

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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**NOVEMBER 2021**

*Remembrance*



**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:** There is much in store for the month of November as the current liturgical calendar ends on the 27th of November 2021. With Advent Sunday we will enter a new liturgical year with the gospel of St. Luke being the focus throughout most of it.

Breaking away from the common understanding of November, I would like to think of this month as a month of remembrance and hope. In Advent, we commence our prayerful preparation for the celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation or the Feast of the Holy Nativity.

We will also observe the following days this month: on the 1st, All Saints' Day; on the 2nd, All Souls' Day; on the 7th, Saints of our Diocese, the Foundation of the Diocese of Colombo, the birthday of the Cathedral, Saints and Martyrs of our land, and on the 30th, St. Andrew's Day.

**Diocesan Council 2021:** The 136th Annual Diocesan Council Sessions will take place on the 26th and 27th of November 2021. In preparation for the council sessions, a preliminary Archdeaconry Conference was held on the 23rd of October 2021 over Zoom and the customary Area Deanery Pre-Council meeting is scheduled to take place on the 13th of November 2021. The preparatory material for all Councillors has been sent to them and the Green Book will reach them in the next few days.

Your prayers would be appreciated for your Diocesan Council representatives Pranavan Rockwood, Mohan Mendis, Misthi Seneviratne & Anagi Wannakuwatte. I trust that they will prepare for your information and education a report of the Council proceedings and keep you informed of any further details.

**Nation:** With every passing day something sad keeps happening in the life of the nation. If what we are having to endure was bad enough, the recently appointed "One Nation, One Law" Presidential Task Force appears to be dragging the nation into further uncertainty and confusion. The composition of the said Presidential Task Force has exposed a lack of representation. An effort should be made to restore the confidence of the people in such endeavours by rectifying this very apparent anomaly. Further the choice of persons to give leadership to such endeavours expose the integrity of the decisions.

The people of this nation not very long ago exercised their democratic responsibility at elections. However, today they do not appear to trust their leaders.

In addition, the people have a right to know the reasons for the downturn in the economy and the breakdown in almost every sector. Simply blaming the pandemic for everything negative in the country cannot go on for much longer.

I would like to close this section on Nation with a quote from the veteran actor Morgan Freeman who said being stupid is “knowing the truth, seeing the truth and still believing the lies!”

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

**Support for the Cathedral:** I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to those who have responded to the appeal requesting support for the work of the Cathedral.

Online banking transactions are possible and welcome. 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)

**Sunday School:** Our Sunday School has reconvened for the new term and will meet online until further notice.

**Cathedral Youth Forum – Youth Connect:** The youth forum Youth Connect takes place online every Tuesday at 6pm. While I urge all young people to join this youth group, I would like to request parents to encourage their children to join the group as well.

**Live Stream:** The live stream will continue to take place until we are permitted to meet in person. I am extremely grateful to our live stream team who continue to help us with the preparation amidst many challenges.

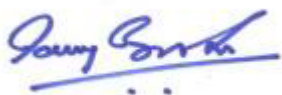
**Pastoral Care:** The Clergy of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team remains committed to assist should you have a reason for any form of Pastoral care, assistance, and intervention.

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

Thanking You,

With Prayers and Blessings

Yours Sincerely,



**Ven. Perry Brohier**

Vicar

## 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL

It is 48 years since the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour was consecrated on 7th November 1973 by Rt. Revd. Cyril Abeynaike, Bishop of Colombo at an impressive service attended by nearly 3000 persons representative of the State, Church and other Churches.

The foundation stone for the Cathedral was laid by Bishop Harold de Soysa, the first Sri Lankan Bishop of Colombo, at a service held at Bullers Road on 28th October 1968. A procession consisting of children, church workers and representatives of various parishes set out from Independence Square and marched to the site prior to the service. The architects selected were Mr. T. W. Wynne-Jones for the structure and Mr. Wilson Peiris for the design. The architecture combines traditional elements of the Kandyan period (17th & 18th century) and modern structural design. Each part of the building incorporates the symbolic aspects of the Christian faith. The walls and columns of the Cathedral have an unfinished appearance to symbolize the unfinished task of the Church.

The building was completed in five years, taking into consideration that it must be an open place – as open as weather conditions and hazards will permit. The openness of the Cathedral symbolizes that we are not to shut ourselves away from the world in this building. However, even as we are within it, we are to be mindful of the problems, challenges and opportunities amidst which we live.

