



# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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August 2022

## Transfiguration



**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 6<sup>th</sup> of August, the Church observes the Feast of the Transfiguration. The gospel narratives remind us through the conversation between our Lord and his disciples that our life of witness is not lived detached from the realities of life on a mountain top, but in the valley of life amidst the challenges of life, human suffering and need.

We are called upon to exercise our commitment to Christ amidst all that threatens to rob human beings of their basic dignity. May we find courage and inspiration in our reflections and community worship to guide our path during this period of Ordinary time.

**Lambeth Conference 2022:** As I share this pastoral letter with you, Bishops from all over the Anglican Communion meet at the Lambeth Conference. We pray that they will have a meaningful time of interaction, study and prayerful reflection over the issues and concerns they deliberate over.

**Nation:** We have a new President. His appointment comes after weeks of public agitation that forced the previous President out of office. The process has also revealed areas of the constitution that require attention. While the present arrangements in place maybe constitutionally consistent, legitimate questions are being asked if the government has lost its mandate. In order to get through this interim period, this route may be the suggested way forward, but serious attention needs to be given to this area as a matter of priority.

It must not be forgotten that the people of this nation have been let down by successive governments. The poor management and ill-informed decisions by those in authority have contributed significantly to the multiple challenges being faced by the people. Today everyone is struggling for survival and the responsibility for this needs to be taken by successive regimes. Further, the systematic and intentional plundering of valuable resources in the country has taken place unchecked for which successive regimes need to be held accountable.

Therefore, people are looking for answers. They are also calling for those who are responsible for the said breakdown to be called to account. Every effort must be made to bring back that which has been plundered from the country.

Those in leadership must make a serious commitment towards this exercise if they are to be taken seriously by their people who are also their electorate. The people of this nation are educated intelligent people and they are watching; they will be carefully observing the actions of their leaders.

Those who opted to violently agitate must understand that violence will not achieve anything constructive. It will in fact undermine the gains made by the peaceful protestors. It was also sad to note the manner in which the state failed to distinguish between the peaceful protestors and violent mobs. While state brutality is condemned without any reservation, the willful damaging of valuables inside national assets such as the President's House, President's office, Prime Minister's official residence and private property cannot be also condoned in any way.

### **Life in the Cathedral**

**Community Kitchen (CK):** This new Mission initiative has grown rapidly since its inception a few weeks ago. What began initially as an initiative to feed 50 persons once a week has now grown to the extent that 400 people are being fed weekly.

C K is in need of personnel to help with logistics. I am extremely grateful to members of the worshipping community who have networked with their friends and well-wishers in order to support this effort financially. This newsletter will contain details in the event anyone is moved to support this initiative financially. Please speak to me if you need to have any more details.

**Cathedral Prayer Group:** Over the last few weeks we have been reminded of the importance and value of prayer. I continue to invite anyone who is keen to join the Cathedral prayer group to speak to me and I will be more than happy to connect you with the prayer group.

**Church of Ceylon Moving Towards a Province:** After giving due notice a Special General Meeting was convened on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 soon after the 8.30 am service of Holy Eucharist. In keeping with the agenda that was displayed on the notice board, the resolution to create more dioceses was discussed and an unanimous decision was reached that this is the direction that we need to move in if the Church of Ceylon is to become a Province. The thinking of the congregation will now be conveyed to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will take a short recess in August and reconvene on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 for the new term.

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation classes will begin in the course of the month of August. Those who have registered will be contacted and a meeting will also be scheduled with parents shortly.

**50th Anniversary of the Cathedral:** The children of the Sunday School have been called upon to design the stamp that is hoped to be issued next year in time for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral. The Church of Ceylon Youth Movement will conduct a campaign to design a logo for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral.

**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.

Please call the Cathedral office (0112671481), speak to me or send us an email requesting the Cathedral bank account details to [info@cathedral.lk](mailto:info@cathedral.lk) and we will be only too happy to share the required details with you. We encourage you to make use of online banking facilities for this purpose.

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



**Pastoral Care:** The Cathedral Clergy continue to be available to make pastoral interventions in time of need. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with them in case of pastoral emergency.

