

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings of Lord Jesus.

We are in a journey through the Lent days. Three weeks has passed by. Just sit back and evaluate these three weeks. What difference have come in our life? Is there a change in my life style, in my attitude, in my thoughts and my life as a whole? We have to think about it personally and seriously. If we could not bring a change in our life till now this is the correct moment to bring that change. A complete transformation is the primary aim of Great Lent.

Many of us have a wish to be transformed but the desire and promises of this world usually holds us back. We know the story of the rich man who comes running towards Jesus (St. Mark 10:17-27). He kneels down and enquires what to be done for getting Eternal life. Though he was a rich Ruler, and a person with high self esteem, while coming to Jesus, he bowed down. This shows that he had a staunch desire to be transformed, but on hearing the last answer of Christ, he was sad and he left. This is very common with many of us. We have an internal desire to be good and transformed but our worldly desires and pleasures keeps us back.

After this incident Christ tells his disciples that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. He further says that it is easier for a camel to enter through the needle's hole than a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven.

We all know that needle's hole here represent the small gate on the wall of the Jerusalem used by people after the main gates were closed. If a business man tired after the days work comes on a camel with all his materials, it won't be easy for him to enter the Needle's eye gate easily. He has to climb down, all his materials should be unloaded and even he has to unsaddle the camel. Only then can he go inside. This rich man with all his riches is often saddled with ego, pride and selfishness which makes him impossible to enter the Needle's eye gate. As Jesus has said in Mat 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it". So an individual loaded with worldly desires, pleasures, ego, pride and selfishness may not pass through this narrow gate.

As we are passing through these lent days, let us evaluate our life. If we have even a little of this worldly desires, pleasures, ego, pride and selfishness let us try to unsaddle all of these and humble ourselves before the Almighty Lord and pave the way for our entry to heaven. May the Holy Spirit guide us and fill us with his grace that this Lent season we may be more closer to Him. May God Bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kurian John

25-02-2016

SCHEDULE OF HOLY QURBANA

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
01-03-2016	TUESDAY	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Parsonage
04-03-2016	FRIDAY	5:30AM - 7:30AM	St. Paul's Church
05-03-2016	SATURDAY	6:30PM - 8:00PM	St. Paul's Church
11-03-2016	FRIDAY	5:45AM - 9:00AM	St. Paul's Church
12-03-2016	SATURDAY	6:30PM - 8:00PM	St. Paul's Church
17-03-2016	THURSDAY	8:00PM - 9:30PM	St. Paul's Church
19-03-2016	SATURDAY	6:30PM - 8:00PM	St. Paul's Church
24-03-2016	THURSDAY	Vachanippu Perunnal H. Q. - Time & Place will be announced later	

SPECIAL PRAYER

BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	11th March 2016
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YOUTH MOVEMENT

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
08-03-2016	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage
07-03-2016	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Camp Prayer	KCC, Mina Abdullah
WEDNESDAY	6:30PM - 7:15PM	Evening Prayer	Parsonage

MARTHA MARIYAM SAMAJAM

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
04-03-2016	3:00PM - 5:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage

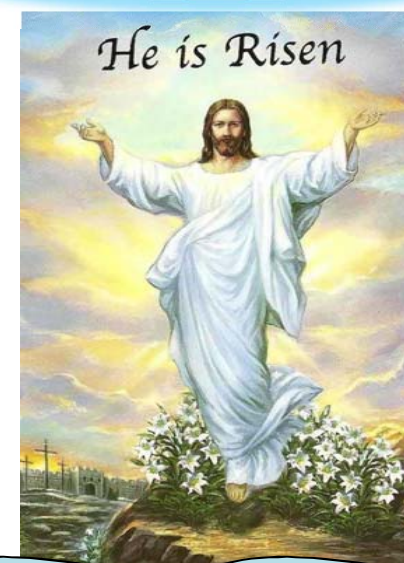
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DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
18-03-2016	9:00AM - 10:30AM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage



**ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX
PAZHAYAPALLY - AHMADI**

SNEHA SANDESHAM



March - 2016

BIBLE VERSE

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
(Romans 6:9)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Once we learn to pray with our hearts, not our lips; we truly begin to have a conversation with God.

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

Prayer Group	Date	Name	Address
St. Thomas (Mangaf Block-4 South)	11/03/2016	Mr. Thomas Mathew (Mem # 497)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 20, Bldg. - 184, Floor - 2, Flat - 8, Mob.: 97749025
	25/03/2016	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Good Friday	
St. Pauls (Mangaf Block-4 North)	04/03/2016	Mr. Alan Achenkunju John	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 20, Bldg. - 77, Floor - 9, Flat - 42, Mob.:96624864.
	18/03/2016	Mr. Binu Oommen (Mem # 437)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 29, Bldg. - 163, Floor - 4, Flat - 12, Mob.: 66823336 / 66108931.
St. Mary's (Fahaheel, Ahmadi & Mangaf Block-3)	11/03/2016	Mr. Abraham M.G. (Mem # 662)	Mangaf, Block - 3, Street - 28, Bldg. - 184, Floor - 3, Flat - 9, Mob.: 66987138.
	25/03/2016	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Good Friday	
St. Gregorius (Mehboulah & AbuHalifa Blk-2 North)	04/03/2016	Mr. Babu George (Mem # 103)	Maboulah, Block - 1, Street - 3, Bldg. - 48, Floor - 3, Flat - 32, Mob.:66478612.
	18/03/2016	Mr. Roy Varghese (Mem # 422)	Maboulah, Block - 2, Street - 204, Floor - 6, Flat-23, Mob.:51507010.
St. Dionysius (AbuHalifa Blk-1 & Blk-2 South)	11/03/2016	Mr. Prem Thomas (Mem # 444)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 1, Bldg. - 22, Floor - 5, Flat - 15, Mob.:66577601.
	25/03/2016	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Good Friday	
St. George (Salmiya & Abbassia)	Prayer meeting not scheduled.		

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821	Rinu Elizabeth K.	Kottayam	97823809
822	Vincy Tiju	Thonnamala	67725746
823	Joji Varghese	Koodal	66591354
824	Anil C Daniel	Oonnukal	98712182
825	Liji Xavier	Alapuzha	97742655
826	Deep Kuruvilla	Amayannoor	99810631
827	Mathew Raju	Adoor	69028426
828	Rency Thomas	Thumpamon	66168511
829	Ashok C Varghese	Nariyapuram	60433703

CHURCH CALENDAR

06-03-2016	Kpiptho (Cripple Woman)
09-03-2016	Feast of Forty Martyrs of Sebastia
13-03-2016	Samiyo (Blind Man) & Catholicate Day
17-03-2016	Commemmoration of H. G. Paulose Mar Severios Metropolitan
19-03-2016	Commemmoration of H. G. Sleetba Mar Osthathios Metropolitan
20-03-2016	Hosanna (Palm Sunday)
25-03-2016	Good Friday
	Vachanippu Perunnal Commemmoration of Marthoma IV
27-03-2016	Kyamto (Easter)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Fr. Benoy John will be with us during the Passion Week.

Passion week schedule will be announced later.