- *Nirmala M. Pieris*





# LECTIONARY - NOVEMBER 2021

**Date: 7th November 2021 – Proper 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7th Sunday Before Christmas**

**Theme: “Communion of Saints”**

**Diocesan and All Saints Sunday**

Old Testament Lesson	Ruth 3: 1 -5, 4: 13 - 17
Psalm	127
New Testament Reading	Hebrews 9: 24 - 28
Gospel	St. Mark 12: 38 - 44

**Date: 14th November 2021 – Proper 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**6th Sunday Before Christmas**

**Theme: “Remembrance Sunday”**

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 1: 4 - 20
Psalm	16
New Testament Reading	Hebrews 10: 11 – 14 , 19 - 25
Gospel	St. Mark 13: 1 - 8

**Date: 21st November 2021 – Proper 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5th Sunday Before Christmas & Reign of Christ Sunday**

**Theme: “Reign of Christ Against Secularism and Consumerism”**

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 23: 1 - 7
Psalm	132: 1 - 12
New Testament Reading	Revelation 1: 4b - 8
Gospel	St. John 18: 33 - 37

**Date: 28th November 2021 - Advent Sunday**

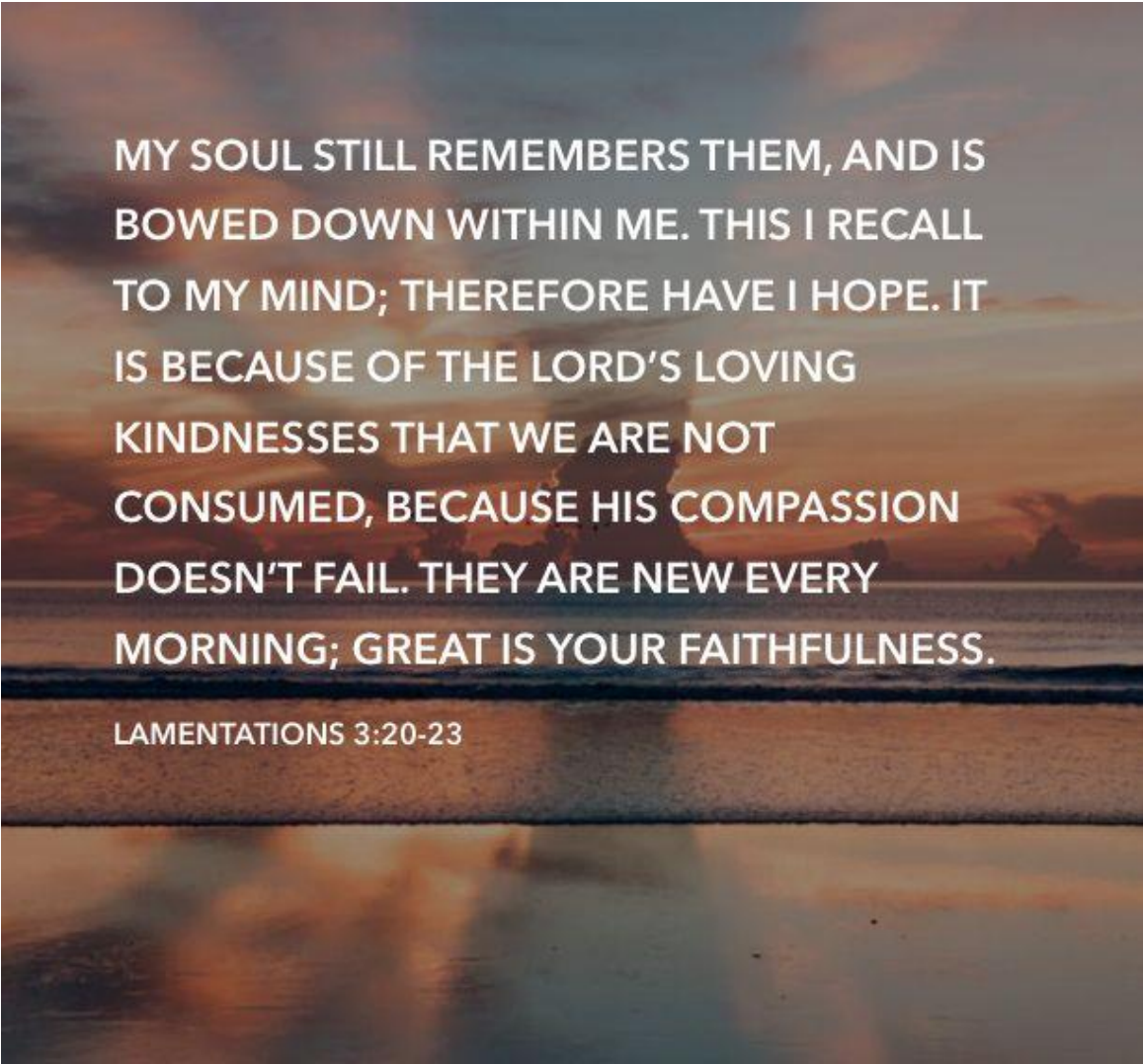
**4th Sunday Before Christmas**

**Theme: “Watching with Hope for the Branch from David”**

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Psalm	25: 1 – 10
New Testament Reading	1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13
Gospel	St. Luke 21: 25 - 36

## HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saints' Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	All Souls' Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Saints 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> Nov	Saints and Martyrs of our Land
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Andrew's Day



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CONSUMED, BECAUSE HIS COMPASSION  
DOESN'T FAIL. THEY ARE NEW EVERY  
MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

LAMENTATIONS 3:20-23

# HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

## 08.30am – English (Live Stream)

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