

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings of Lord Jesus.

Once again winter is at our threshold. Chilled winters remind us of the days when Baby Jesus was born on this Globe. We have started to practice Carols and prepare for Christmas. Our homes, Malls, Shopping centre and our Churches are getting decorated. Knowingly and unknowingly the world is getting ready to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus.

Each year the number of our cakes and the size of our Christmas Trees are becoming bigger. Our methods of celebration are becoming more elegant and glamorous. Food, merry making and entertainment have occupied the major portion of our Christmas. Let us try to imagine the Bethlehem event taking place in our home, our church and society. Externally our homes, churches and our society are well decorated and attractive. But do we have Christ among us is the question. A true incident that happened in England.

It was the day before Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's church Kent, in England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the image of baby Jesus was missing. Immediately, Father John called the Sunday School teachers and asked them about the missing Infant Jesus' image in the crib. Teachers were wondering about what happened. They searched for the image everywhere. To their utter surprise they found that the tiny image was moved by someone to be dropped in a trash bag. The teachers were relieved. But this is the condition with many of our celebrations. We have everything for our celebration, but we lack Jesus midst us.

But when we look deeply into the various events taking place in our homes, churches and our society we can understand that Christ is least present among us. At the manger in Bethlehem baby Jesus was the centre point of attraction. The angels came to sing for him and the wise men and the shepherds worshiped him. Today when we sit back and think about our activities we can realize that we are really missing Christ. In the luxuries of this modern world where we start to depend on worldly pleasures we forget to carry Jesus with us. Just like Joseph and Mary who thought that child Jesus is with them on their journey to Nazareth we also take it into granted that Jesus is with us. But very often we forget to carry Jesus with us just like the teachers. Beloved ones as Christmas is at our threshold let us examine our inner minds and cleanse our homes, churches and our society and make it a perfect place for Christ to live in.

Merry Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kurian John

25-11-2015

SCHEDULE OF HOLY QURBANA

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
04-12-2015	FRIDAY	5:30AM - 7:30AM	St. Paul's Church
05-12-2015	SATURDAY	Will be announced later	
11-12-2015	FRIDAY	5:30AM - 9:00AM	St. Paul's Church
12-12-2015	SATURDAY	Will be announced later	
17-12-2015	THURSDAY	8:00PM - 9:30PM	St. Paul's Church
19-12-2015	SATURDAY	6:30PM - 8:00PM	St. Paul's Church
24-12-2015	THURSDAY	7.45PM - 11.20PM	St. Paul's Church
31-12-2015	THURSDAY	6:00PM - 9:00PM	St. Paul's Church

SPECIAL PRAYER

BIRTHDAY & WEDDDING ANNIVERSARY	11th & 24th December 2015
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YOUTH MOVEMENT

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
01-12-2015	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage
14-12-2015	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Camp Prayer	KCC, Mina Abdullah
EVERY WED.	6:30PM - 8:00PM	E Prayer. Bible Study	Parsonage

MARTHA MARIYAM SAMAJAM

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
04-12-2015	3:00PM - 5:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage

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DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
18-12-2015	9:00AM - 10:30AM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage



**ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX
SYRIAN CHURCH AHMADI**

SNEHA SANDESHAM



December - 2015

BIBLE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God.

COTTAGE PRAYER (Time 5:30PM to 7:00PM)

Prayer Group	Date	Name	Address
St. Pauls (Mangaf Block-4 North)	04/12/2015	Mr. Daniel Koshy (Mem # 624)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 25, Bldg. - 160, Floor - 4, Flat - 15, Mob.: 90911043.
St. Gregorious (Mehboulah & AbuHalifa Blk-2)	04/12/2015	Will Be Announced Later	
St. George (Salmiya & Abbassia)	04/12/2015 7:00PM - 8:30PM	Mr. Anish Jacob Mani (Mem # 796)	Abbassia, Block-4, Street - 18, Bldg.-70,Ground Floor-4, Flat - 49, Mob.:65035187.

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787	Prince Thomas	Mallassery	99388146
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CHURCH CALENDAR

01-12-2015	Lent of Advent starts
04-12-2015	Feast of St. Baraba and St. Juliana
06-12-2015	Birth of John the Baptist
08-12-2015	Commemoration of H. H. Baselios Mar Augen I
13-12-2015	Annunciation to Joseph
13-12-2015	Commemoration of H. G. Daniel Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan
20-12-2015	Sunday before Christmas
20-12-2015	Feast of St. Ignatius Nourono
21-12-2015	Feast of St. Thomas
25-12-2015	Feast of Nativity (Christmas)
26-12-2015	Feast of St. Mary
27-12-2015	First Sunday after Christmas
27-12-2015	Feast of the Slaughter of the Infants

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

24/12/2015	Christmas Service at St. Pauls Church 7.45 PM TO 11.20 PM
31/12/2015	New year service at St. Pauls Church 6.00 PM To 9.00 PM
06-12-2015	Christmas Carol Service will start from 06/12/2015 on Prayer Group basis
Christmas Eve -Will be announced later	