Thanking you,  
With Prayers and Blessings  
Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Brohier".

**Ven. Perry Brohier**  
Vicar



# A STATEMENT BY THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH OF CEYLON



Diocese of Colombo



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Diocese of Kurunegala

### A CRUCIAL WEEK AHEAD

#### A STATEMENT BY THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH OF CEYLON

The People's Movement/Aragalaya has achieved its primary objective, after a long period of struggle-the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapakse as the President of Sri Lanka. We welcome this significant milestone in the campaign for democracy, accountability and justice. This was achieved despite setbacks and the cynical political maneuvering of President Rajapakse when he appointed Ranil Wickremesinghe as his Prime Minister.

The next phase of the struggle is extremely important if the campaign for democracy, accountability and justice is to continue. Parliament has to elect a person from among its members to serve the remainder of the presidential term. The present Parliament, also discredited in the eyes of the People for its inability to check the corruption and mismanagement of the executive and ensure public accountability, has the constitutional obligation to elect a President who will commence the challenging task of restoring constitutionalism and accountability, repairing the collapsed economy and restoring a semblance of normalcy in the lives of the citizens of the country.

Will Parliament be able to redeem itself, at least somewhat, next week? Will Parliament heed the voices of the People clearly articulated through the Aragalaya and the numerous statements made in recent weeks by civil society? A rejection of politics as usual; a demand for radical political change where partisan politics that places individual and party interests above the national interest is repudiated; a new beginning, even in an old discredited Parliament, that promises further change ahead. The signs of the past couple of days has been disappointing with each party and its leaders demonstrating deafness to the voices of the People and making claims for the presidency based on the old discredited politics as usual.

Sri Lanka needs an inclusive, interim government with a respected and unifying person as the new President so that genuine constitutional reform and the challenging task of restoring the economy can begin forthwith. We call upon every Member of Parliament to remember that she/he is primarily a representative of the People, rather than a party or a party leader, and in electing a new President and Government next week, is performing a special constitutional function in extraordinary circumstances. Those who have in the past few months led the struggle for change, the people of Sri Lanka and the international community will watch to see whether members of the Parliament of Sri Lanka have the capacity, courage and wisdom to perform this extraordinary responsibility. The future of constitutionalism, democracy and the Sri Lankan economy could very well depend on it.



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



**The Right Reverend Dushantha Rodrigo**  
Bishop of Colombo

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## NATIONAL SEA SUNDAY 2022

The National Seafarers Sunday was observed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Bauddhaloka Mawatha after a lapse of two years.

Students from the Colombo International Nautical Engineering Campus (CINEC), members of the Sri Lanka Police, the Sri Lanka Navy, the Sri Lanka Navy Band and the Choir of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour were in attendance. Representatives and stakeholders of the Shipping and Maritime industry of Sri Lanka were also present.

The Chairperson of the Mission in Colombo welcomed all those who attended and also thanked everyone for the encouragement and support extended to the Mission in Colombo at all times.

The lessons were read by the Vice-Chairperson of the Mission in Colombo, the Harbour Master, the Chief Executive Officer of South Asia Gateway Terminal and members from the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Fort.

The Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Fort led the service. He was assisted by the Mission Secretary of the Diocese of Colombo who led the intercessions, the Area Dean Colombo North was the Deacon of the Service and the Preacher and Celebrant was the Port Chaplain & Vicar of the Cathedral. The sermon for the day focused on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Click [https://youtu.be/sKPOA\\_A4ff4](https://youtu.be/sKPOA_A4ff4) to see the National Sea Sunday Service.



# NATIONAL SEA SUNDAY SERVICE



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since independence. The unavailability of food, fuel, fertilizer and medicines have disrupted livelihoods across our nation. As a result, according to the United Nations' Food Security Crisis Report of June 2022 – September 2022, 5.7 million people in Sri Lanka are now in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. We are in a food security crisis. Surveys indicate that up to 70% of households have had to reduce food consumption, including skipping meals as food prices have increased by 73% in the last 2 years.

Children are particularly affected by the crisis with the reduction in feeding programs that target children from poor households. This is resulting in acute malnutrition which will impede development.

The Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour community have come forward to assist the poor and marginalized communities that live around the Cathedral vicinity by providing an evening meal twice a week. 200 packed meals of rice and curry are distributed each day. In addition, the 30 children who come with their parents are also provided with either milk or yogurt.

An appeal made by our Vicar, Fr. Perry, resulted in an overwhelming response in terms of donations and volunteers. We have so far served 875 packs and in order to sustain this we appeal to all of you and your wider circle of family and friends both here and overseas to help us to continue this effort reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need.

The Cathedral Garden has become a playground to all the children who come. Our Cathedral is building a beloved community.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter which gives you all the details how you can donate and volunteer. A meal costs Rs. 240/-. Each of us can play a small part in bringing joy to our friends who have less.

Thank you to Fr. Perry for his commitment and leadership, to all our donors who give generously and our lively band of volunteers. Please come and join us as we build community.

*"For I was hungry, and you fed me ....."* - Matt. 25:35





# Community Kitchen in action





# Cathedral Community kitchen



With the help of volunteers from the congregation, members of the Cathedral Worshipping Community have begun to respond to aid those affected by the present crisis.

**The community kitchen is currently distributing 400 meals, twice a week to those in need.**

If you would like to contribute by volunteering, please get in touch with the vicar.



If you feel moved to support this initiative, you may make your contribution to the Cathedral office by indicating Community Kitchen or CK on the envelope.

Alternatively, you can make a bank transfer to the Cathedral.

Beneficiary: Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

Bank: Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue Branch

Account Number: 1116019905

Bank Code: 7056

Branch Code: 116

Swift Code: CCEYLK LX

Reference: "Community Kitchen" or "CK"

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# LECTIONARY - AUGUST 2022

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Proper 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “Be Prepared: God is Ever Faithful”**

Reading	Passage	Name of Reader
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 1: 1, 12 - 20	Kaliya De Lanerolle
Psalm	50: 1 – 8, 22 - 23	Warren White
Epistle	Hebrews 11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16	Anika Gamalatg
Gospel	St. Luke 12: 32 - 40	Treasure Boco
Intercessions		Eshan De Mel

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Proper 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “Persevere Like Jesus to Alleviate the Suffering of the Present”**

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 5: 1 - 7	Chaminda Seneviratne
Psalm	80: 1 – 2, 8 - 19	Abigail Pereira
Epistle	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2	Leonie Seneviratne
Gospel	St. Luke 12: 49 - 56	Niroshala Manuel
Intercessions		Mohan Mendis

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – Proper 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “The Lord of the Sabbath sets us Free”**

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10	Thayalan Gnanapragasam
Psalm	71: 1 - 6	Indrani Senanayake
Epistle	Hebrews 12: 18 - 29	Vrai Raymond
Gospel	St Luke 13: 10 - 17	Shyamal Muthumudalige
Intercessions		Nirubala Vincent

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Proper 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: “Humanity and Care for Others Is the Basis for Life and Unity”**

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13	Jeanne Samuel
Psalm	81: 1, 10 - 16	Enosh Randunubandara
Epistle	Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 - 16	Parshene Rodrigo
Gospel	St. Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14	Patrick Bulner
Intercessions		Mahen Perera

## HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

1st Aug	Bible Society Day
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration
9th Aug	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers Union
14th Aug	Displaced Persons & Migrants Sunday
21st Aug	World Council of Churches Sunday
24th Aug	Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Apostle

**AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS  
TAKETH WITH HIM PETER, AND  
JAMES, AND JOHN, AND  
LEADETH THEM UP INTO A HIGH  
MOUNTAIN APART BY  
THEMSELVES:  
AND HE WAS TRANSFIGURED  
BEFORE THEM. AND HIS  
RAIMENT BECAME SHINING,  
EXCEEDING WHITE AS SNOW; SO  
AS NO FULLER ON EARTH CAN  
WHITE THEM. AND THERE  
APPEARED UNTO THEM ELIAS  
WITH MOSES: AND THEY WERE  
TALKING WITH JESUS.**

**MARK 9:2-4**



## HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

**07.00am – Sinhala & Tamil**

**08.30am – English**

- All services will be held physically while the 8.30AM service will also 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/>

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