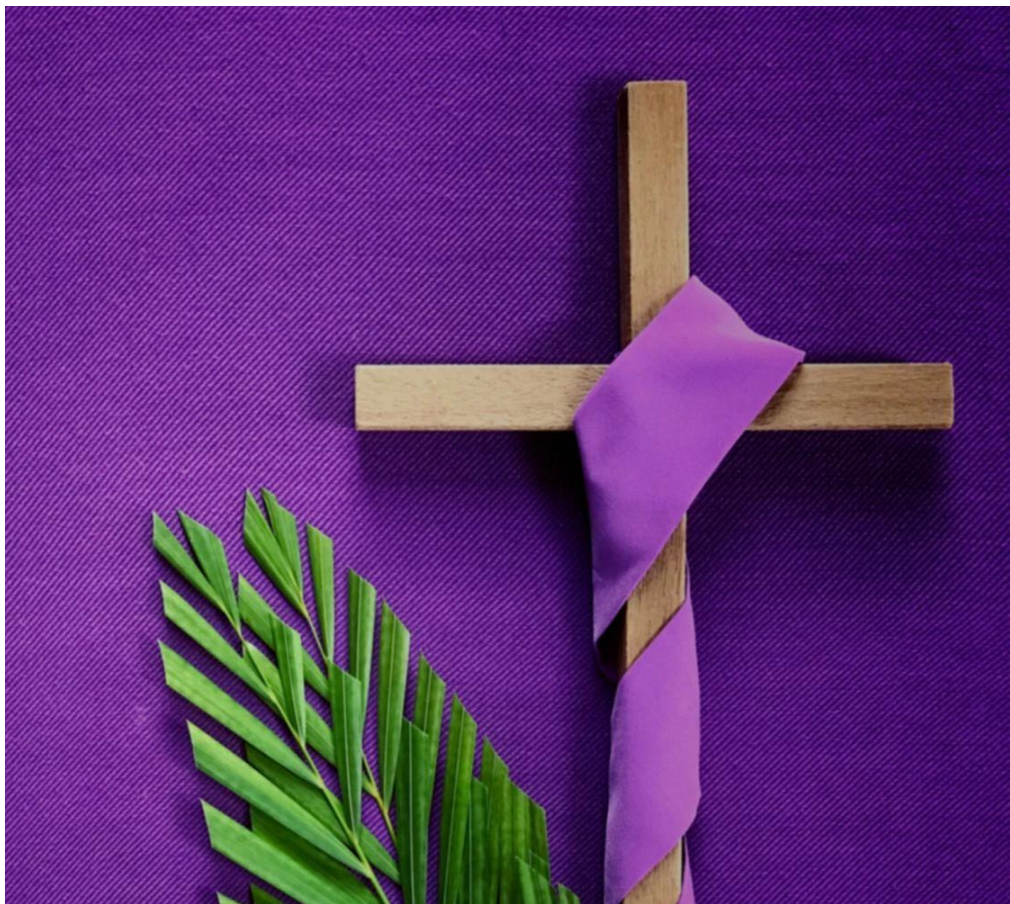


CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

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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: We have entered another solemn season of Lent. I urge you all to make time for yourself in this opening we have in the life of the liturgical calendar of the Church to prayerfully reflect on our calling as the people of God.

Nation: Our nation continues to go from one crisis to another with no sustainable long-term solution. This litany of issues seems to have begun with the ethnic conflict that gave birth to the war, another uprising in the south, a brain drain in the late 1960's, a displacement of people in 1983, another brain drain thereafter that continues to take place even today, the energy crisis, the economic crisis, the forex crisis and the list continues to lengthen. Successive regimes that have ruled have failed the people of this nation and after being an independent nation for almost 75 years, this tale of woe continues to be the only constant feature in our nation's history.

If the people of our nation want to correct this pattern, then we need to look inward and pay careful attention to the leaders we elect. We will need to make some intentional decisions to replace the popular politicians with selfless statesmen, women and men with vision, integrity and character.

Therefore I encourage the people of God to intentionally intercede in your prayers for maturity in the thinking of our people and sensible expression in their choices.

Life in the Cathedral:

50th Anniversary of the Cathedral: We keep our 50th anniversary as a Cathedral on the 7th of November 2023. Every effort is being made to commemorate this important occasion in a meaningful way. It is hoped to launch this celebration on the 7th of November 2022.

A team of people is being put together to plan and give leadership to the worshipping community in this regard. Details will be made known soon.

Worship Services in Person: With worship services taking place in person, I would like to remind you to please make every effort to maintain the required health and safety protocols. I request that we be sensitive towards each other in this regard.

Electoral Roll for 2022: The final posting will be made shortly.

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

Series of Bible Studies: You are welcome to join the series of Bible studies being held on the theme *'God's Church for God's world – walking, listening and witnessing together'*. Learning and growing together in our faith with the help of the scriptures is important for a worshipping community like us.

Details of the Bible study are available in this newsletter. You may call the Cathedral office too if you require any further details.

Support for the Cathedral: I am grateful to all of you despite our being in challenging times caused by the pandemic, you have made an effort to support the work of the Cathedral that has been taking place even during these times. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued.

Online banking transactions are possible and welcome. Please call the Cathedral office (0112671481), speak to me or send us an email with the details you need to info@cathedral.lk.

