

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

The Cross & Discipleship

“DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME”

Matthew 16: 24

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: As the Church continues on its Lenten journey, we thank God for this given opportunity to engage in a time of self-reflection and study. This is not undertaken in isolation but within the context of our discipleship and calling to be part of the people of God.

Therefore, I like to encourage as many of you to join our Lenten Meditations over Zoom at 6pm on Friday all through Lent as this may be a good opportunity for our spiritual growth and nourishment especially in the light of what I have mentioned in the previous paragraph. Please contact the Cathedral office for details if you do not receive the link via SMS, WhatsApp or email.

Nation: There is much concern about what is taking place in the nation that needs our attention and our prayers. In the past, as a nation, we have been through a lot of pain due to short sighted decisions of our leaders. While we are yet to be liberated from this painful past, the recent developments of an attempt or a move to change the national flag, compulsory military training for youth and the unacceptable acts of brutality by law enforcement officers on defenceless citizens must be viewed with reservation and utter contempt. These actions only serve to make people who already feel alienated and insecure, vulnerable.

Life in the Cathedral:

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll for 2021 – This list has been revised and the first posting will be made shortly. The eligibility requirements for inclusion in the Electoral Roll are persons who are baptized and confirmed Anglicans over the age of 18 and whose names do not appear in any other Parish Electoral Roll.

Applications for, or objections against, inclusion, must be brought to the attention of the Vicar, in writing, within fourteen days of the date of first posting.

The names of the rest of the worshipping community who don't meet these constitutional requirements are included in the Cathedral Community family list or Accustomed Members list as it is known.

Notice to the Worshipping Community: Everyone who participates in the life of the worshipping community is requested to follow the health and safety protocols being followed at the Cathedral. Your valuable assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Live Stream: The 8.30am service continues to be live streamed every Sunday for the benefit of those who choose to remain at home due to health risks at this time and for those who are unable to join the gathering physically due to limitations on the number.

Youth Connect: The youth forum Youth Connect has commenced meeting for 2021. I encourage as many young people as possible to make the effort to connect with this group. The gatherings have been online for some time with only two meetings where everyone was physically present.

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.

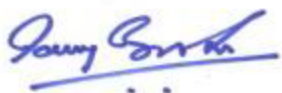
The bank details of the Cathedral have been shared with you should you wish to extend support through an online bank transaction.

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

The contact details of the Clergy of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team are available in the newsletter should you have a reason for any form of Pastoral care, assistance and intervention. We will be only too happy to be of assistance to you.

Take Care, Stay Safe, think Positive and test negative!

Thanking You,
With Prayers and Blessings
Yours Sincerely,



Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar

COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM

On an initiative of the Vicar of the Cathedral, Ven Perry Brohier and in discussion with the Public Health Inspector (PHI) of the area, a COVID vaccination program in collaboration with the Diocese of Colombo, was conducted at the Cathedral premises on Saturday 6th March. The program that commenced at 9.00am ended around 10.30 am with the first doses of the COVID vaccine provided to Cathedral members and persons from the Diocese of Colombo that included the Bishop of Colombo, Clergy, Diocesan office staff and organizations within the purview of the Diocese of Colombo. The program was meticulously carried out by the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) under the supervision of the PHI. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Perry and all those who contributed towards the successful implementation of the program.

- *Nirmala M. Pieris*



COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM - APPRECIATIONS

"Our dear Venerable, our heartfelt thanks for arranging facilities for the elderly of the Cathedral worshippers for Covid 19 vaccination. With Blessings and Prayers."

- *Cyril Amarasekera and family*

"Dear Father, thank you very much for arranging and organizing the vaccine drive today at the Cathedral. It was such a comfort to get it done at a known place and without a hassle. Thank you. I hope that you did finally get your jab also. Blessings."

- *Thayalan Gnanapragasam*



"Just want to thank you for the effort that you made today regarding the vaccination; really want to show my appreciation. Thank you, Fr"

- *Rev. Lalith Lakshendrakumar*

"Dear Fr., wanted to thank you for negotiating this. The team at such short notice did an exemplary organization. Thank you to all and you all will be blessed. Thanks also to the authorities who did their part efficiently."

- *Ishan De Lanerolle*

"Thank you so much Fr. Perry and your amazing team for such a well organised vaccination programme. It was such a blessing, especially to all the older folk, and I am sure they are all very grateful. I hope you got your vaccine too.

Take care & stay safe!"

