



# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2021

## Environment



**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:** With the completion of Easter tide, the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost and having kept Trinity Sunday, the Church now moves into a period of time referred to as Ordinary Time. The focus in this period will be on the Mission and Ministry of the Church and this period's liturgical colour is green.

With the Mission and Ministry of the Church as our focus, the lectionary themes will include the environment, International Day against Child Labour, the Church of Ceylon, Mission to Seafarers, the displaced and migrant persons, the World Council of Churches, elders, children, women, vocations, the poor, the marginalized, the voiceless and healthcare workers to name a few.

At a time when the Mission and Ministry of the Church too has been affected by the impact of the global health pandemic, I request you to support the efforts of the Church through little initiatives that are within your means and capacity; very much like how though Church congregations cannot gather as communities for worship presently, community worship is still taking place with the use of modern communication platforms, with our homes being converted into places of worship.

I request you to be creative and support initiatives that can be expedited locally like ensuring your garbage is segregated while it is being disposed, support initiatives that will bring relief to the farmers, the self-employed, the daily wage earners and that which will affirm values of God's kingdom. Make use of this time to build community and reach out to another in support of each other. Simple and small initiatives are possible with a little thought to our actions, at no extra cost!

**Nation:** With the global health crisis triggering off a crisis within the national healthcare sector, sadly it is the people who are feeling the brunt of it. We need to remind ourselves of the lessons learnt from the past. Since we are faced with a health crisis, it is the health sector that needs to take the lead and other stakeholders need to play a supportive role at this time.

It is also ironic that at a time when World Environment Day is observed, many people in the country are struggling to cope with the environmental crisis triggered off by the maritime disaster that took place aboard the vessel MV X-Press Pearl not far from the port of Colombo.



This disaster is not just a simple maritime accident but a maritime disaster of extensive proportions, with its effects being felt on the environment and by many others dependent primarily on the ocean for their livelihood.

It is sad to note that nationally the authorities do not seem to be aware of many international maritime conventions and treaties that we as a nation are part of, or need to be part of, while having a busy, active and robust port considered to be a hub in the maritime world.

When state officials responsible for these sectors work transparently and with integrity to ensure continuity in order to safeguard and develop these important revenue generating national resources, a transformation will be experienced in the overall work ethic that would benefit the nation. Let those who have ears hear and those who have eyes see!

### **Life in the Cathedral:**

**Electoral Roll:** The final posting of the Electoral Roll has been made. While it was hoped to have our Annual General Meeting in the 2nd week of June, the current situation has now prevented us from doing so.

Preparations are being made to have this meeting as soon as we will be permitted to meet, while maintaining the basic constitutional requirements.

**Notice to the Worshipping Community – Live Stream:** Community worship continues to take place online and I am extremely grateful to those who help in these preparations, especially with the technical arrangements required. I am also grateful to the Pastoral Care team of the Cathedral for their fullest support and assistance at all times.

**Sunday School:** The Sunday School meets online. I am grateful to all our children and parents for their support extended to the teachers in this regard. While children have been adversely affected during the pandemic with a breakdown in their usual educational activities, the alternative in online school education has brought challenges to some. Therefore, children must be given extra love, consideration, care and support to cope with the challenges of these times.



**Support for the Cathedral:** I also wish to commend to your generous support the ongoing work that takes place even though community worship is not permitted to physically take place.

The bank details of the Cathedral can be shared with you should you wish to extend support through an online bank transaction. Please call the Cathedral office, speak to me or send us an email with the details you need to [info@cathedral.lk](mailto:info@cathedral.lk).

**Pastoral Care:** The Clergy of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team remains committed to assist should you have a reason for any form of Pastoral care, assistance and intervention.

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

Thanking You,  
With Prayers and Blessings  
Yours Sincerely,



Ven. Perry Brohier  
Vicar

# 10 WAYS TO UNPACKAGE YOUR LIFE!



**Tip 1**  
Bring your own shopping bag.



**Tip 2**  
Reduce the use of plastic bags for produce & bulk items.



**Tip 3**  
Bring your own food container and utensils.



**Tip 4**  
Carry a reusable water bottle.



**Tip 5**  
Pack a waste-free lunch.



**Tip 6**  
Bring your own cup.



**Tip 7**  
Slow down and dine in.



**Tip 8**  
Say no to disposable straws.



**Tip 9**  
Avoid heavily packaged foods.



**Tip 10**  
Share these tips with friends!



## OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OUR ENVIRONMENT

God created the world and after He finished each component, He said, “It is good”. The Hebrew word here is ‘tov’, which signifies ‘intense delight’. This intense delight existed before humans were created. (Genesis 1: 4,10 and 12). As humans, many of us focus on the human element in the creation story, but we shouldn’t miss an important point- that God ascribes inherent value to non-human creation separate from what creation provides for humans.

The scriptures tell us that humans are a work of God, created in the image of God. Humans find their origins in the soil of the earth and in the breath of God (Genesis 2:7). As part of the created order, humans’ relationship with the rest of the creation comes from God’s determination and decision about that relationship.

Humans have no innate ownership of creation. Rather, the creator owns creation. Humanity has been given a very important role in the created order, but the scriptures are clear that God has ownership over creation. Humanity’s role with regard to creation must be discerned from the first principle: that God is owner. Humanity inhabits creation, but it is not ours.

- *Dr Rohantha Periyapperuma*



# LECTIONARY - JUNE 2021

**Date: 6th June 2021 – Proper 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “Two Irreconcilable Ways – Jesus and Evil”**

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 3: 8 – 16
Psalm	138
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1
Gospel	St. Mark 3: 20 – 35

**Date: 13th June 2021 – Proper 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Seed to Three – Growth in Kingdom Values”**

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13
Psalm	20
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10, 14 – 17
Gospel	St. Mark 4: 26 – 34

**Date: 20th June 2021 – Proper 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Lord of the Storm – With us Always and Everywhere”**

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 17: 32 – 49
Psalm	9: 9 – 20
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13
Gospel	St. Mark 4: 35 – 41

**Date: 27th June 2021 – Proper 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Lord of Life”**

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 – 27
Psalm	130
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15
Gospel	St. Mark 5: 21 – 43





# HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist
5 <sup>th</sup> June	World Environment Day
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Founding of the Denipitiya Medical Mission (1924)
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Barnabas, Apostle
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Birth of John the Baptist
29 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Peter the Apostle
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Arrival of CMS Missionaries (1818)
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Martyrdom of St. Paul



## HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

### 08.30am – English (Live Stream)

- As we are unable to gather for worship in accordance with health guidelines in place, the 8.30am English service will be live streamed, the link for which will be shared during the course of the week.

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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](http://www.cathedral.lk)

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

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