

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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**AUGUST 2021**

*Transfiguration*



*"The Transfiguration of Jesus" by Armando Alemdar Ara*

**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 the 6th of August, the Church observes the feast of the Transfiguration. One of the most simple and profound stories that this feast teaches us through the life and teaching of Jesus is that our “mountain top” experiences provide us with the necessary springboard to live the life God calls us to live in the valley, where life is lived amidst many challenges.

This lesson is such an important one for us given the living reality we are confronted with. Therefore, may we continue to draw our inspiration and courage to live as the people of God.

**Nation:** The trials and travails of the nation continue to impact the people of the nation like a rash! The education system lies in chaos with school teachers and school heads locking horns with the government in trade union agitation. There seems to be no coordination between all those who are managing the health crisis. The plight of our farmers who are agitating for their basic requirements so that they may engage in their profession should not just be seen as an agitation, their actions can have a telling impact on food production in the country.

Meanwhile, while those in authority who sight the health crisis and question the timings of all these agitations may appear to have some merit in their claim, it must not be forgotten that harsh fuel hikes, the rushing through of certain legislations and the decision to place orders for vehicles for our legislators for instance are also taking place in the backdrop of the health crisis. Therefore, these short-sighted, poor and insensitive decisions of our leaders have exposed the gross disconnect between those in leadership and the people.

Leaders who would aspire to call themselves statesmen must rise above all this and place the needs and the welfare of their people before themselves, where the TRUTH is the biggest casualty. But then alas, our nation seems to be inundated by a group of self-seeking politicians who are far from being the statesmen that is our nation’s need of the hour!

## **Life in the Cathedral - Notice to Worshipping Community:**

**Annual General Meeting:** I wish to thank members of the Cathedral Finance and Administration Committee for their support in providing leadership in the last two years. They have been extremely supportive at all times and I place on record my gratitude to all of them for their whole-hearted and active support.

**Worship:** The resumption of Community Worship with limited numbers is something we all welcome. While doing so, it's a space that we ought to use responsibly. I continue to urge everyone to kindly extend their fullest support by following the basic health protocols (hand washing, foot sanitization, wearing of a face mask, signing in your name in the lists provided, and keeping a meter distance when we meet) for us to enjoy the space this window of opportunity brings uninterrupted. We need to be conscious of the other and ourselves constantly.

**Live Stream:** The live stream will continue to take place. I am extremely grateful to our technical team and those who continue to help with the preparations. We trust that those who are vulnerable and unable to be part of bigger gatherings due to health constraints will continue to make use of this facility.

**Support for the Cathedral:** I wish to commend to your generous support, the ongoing work that takes place. I also thank all those of you who have responded to this appeal generously. The appeal is attached in this newsletter.

If anyone would require the bank details of the Cathedral, please call the Cathedral office (0112671481), speak to me, or send us an email with the details you need to [info@cathedral.lk](mailto:info@cathedral.lk). Online banking transactions are possible and welcome.

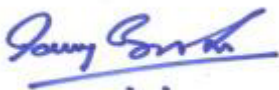
**Pastoral Care:** The Clergy of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team remains committed to assist should you have a reason for any form of Pastoral care, assistance, and intervention.

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

Thanking You,

With Prayers and Blessings

Yours Sincerely,



Ven. Perry Brohier  
Vicar

## UNDERSTANDING OF DOMINION

The role of exercising dominion is intended as a means of blessing for both humanity and for the rest of creation. It is our God-given task. John Calvin described it well as:

“The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation. Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavour to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses.”

Dominion properly exercised, drives us back to God. Humans are continually interacting with creation in our daily activities, from driving to an office, growing food in the soil or catching fish in rivers, lakes and the ocean. God created the physical, biological processes on this earth, and effective dominion requires us to gain knowledge of how these systems work or risk ruining them through overuse or by polluting them so they cannot function properly.

Agrarian writer and farmer Wendell Berry writes, “The care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it, and to foster its renewal, is our hope.”

Dominion over creation was given to humanity as our vocation, and we joyfully exercise this dominion in accord with God’s purposes, providing for all that God has made.

- *Dr Rohantha Periyapperuma*

# APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO REPLENISH DEFICIT

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1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

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 TO REPLENISH CATHEDRAL DEFICITS

I hope this communication finds you relatively safe and well in the challenging COVID situation we all find ourselves in.

We at the Cathedral have done our utmost for over the past one year to ensure that we stay engaged with you in many ways thanks to the technical support of committed members, staff, choir, other volunteers in general and indeed our clergy. Our Sunday services have proceeded uninterrupted online and you will appreciate the level of extra planning and effort that this entails. Likewise our Sunday school children have had the benefit of interactive sessions thanks to a small team of dedicated volunteer teachers and technical support persons. Home visits to those in need have proceeded unabated in order that Pastoral interventions are made at critical times. More recently the virtual group discussions or the time of Fellowship online under the theme “**Church Reimagined**” for the Worshipping Community was revived to facilitate a time of fellowship for as many in these trying conditions we all live in today.

We assure you that the Cathedral will continue with these efforts whatever the circumstances that evolve in the times ahead.

Whilst we give you that commitment we would be faulted if we did not bring to your attention the dire state of our financial situation which is deteriorating alarmingly month by month. This has of course been precipitated by our inability to provide you our members the opportunities to conveniently make your customary regular offerings.

We have just completed the annual audit for the year 2020/21 and the resultant financial statements will shortly be presented to you ahead of the forthcoming AGM. These statements show that we have understandably run a deficit of nearly **Rs.2.5m** during the year!

You will appreciate that though we are constrained in our ability to have physical services and receive your offerings, we continue to serve our worshipping community diligently and a consequence of this is that our regular overhead costs of Rs.1m per month (both statutory and other) need to be met. The deficit is a consequence and is accumulating month-on-month.