Live Stream: The live stream will continue to take place. If you have not already done so and wish to, please subscribe to the Cathedral YouTube Channel by pressing the subscribe button.



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

Thanking you,
With Prayers and Blessings
Yours Sincerely,

Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar



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SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES

Theme:

*'God's Church for God's World:
Walking, Listening and Witnessing
Together.'*

**EVERY FRIDAY COMMENCING
25TH FEBRUARY 2022,
6.00PM ONWARDS
VIA ZOOM**

Link will be shared weekly.

EARTH HOUR 2022

Earth Hour is a symbolic lights-out event to raise awareness on climate change that was started in 2007 by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). It is held every year on the last Saturday of March and this year's event falls on the 26th of March. Supporters from all over the world participate by switching off all their lights for one hour on this day. It might seem an insignificant action but it's more than that. It's a symbol of unity and hope. It's a demonstration of the power of collective action for our future and the planet's.

As stewards of God's creation, we have a collective responsibility for the protection of the environment. Don't let this condemn or overburden you into thinking that it's now your personal responsibility to go and save the rainforests, shut down the coal plants or save an endangered species. As members of the body of Christ, we each have a different purpose and calling. While some may be called to do the above, the rest of us may have more simpler day-to-day actions that we are called to take; things like using reusable bags for our grocery shopping, recycling our paper waste, setting the air conditioning to a sensible temperature so that it cools in a manner that does not resemble winter, perhaps buying an LED bulb the next time you need one, etc. Like switching off your lights for an hour, these may seem insignificant in their impact, but they are achievable for most of us. Done collectively and consistently, they can have a multiplying effect and a major impact in the grander scheme of things. Whether it's a small action we are asked to do or a bigger one, it's still equally important that we do it.

We should spend some time to ask God what he personally wants us to do to protect his creation, and remember that whatever he asks us to do, he gives us the grace to do it. Whether it's a small action we are asked to do or a bigger one, it's all equally important.

- *Darren White*

CHILDREN'S LENTEN CALENDAR

Dear children,

Please follow the guidelines given in the attached leaflet prepared by the Board of Christian Education and grow closer to God during this Lent Season.

Thank you!

- *Nirubala*

MY 2022 LENTEN CALENDAR—40 CROSSES

This Lent I will show my love for Jesus by doing something for him each day. To show what I have done, I will color a cross each day to match one of the good deeds below.

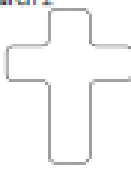
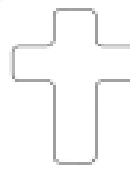


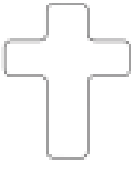
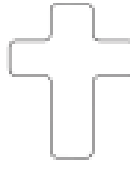




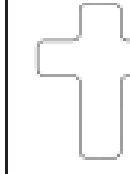














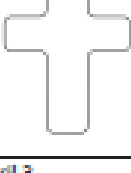
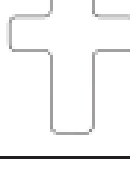




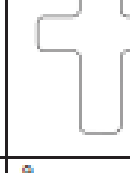
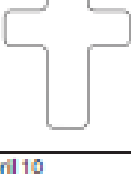
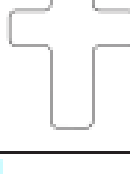



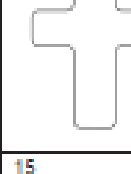
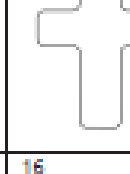
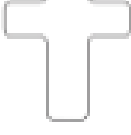






GREEN CROSS - I said an extra prayer.

PURPLE CROSS - I helped someone.

RED CROSS - I did something good that was hard for me to do.

YELLOW CROSS - I did what I was supposed to do without being told.

Signed _____

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | March 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| March 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| March 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| March 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| March 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | April 1  | 2  |
| April 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| April 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |

LECTIONARY - MARCH 2022

Date: 6th March 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

Theme: "Preparation for the Joys of Easter – The Temptations"

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Old Testament Lesson | Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11 |
| Psalm | 91: 1 – 2, 9 - 16 |
| New Testament Reading | Romans 10: 8b - 13 |
| Gospel | St. Luke 4: 1 - 13 |

Date: 13th March 2022 - Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: "The Call to Transform"

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| Old Testament Lesson | Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 - 18 |
| Psalm | 27 |
| New Testament Reading | Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 |
| Gospel | St. Luke 13: 31 - 35 |

Date: 20th March 2022 - Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: "Conversion and Regeneration"

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| Old Testament Lesson | Isaiah 55: 1 - 9 |
| Psalm | 63: 1 - 8 |
| New Testament Reading | 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13 |
| Gospel | St. Luke 13: 1 - 9 |

Date: 27th March 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering /Parenting Sunday

Theme: "Perseverance in Faith and Love"

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| Old Testament Lesson | Exodus 2: 1 - 10 |
| Psalm | 127: 1 - 4 |
| New Testament Reading | Colossians 3: 12 - 17 |
| Gospel | St. John 19: 25 - 27 |

HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

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|----------------------|--|
| 25 th Mar | Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 27 th Mar | Mothering or Parenting Sunday |

HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

07.00am – Sinhala & Tamil

08.30am – English (Live Stream)

- Please call the Cathedral office on 011 267 1481 between 9.00am and 4.00pm on weekdays to confirm your presence at the service you wish to attend.
- 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

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