



CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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The Resurrection



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: This month we observe the most important of feasts in the life of the Church. 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!' is the traditional Easter acclamation that we will hear during the season of Easter. The implications of this acclamation is what makes our faith unique and distinctively different.

Our lectionary readings during the Easter season will focus on many post Easter narratives and there will also be highlighted readings from the Acts of the Apostles that will prepare us for the Feast of Pentecost.

As a people of a nation in turmoil, let us seek God's encouragement and peace that our hope in the resurrection would keep us steadfast and fervent in our prayers so that God who brought life from the tomb of death will deliver this nation and its people from this situation of hopelessness and distress that we are in.

The people of God too need to be mobilised to respond to the situation being faced by the people of this nation. The first step would be to go on our knees in prayer and thereafter we need to stand on our feet in solidarity with each other!

The war that goes on in Ukraine also needs our prayerful attention. I want to assure parents from our worshipping community whose children are students in the region where conflict goes on, that you are very much in our prayers. We will continue to pray for the safety and wellbeing of your loved ones and for the safety and wellbeing of all people adversely affected directly by this war.

On the 27th of March 2022, a special service of evening prayer was held in our Cathedral. It was organised by the Church of Ceylon (Anglican Church) and the Roman Catholic Church. His Eminence the Cardinal of the Archdiocese of Colombo, Cardinal Malcom Ranjith was the preacher. The service was also live streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel.

Nation: With the country in a serious crisis, it is abundantly clear that those who have been entrusted with giving leadership to our nation have failed the people. There seems to be no end in sight to the hardships that people are facing. News of people expressing their disappointment keeps growing day by day. The disregard to the suffering that people are undergoing in their effort to survive by those in power is extremely disappointing.

Life at the Cathedral:

Good Friday 3 Hour Devotions:

- 8 am – 11 am (English) - the Preacher at this service will be Rev. Christie Joseph, Vicar of Christ Church Galle Face, St. Peter's Church Fort and the Chaplain of Ladies' College.
- 3 pm – 6 pm (Sinhala/Tamil) - the Preacher at this service will be Rev. Chintha Polgampola, Assistant Curate, Church of St. Michael and All Angels Polwatte.

Confirmation Classes: I am happy to inform you that we are planning to commence confirmation classes soon. Parents who wish to have their children prepared for confirmation are requested to complete an application form which is available in this edition of the newsletter and return it to the office or contact the Cathedral office for more information. Thereafter we will help with the process going forward.

50th Anniversary of the Cathedral: Work in this regard will commence and more details will be made known shortly.

Worship Services in Person: With worship services taking place in person as per the pre-COVID-19 times, I would like to request all of you to be sensitive towards each other and make every effort to maintain the required health and safety protocols.

Series of Bible Studies: On 8th April 2022, we bring to a close this current series of Bible studies that we have been following on the theme '**God's Church for God's world – walking, listening and witnessing together**'.

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: Your prayers will be appreciated for Fr. Balakumar who has not been in the best of health recently. As a result of him being under medical care, I am making every effort to ensure that the element of pastoral care takes place without any interruption especially with regard to critical interventions in times of illness or emergency. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the Cathedral office in case of any need.

I may be required to travel overseas on work for five days towards the end of the month. The arrangements for pastoral care in my absence will be made known accordingly.

Thanking you,
With Prayers and Blessings



Ven. Perry Brohier
Vicar



Holy⁺Week **SPECIAL SERVICES**

April 10 Palm Sunday	7:00am (Sinhala/Tamil) 8:30am (English)
April 14 Maundy Thursday	7:30am (English) 6:00pm (Trilingual)
April 15 Good Friday	8am to 11am (English) 3pm to 6pm (Sinhala/Tamil)
April 16 Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil 11:00pm
April 17 Easter Sunday	7:00am (Sinhala/Tamil) 8:30am (English)

The Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH OF CEYLON



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Diocese of Kurunegala

STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS – THE NEED FOR DISCERNMENT

We view with grave concern the statement attributed to the President's office, which stated that an 'Extremist Group' was responsible for the protests and unrest that occurred on the night of 31st March. We question the motive in rushing to identify parties alleged to be responsible within such a short period of time without stating any credible basis for such conclusion.

The people of Sri Lanka irrespective of race, religion, caste, social class or political affiliation have been left to fight for their survival. They now face extreme hardship to maintain their basic existence. The unprecedented power cuts enforced on a daily basis and the never-ending shortage of fuel has severely hampered the livelihood of our people. Even the small-time barber, tailor, carpenter, baker welder, printer, fisherman, restaurant owner and trishaw driver are unable to earn their daily living. All this while electricity is not disrupted to several VIP residential areas and those in power still being able to obtain diesel and gas to continue their happy living. The Government has failed to respond to these extreme and unprecedented situations and has kept the people totally in the dark on how it plans to navigate these challenging times.