- *Shalini Fernando & WaiTsing Dias*





"Dear Fr. Perry & your team, thank you very much for organising today's vaccine program. I was able to get the jab without any hassle. Deeply appreciate the effort."

- *Harshini Canagasabey*

"Thank you, Father Perry, for arranging the vaccination program. It was so convenient. God bless you."

- *Thanja Peiris*



"Hi Nirmala, many thanks for your dedicated support in registering us and supporting Father Perry and the Diocese of Colombo in having such an organised and comfortable vaccination program. It was an example to the whole country. God bless"

- *Nimmi De Almeida Guneratne*

"Dear Fr Perry, thank you for organizing the vaccination for our congregation. It was convenient for our family. We patiently waited whilst many others were able to go to different centres to be vaccinated. But we never failed to ask God every day to help us find an easy way to get this."

We cannot believe how he responded when we received the text message from Nirmala.

Congratulations to you and your committee for a job well done. May God Bless you all."

- *Sharmini Sambandan*



From the Cathedral Prayer Group

"Thank you, Fr. Perry and your team, for a job well done. Great relief we were able to get the vaccine without any problem. God bless you all."

- *Rohini Rockwood*

"Yes, indeed I second that. Thank you.

No standing in the sun, getting pushed and chased. Disciplined and organized. Appreciative and grateful."

- *Sharmini Rodrigo*

"'Twas good Lord to be there. Your hand was upon us as we were counted and jabbed. Well done Vicar and Cathedral Admin. The blessing of getting it done under His shade made a huge difference. A blessing to many. Well done."

- *Mohan Mendis*

"Thanks, Fr. Also, well organized vaccination program. Thanks"

- *Mathew George*

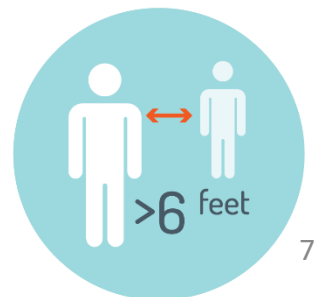
"A bit of divine help is welcome any time. This morning, residents of our area were told that a vaccination programme will be carried out at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour at Baudhaloka Mawatha. I clocked in at 10.15, the army guy asked my age, "Enda mahattaya polima issarahata", entered the salubrious Church grounds, filled the form and got a card, and was given the jab inside the church. Stayed the mandatory 20 minutes in the House of God and I was walking home at 10.45. Thank you, the Church of Ceylon, for opening up the doors of the primary Anglican Cathedral for a noble cause. Is it a coincidence that I was schooled in the best Anglican school in the world?"

- *A non-Christian friend of the wider community*

Facebook Posts

"Got the jab.... I guess I am now 76% protected from COVID. Well organized process at the Cathedral Church (Anglican) in Colombo, and good job CMC."

- *Easwaran Rutnam*



LECTIONARY - MARCH 2021

Date: 7th March 2021 – Fourth Sunday before Easter or 3rd Sunday in Lent

Theme: Grace of Sanctification

Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 20: 1 - 17
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Gospel	St. John 2: 13 - 22
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Intercessions	
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Date: 14th March 2021 – Third Sunday before Easter or 4th Sunday in Lent

Mothing or Parenting Sunday

Theme: Perseverance in Faith and Love – Mothers, Mary and Mother Church

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 1: 20 - 28
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Gospel	St. John 19: 25 - 27
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Intercessions	
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Date: 21st March 2021 – Second Sunday before Easter or 5th Sunday in Lent

Theme: New Life in the Cross and Resurrection

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34
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Gospel	St. John 12: 20 - 33
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Intercessions	
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Date: 28th March 2021 – Sunday Next before Easter or 6th Sunday in Lent

Passion or Palm Sunday

Theme: The Way of the Cross

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a
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Gospel	St. Mark 15: 1 – 39 (47)
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Intercessions	
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HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS

14 th	Mothing or Parenting Sunday
25 th	Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

07:00am – Sinhala & Tamil

08.30am – English (Live Streamed)

10.30am – English

- Please call the Cathedral office on **011 2671481** between **9.00am** and **4.00pm** on weekdays to confirm your presence at the service you wish to attend as a maximum of 50 persons are allowed per service.

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Cathedral Prayer Circle

- A Prayer Circle is now operational as a WhatsApp group. If you wish to join, please send your name and mobile number to 077 726 0862

Website: www.cathedral.lk

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralCMB/>

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