

PARISH NEWS

SMS FACILITY: - We are happy to inform you that we have started a SMS facility in which we will be communicating and informing the Parishioners about the different activities of the Church. Please note the SMS will come in the name of CCCJBP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: - We would request all the Parents to send their children to Sunday school for their Spiritual growth and development. The Sunday School Classes starts along with Church Worship Service.

ASH WEDNESDAY: - We will be starting our Lent season on the 14th of February 2018. We shall have a Holy Communion Service at 7:30am and 6:30 pm in the evening.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING: - During the Lenten season we shall be having our Cottage Prayer Meeting in our Parishioners house.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: - All those parents who wish to confirm their children can give their names to Rev. Bruce Thangadurai as soon as possible.

175 CELEBRATION: - Since our Church will be celebrating 175 years of its glorious existence in 2019. We have started with the year long celebration from 2018. We are happy to inform you that our Church has come up with the Church Calendar, which was released by our Honourable Bishop the Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh on the 1st of January 2018 during the New Year Covenant Service. You can also have this Calendar by paying a minimum amount of Rs 20/- .

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE –2018

We will commence the season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Special Holy Communion Service on Wednesday the 14th of February 2018 at 7:30 am in the morning and 6:30 pm in the evening. Every Wednesday we will be having Lent Service from 6:30 pm as follow:

Day	Date	Preacher	Leader
Lent – 1	21-2-18	Rev. Subha	Ms. Eden Martin
Lent – 2	28-2-18	Mrs. Jenny Parihar	Mr.I. Thangadurai
Lent – 3	7-3-18	Mrs. Niharika Shinde	Ms. Ened Martin
Lent – 4	14-3-18	Mr. Philip Palmer	Mr. Piyush Paul
Lent – 5	21-3-18	Mr. Naveen Cak	Mr. Sagar Paul
Wednesday before Easter	28-3-18	Col Victor Chelladurai	Mr. Gaurav Bagh

OBITUARY: - Mr. Richard Soloman Joseph fell asleep in Christ on the 19th of January 2018. May his soul rest in peace.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, (C.N.I), JABALPUR



(Est. 1844)



Commemorating 175 years of God's faithfulness



Church Service- 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR FEBRUARY - 2018

4 TH FEBRUARY	2018	EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
11 TH FEBRUARY	2018	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
14 TH FEBRUARY	2018	ASH WEDNESDAY
18 TH FEBRUARY	2018	SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
25 TH FEBRUARY	2018	FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Presbyter's Message

On 14th of February we shall observe Ash Wednesday which is a holy day that is not a biblical requirement (just like Christmas and Easter, which are not commanded in Scripture). Nevertheless, it has been honored by Christians for well over ten centuries, falling at the beginning of Lent, a six-week season of preparation for Easter. In the earliest centuries, Christians who had been stuck in persistent sin had ashes sprinkled on their bodies as a sign of repentance, even as Job repented "in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). Around the tenth century, all believers began to signify their need for repentance by having ashes placed on their foreheads in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is not some depressing holy day because it symbolically anticipates Good Friday and Easter.

How Do We Observe Ash Wednesday?

Today, observance of Ash Wednesday vary among churches .More and more Protestant and even evangelical churches hold some sort of Ash Wednesday services. Ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshipers as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness. The person who imposes the ashes quotes something like what God once said to Adam after he had sinned: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19).

Why Should We Observe Ash Wednesday?

There is no biblical commandment that requires us to observe Ash Wednesday. The theological core of Ash Wednesday is, however, shaped by a biblical theology of creation, sin, mortality, death, grace, and salvation. It also enacts biblical injunctions to "weep with those who weep" and to "confess your sins to one another."

What one value most about Ash Wednesday worship services is the chance for us all to openly acknowledge our frailty and sinfulness. In a world that often expects us to be perfect, Ash Wednesday gives us an opportunity to freely confess our imperfections. We can let down our pretenses and be truly honest with each other about who we are. We all bear the mark of sin, from the youngest babies to the oldest seniors. We all stand guilty before a holy God. We all are mortal and will someday experience bodily death. Thus we all need a Savior.

Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of Ash Wednesday is that it begins the season of Lent.

How Ash Wednesday Enriches Our Lives and Our Relationship with God

Ash Wednesday is a day to stare death in the face, to acknowledge our mortality. All of us will die. Christians who observe this holy day get ashes "imposed" on their foreheads, while a minister or lay church worker says, "You have come from dust, and to dust you will return."

And so it is for Christians on Ash Wednesday. We can face death. We can admit our own mortality. We can talk openly about the limits of this life. Why? Because we know that

through Christ we have entered into life eternal, the fullness of life that will not end when our bodies give out.

The emotional result of Ash Wednesday observance isn't depression or gloom, but gratitude and new energy for living. When we realize how desperately we need God, and how God is faithful far beyond our desperation, we can't help but offering our lives to him in fresh gratitude. And when we recognize that life doesn't go on forever, then we find new passion to delight in the gifts of each and every day, and to take none of them for granted.

As we enter into another season of Lent let us humble ourselves come before his presence with a penitent heart.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

- 1 Bernadine, Alfred Clement, Patrick, Rev. Lalchawimawia
 2. Dorothy Thangadurai, Srishti Sannah Sathe
 4. Dr. Adam Nelson
 5. Olive Sebastian
 6. Norman Kane, Praisey Alishiba Patrick, Mrs Caroline Thangadurai
 7. Melody Gaekwad, Maj. Caleb Thangadurai, Namitrani Bagh
 8. Kishor Peters, Edith Clements
 9. Jaideep Sathe, Arin Cak
 10. Janice Lal,
 11. Philip Palmer, Niharika Cak
 12. Col. John Ellis
 13. Mrs. Priya Masih
 15. Shane Ashley Peter
 16. Patricia Palmer
 17. Sunny Mathew, Rev. Samuel Shekhar
 18. Eden Sonya Martin
 19. Angelica Sharma
 20. Wendy Nair, Isaac Lalchawimawia
 - 21 Janet Thangadurai
 22. Caroline Roberts, A.J. Rushton
 24. Clarence Simon, Mrs. Nora Singh, Harshala Rathod
 25. Aastha Sathe, Gloria Boro, Sonia Thangadurai
 27. Joyce Daniel
 28. Susan Ezekiel, Monica Ronald
- Wish you all very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4. Denis & Priti Patrick
5. Ezekiel & Susan,
7. Maj Bhasker & Niharika Shinde
14. Dr. Alfred Chien Ho Liao & Dr. Jayshree Ruth Liao,
Mr. Jason & Bernice Langan
17. B.D. & Kiran Sahu
18. Shaun Ramer & Deanna Raymer
25. Kishore & Kantarani Peter

We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God' Choicest Blessings