



*Cathedral News November 2020*

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Church of Ceylon  
and the Diocese of Colombo**



**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:** On 7<sup>th</sup> November the Church of Ceylon and the Diocese of Colombo celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Three Thanksgiving Services, in Sinhala, Tamil and English, were held. Due to the current situation however, these Services of Thanksgiving were held online on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The

theme for worship on this day was ***From Generation to Generation We Proclaim your Praise!***

It is hoped that if and when there is an improvement in the ground situation, a few events planned in this connection would be held as planned. It is also intended to have a larger gathering in July 2021.

The 7<sup>th</sup> November is also a day of significance to the Cathedral Worshipping Community as it is the Anniversary of the Consecration of our Cathedral. Therefore, the Worship Service Live Streamed for the Cathedral Worshipping Community kept the Diocese of Colombo, the Church of Ceylon and the Cathedral as their points.

As we keep the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Consecration of our Cathedral, it is my prayer that God will give us a renewed heart, mind and new eyes for all God calls us as a Cathedral Community to engage in by way of Mission and Ministry.

**Episcopal Ordination – 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Colombo:** The Episcopal Ordination of the 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Colombo took place on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Due to the situation created by the health pandemic Covid 19, the service was held with special permission being granted by the State Health authorities for only 200 persons to be physically present at the venue. The service was however Live Streamed and televised. Your prayers are requested for the new Bishop as he begins his term in office in these extremely unusual circumstances caused by the current global health crisis.

**Nation:** In the backdrop of uncertainty and fear caused by the ongoing global health crisis, the much talked about 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was passed. The merits and demerits of this Amendment will however be seen with the passage of time.

Much more pressing issues however, like the grievances of the minorities, the burden of debt, missing persons, the disparity between the rich and poor, the ongoing health crisis, all need urgent and sincere attention by the State.

## **Life in the Cathedral:**

**Notice to the Worshipping Community:** The situation that is being caused by the ongoing health crisis is one that keeps changing rapidly. As I prepare this note for you, instructions issued by the State Health Authorities do not permit public gatherings for worship. The guidelines permit 25 people to be on site at a place of worship. We will keep in touch with you and keep updating you as we proceed.

**Sunday School:** As a result of the above mentioned situation the Sunday School is taking place online.

**Youth Connect:** The Youth forum Youth Connect is meeting regularly and I wish to place on record my appreciation to all the young people who join this forum regularly. I also wish to thank Fr. Earnest for journeying with the young people, for encouraging them and being a constant source of support to them.

**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 emails of any changes. Details could also be obtained from the Cathedral office or by speaking to the Cathedral Clergy.

**Cathedral Finance and Administration Committee - CFAC:** The Bishop has informed me that he would like those serving currently on CFAC to complete their term of office.

**Support for the Cathedral:** I also wish to commend to your generous support the work that takes place, even though Community Worship (the backbone of any Worshipping Community) is not permitted due to the ongoing health crisis.

The bank details of the Cathedral have been shared with you, should you wish to extend support through an online bank transaction.

**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**

- 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> All Soul’s Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Saint’s of Our Diocese  
Anniversary of the Church of Ceylon and the Diocese of Colombo  
Anniversary of the Consecration of our Cathedral in 1973
- 8<sup>th</sup> Saints and Martyrs of our Land
- 30<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew’s Day







LECTIONARY NOVEMBER 2020	
<b>Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 –</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Christmas – All Saint's Sunday</b> <b>Theme: The Ten Commandments</b>	
First Reading	Revelation 7: 9 - 17
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 5: 1 - 12
<b>Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 –</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Christmas – Diocesan Sunday</b> <b>Theme: From Generation to Generation We Proclaim Your Praise</b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 61: 4 - 9
Gospel Reading	St. John 15: 12 - 27
<b>Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 –</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Christmas – Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>Theme: Amour Against Hell: Stir Up Our Faith and Accountability</b>	
First Reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 25: 14 - 30
<b>Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 –</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Christmas</b> <b>Theme: Reign of Christ against Secularism and Consumerism</b>	
First Reading	Ephesians 1: 15 - 23
Gospel Reading	St. Matthew 25: 31 - 46
<b>Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 –</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> <b>Theme: Be Awake Waiting for the Lord</b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 64: 1 - 9
Gospel Reading	St. Mark 13: 24 - 37

## **The Bishop of Colombo**

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## **Clergy at the Cathedral**

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 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.



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.