We have thus far survived this challenge only because of the outreach funds that are available to us and these are on the verge of being fully depleted. These funds were raised to support very worthy causes. Rest assured though that our outreach commitments have been fully met to date without interruption and we hope to keep it that way. Though these funds have been a temporary lifeline for us over the last year, you will appreciate that this cannot continue for long and we need to immediately take measures to replenish those reserves whilst also raising funds every month for recurring current expenditure.

We, therefore, appeal to you to help us build our reserves by contributing to

1. Cathedral deficit fund and
2. Tithes, thank offerings, donations, etc. on a regular basis.

All contributions may please be made as follows:

**Online (internet banking) transfers:**

Beneficiary : Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour  
Bank : Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue Branch  
Account Number : 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](mailto:anglican.cathedral@yahoo.com) with copy to [info@cathedral.lk](mailto:info@cathedral.lk)

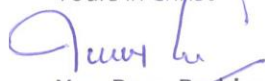
- a) Name, Address and Telephone number of donor/remitter;
- b) Remitting Bank;
- c) Amount (Rs.);
- d) Date of Transfer;
- e) Purpose of remittance: Deficit Fund or Tithes/Thank Offering/Donation etc.

**Cheque payments**

Beneficiary : 'Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour'

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

Thanking You  
With Peace and Prayers  
Yours in Christ

  
Ven. Perry Brohier  
Vicar

# LECTIONARY - AUGUST 2021

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – Proper 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Bible Society Day**

**Theme: “The Bible, the Bread from heaven, calls us to Unity in Christ”**

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12: 13
Psalm	51: 1 - 12
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 4: 1 - 6
Gospel	St. John 6: 24 - 35

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Proper 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Bread of Life”**

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 18: 5 – 9, 15, 31 - 33
Psalm	130
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2
Gospel	St. John 6: 35, 41 – 51

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Proper 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “Christ my Refuge and my Strength”**

Old Testament Lesson	1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3 - 14
Psalm	111
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 5: 15 - 20
Gospel	St. John 6: 51 - 58

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – Proper 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Words of Eternal Life”**

Old Testament Lesson	1 Kings 8: 1, 22 – 30, 41 - 43
Psalm	84
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20
Gospel	St. John 6: 56 - 69

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Proper 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | World Council of Churches Sunday**

**Theme: “Commandments of Life for Christian Unity: Doers of the Word, Not Merely Hearers”**

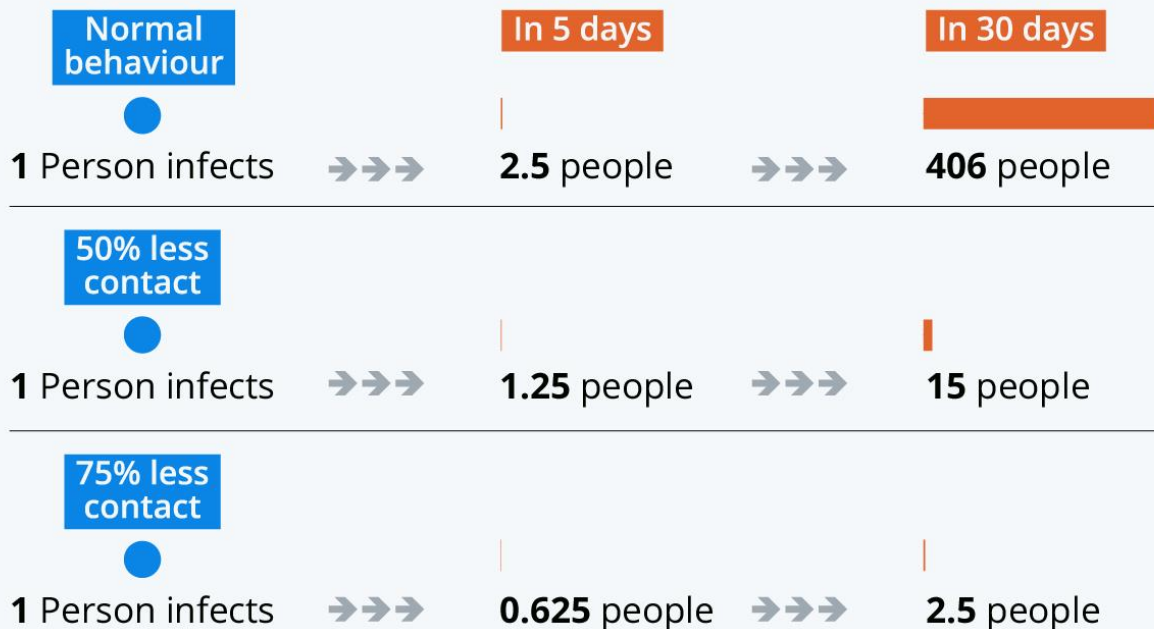
Old Testament Lesson	Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 13
Psalm	45: 1 -2, 6 - 9
New Testament Reading	James 1: 17 - 27
Gospel	St. Mark 7: 1 -8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23

# Holy Days / Festivals & Other Important Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Bible Society Day
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers Union
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Displaced Persons & Migrants Sunday
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Apostle
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	World Council of Churches Sunday

## The Vital Importance of Social Distancing

How a reduction in social contact can reduce the spread of the coronavirus



Source: Signer Laboratory/Gary Warshaw





# HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

**07:00AM – Sinhala & Tamil**

**08.30AM – English**

- It is mandatory to conform to the following health and safety guidelines when attending service: temperature checks at gate, hand and footwear sanitization, name registration at the entrance to the church, wearing masks and social distancing at all times inside the church.
- The 8:30AM service will continue to be livestreamed. The link for the livestream will be shared weekly.

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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/>