

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE –2024

We will be starting our Lent season from the 14th of February 2024. We shall have a Holy Communion Service 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.

Day	Date	Preacher	Leader
Ash Wednesday	14-2-2024	Rev. Bruce Thangadurai	Rev. Subha
Lent – 1	21-2-2024	Mr. Jaya Kumar (LTC)	Mr. Samarth
Lent – 2	28-2-2024	Mr. Philip Palmer	Mrs. Nomita Bagh
Lent – 3	6-3-2024	Mr. Mahesh (LTC)	Mr. Jason Langan
Lent – 4	13-3-2024	Mr. Naveen Cak	Ms. Eden Martin
Lent – 5	20-3-2024	Mr. Joel Francis (LTC)	Mrs. Shirsha Noel
Wednesday before Easter	27-3-2024	Mr. Meshach Thangadurai	Mr. Alfred Patrick

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

Day	Date	Parishioner House
Thursday	15 February 2024	Rt. Rev. Ajay Umesh James
Friday	16 February 2024	Mr. Emmanuel Park
Saturday	17 February 2024	Mr. Alfred C. P. Patrick
Sunday	18 February 2024	Mr. Ashley Samuel
Monday	19 February 2024	Mr. Vince Samuel
Tuesday	20 February 2024	Mr. Veresh Rathod
Thursday	22 February 2024	Mr. Vincent Joseph
Friday	23 February 2024	Mrs. Romila David
Saturday	24 February 2024	Mr. David Masih
Sunday	25 February 2024	Mr. Naveen Cak
Monday	26 February 2024	Mr. Joseph Lazarus
Tuesday	27 February 2024	Col. Vineet Daniel
Thursday	29 February 2024	Mr. R. C. Joseph

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We would like to inform you that, we are planning to make a New Church Directory, in which we want to update the information of our Parishioners like name, address, Email and phone number. The following members will help us in collecting the data for the Church Directory. Ms. Srishti Sathe, Ms. Deborah Patrick, Mr. Samarth Gaikwad and Mr. Christopher Rushton.



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



(Est. 1844)

Church Service- 8:30 am

Sunday School - 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR FEBRUARY – 2024

4 TH FEBRUARY	2024	PASTORS SUNDAY
11 TH FEBRUARY	2024	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
14 TH FEBRUARY	2024	ASH WEDNESDAY
18 TH FEBRUARY	2024	SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT 1)
25 TH FEBRUARY	2024	FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT 2)

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As an important religious observance in the Christian world, Lent is the season to observe and commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. It is an opportune time to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. It's an opportunity to repent for our misdeeds and misgivings and to increase the intensity of our prayer, fasting, almsgiving, practice of our faith and welcoming others as our brothers and sisters in our faith community. Moreover, Lent is a time to grow in and strengthen our faith, which binds us together and makes all things possible because of our love and devotion to Jesus.

Throughout the history of the Church, the Season of Lent has been a time for Christians to manifest a sincere desire for conversion by examining their life, acknowledging their sin, repenting from sin, and doing their very best to be faithful to the Gospel message in order to conform themselves more perfectly to Jesus.

Lent is the Church's preparation for Easter. For all of us, Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. It is a 40-day pilgrimage in which we strive to make concrete the words we hear on Ash Wednesday as the ashes are placed on our heads: "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!"

From the 14th of February 2024 i.e. Ash Wednesday we mark the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period of spiritual renewal during which, we hope to “gain pardon for sins and newness of life.”

The ashes placed on our heads symbolize that we have now undertaken a penance and entered a period in which we strive to “rend” our hearts. Thus, we seek to conform our hearts more perfectly to God’s will.

Fasting is one of the three traditional practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and works of mercy (or almsgiving).

By depriving ourselves or “giving up” something for Lent, we are meant to become more open to what God is calling us to, to allow God to “fill the void” created by the fast with His grace and presence.

Lenten fasts are not supposed to make us miserable or the people in our lives miserable. If that is the case, the fast is worthless. Fasting is supposed to contribute to holiness, not discord!

Sometimes we ask is Lent important? Is it worth observing—or at least acknowledging.

Here are some reasons why Lent matters—and how it can point us to the truth of the Gospel in practical, important ways:

Repentance is not an easy pill to swallow; repentance is a call to turn around and away from our sinful ways. First, it means acknowledging that we are sinners, and second, it means saying no to our sin. But repentance is at the very heart of Christianity: we cannot, in fact, follow Jesus without repenting of our way and choosing His way instead (Acts 2:38).

Lent is a season of acknowledging our consistent, daily need to repent—and therefore, of our consistent need for a Savior. It’s important to remember how desperately we need to be saved from our sin, and that Jesus is the only hope we have to be saved; that reality grounds us in His kindness and goodness.

Lent is a time when unneeded things are stripped away in order to remind us of our neediness before God. Christians still do this today, giving up meat or chocolate, or abstaining from alcohol or watching television.

By taking away things that divert our attention and feed our desires, the season of Lent invites us to attend to what is really happening on the inside of our souls—and to have our needs met by God first and only. Lent invites us to attend to what is really happening on the inside of our souls.

Lent is a season of reflection even of mourning. Sobering ourselves by confronting our own brokenness—by pausing our desire to keep things light and easy—is necessary if we want to celebrate the miraculous and life-altering message of Easter.

If we aren’t aware of our sinfulness and need, we won’t be able to comprehend the desperation of Good Friday or the world-changing truth of the Resurrection. Sobering our hearts and minds in preparation for Easter enables us to celebrate more deeply and joyfully, perhaps, than we would have without the solemnness of the season.

Because knowing our true nature, knowing our need for Jesus—this makes Easter the best and most necessary Good News we could ever hear.

May all of us have a blessed Lenten Season.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

1. Bernadine Park Gunnion, Alfred Clement Praveen Patrick
2. Dorothy Thangadurai, Srishti Sannah Sathe
4. Anna Baroi
6. Norman Kane, Praisey Alishiba Patrick, Caroline Thangadurai
7. Melody Gaekwad, Maj. Caleb Thangadurai, Namitrani Bagh
8. Kishor Peters, Dr. Edith Clements, Jai Moses Arland
9. Jaideep Sathe, Arin Cak
10. Janice Lal,
11. Philip Palmer, Niharika Cak, Jaden Reuel Joseph
13. Priya Masih
15. Shane Ashley Peter, Naysa Lall
17. Sunny Mathew, Rev. Samuel Shekhar
18. Eden Sonya Martin
19. Angelica Sharma
20. Wendy Nair
21. Janet Thangadurai
24. Clarence Simon, Nora Singh, Harshala Rathod
25. Aastha Sathe, Gloria Boro, Sonia Thangadurai
28. Susan Ezekiel

Wish you all very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4. Denis & Priti Patrick
 7. Col. Bhasker & Niharika Shinde
 14. Dr. Alfred Chien Ho Liao & Dr. Jayshree Ruth Liao,
Jason & Bernice Langan
 17. B.D. & Kiran Sahu
 18. Shaun Raymer & Deanna Raymer
 25. Kishore & Kantarani Peter
 27. Sherman & Bernadine Park Gunnion
- We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God's Choicest Blessings*

PARISH NEWS

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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOP: Thanksgiving envelop are kept at the last pew of Church you are requested to use this envelop for special thanksgiving occasion. (Birthday, Wedding Anniversaries, any other Joyous occasion)

ERBHS: Eastern Regional Board of Health Services Society, CNI invites application form for UG Sponsorship 2024 for various Medical Courses. The last date of submission is on 31st March 2024.