship of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour had their get-together at the Unity Chapel. While the Youth Fellowship had been active over Zoom during lockdown, we felt that it was time we met each other physically. This is the first Youth Fellowship meeting after a lapse of time and we were delighted with the faithful few who turned up for the time of fellowship. During this time, we got to know each other, played a couple of intense rounds of Taboo and had a time of praise and worship and listened to a message from God's Word, as well as had a time of fellowship.

We do plan on meeting regularly but due to the uncertainty of the situation at present, the Youth Fellowship will continue to meet online every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a time of interaction. While we are happy with the turnout for our regular meetings as well as our first physical meeting after a while, we do encourage those who wish to join the Cathedral Youth Fellowship to come join us and be a part of this amazing body of dynamic, enthusiastic young people.





WELCOME!



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Cathedral Youth Connect



All young people are invited to join online meeting every Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

To interact and to share thinking and experiences on relevant topics.

Please send text to 0777138831 to receive link to join the online meeting.

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 8:30 am every Sunday,



We have also started Sunday school lessons by a zoom link. You can join your online class at 9.00 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.