What the country experienced on 31st night was the culmination of small-scale agitations and peaceful protests carried out the entire week in several areas of the country, calling on the government to wake up from its slumber. The gathering of protesters that day were desperate Men and Women of Sri Lanka asking for relief in the hope that they will be heard. We condemn unequivocally any destruction of public or private property. Those specifically responsible for such acts of violence have to be identified and brought before the law. However, we also condemn the use of unreasonable force and the arrest of peaceful demonstrators. The salutary gesture of pro-deo legal representation by a large number of civic conscious lawyers is a testimony to the general sentiments of the people regarding such civilian protests.

We urge the President and the Government to listen to the cries of the people of this country and fulfill their fundamental obligations as a responsible administration. The state is duty bound to lay out its short, medium- and long-term plans for economic recovery as a matter of urgency. The government has to devise a mechanism for immediate infusion of foreign currency to the economy in order to avert a Human catastrophe of an unprecedented magnitude. The suffering masses who have now run out of patience will continue to agitate and react with anger since there is still no sign of light at the end of this tunnel. To be blaming such actions on extremist forces is a dangerous attempt which can orchestrate further unrest with communal and religious undertones. It also means that the government has still not got the message which was conveyed by the people of this country. Protests of this nature require a response of dialogue and engagement rather than suppression. Clamping down an island wide curfew to prevent people from expressing themselves is not the answer to the burning problems of the nation.

We are concerned that the declaration of a state of emergency will be an incentive for the Executive, the Police and Armed forces to act with impunity. We call upon the Police, the STF and our Armed Forces to act with discernment when differentiating between peaceful gatherings of solidarity and



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unruly behavior. All responsible state officials must act with patience at this juncture, as the people are simply responding to a situation that they have been forced into. We hope that the cry of our masses will not fall on deaf ears and that the pain of our people will be seen with open eyes.



The Right Reverend Keerthisiri Fernando
Bishop of Kurunagala &
Presiding Bishop of The Church of Ceylon



The Right Reverend Dushantha Rodrigo
Bishop of Colombo

02/04/2022

அங்கு கலையெனையே ஸ்தூதனம் உலகமென
ஒருமைப்பாட்டுக்கான அமைதிப் பிரார்த்தனை இயக்கம்

SILENT SOLIDARITY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

புரட்சி நோக்கங்கள் OBJECTIVES

To pray for divine intervention & stand in solidarity with the people of the country

ஈசு ரவெ சிலப்ப சிவனாப சமல கலையெனையே ஸ்தூதனம் உலகமென மீதான விம பனா யாபனா கிரிம
தன்புறம் எம் நாட்டு மக்களுக்காக இறையருள் வேண்டி அவர்களுடன் ஒன்றிணைதல்

To pray for wisdom & guidance for the leaders of our country

ஈசு ரவெ நானகனல் பூனாப சம மலையெனில் ஓட்டு யாபனா கிரிமல்
எம் நாட்டுத் தலைவர்கள் சூனமும், வழிகாட்டலும் பெற்றிட இறையருள் வேண்டிதல்

DATE

09 APRIL 2022

TIME

4.00 P.M.

உனது ஸ்தூதனம் புரட்சி கரணம் உனது பிணைதல்!
தந்தையே, எனது தேசத்தை விழித்தெழச்செய்வீர்!

FATHER, LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE!

VENUE

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL PREMISES (adjoining BMICED)
TO BORELLA CEMETRY JUNCTION

SUPPORTING GROUPS

Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC
CBCSL Commissions
National Directors & Apostolates
Church of Ceylon, Diocese of Colombo - BSR
CMRS
NPC
National Christian Council of Sri Lanka



CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORM

Confirmation Application Form

Name of Confirmation Candidate			
Age		Gender	Male / Female
Date and Place of Baptism			
Name of Parents			
Contact Details			
Postal Address		Email	Phone Number
Date:		Signature	

LECTIONARY - APRIL 2022

Date: 3rd April 2022 - Second Sunday Before Easter (5th Sunday of Lent)

Theme: Sanctification – A New Life in Christ

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21
Psalm	126
Epistle	Philippians 3: 4 - 14
Gospel	St. John 12: 1 - 8

**Date: 10th April 2022 - Passion or Palm Sunday -
Sunday Next Before Easter (6th Sunday of Lent)**

Theme: The Way of the Cross

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9
Psalm	31: 9 - 16
Epistle	Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Gospel	St. Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

Date: 17th April 2022 – Easter Day or The Feast of the Resurrection

Theme: Christ is Arisen

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 65: 17 - 25
Psalm	118: 1 -2, 14 - 21
Epistle	1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26
Gospel	St. Luke 24: 1 - 12

Date: 24th April 2022 – Second Sunday After Easter

Theme: My Lord and My God

New Testament Lesson	Acts 5: 27 - 32
Psalm	118: 14 - 29
Epistle	Revelation 1: 4 - 8
Gospel	St. John 20: 19 - 31

HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

10 th April	Palm or Passion Sunday
14 th April	Maundy Thursday
15 th April	Good Friday
16 th April	Holy Saturday
17 th April	Easter day
24 th April	Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist

HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

07.00am – Sinhala & Tamil
08.30am – English (Live Stream)

- 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

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