

**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.

**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)

**WEDDING BELLS:**

- Prashanth David & Esther Anna Mary were joined together in Holy Matrimony on 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.
- Shown & Priyadarshini will be joined together in Holy Matrimony on 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021.  
We would like to congratulate the couples and pray for a long & Happy Married life. May the Lord’s Blessing be upon these newly wedded couples, and may the Lord be their guide all the days of their life.

**BAPTISM:** Ezekiel Jerin Thangadurai son of Mr. Emmanuel & Mrs. Sonia Thangadurai was baptized on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. We would like to congratulate the grandparents Mr. Raphael & Mrs. Janet Thangadurai.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** - We are happy to inform you that Mr. Jacob Thangadurai our Church Youth member son of Mr. Yowan & Mrs. Catherine Thangadurai has been selected for the MBBS Studies at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He got his admission done in Institute of Medical Science & SUM Hospital. We pray that God may give him wisdom and knowledge so that he may do well in his future endeavour.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE –2021**

We will commence the season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Special Holy Communion Service on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 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	24-2-2021	Mr. Philip Palmer	Mr. Sagar Paul
Lent – 2	3-3-2021	Mr. Meshach	Ms. Eden Martin
Lent – 3	10-3-2021	Mr. Naveen Cak	Ms. Jessica Gee
Lent – 4	17-3-2021	Mrs. L. M. Sathe	Mr. I.Thangadurai
Lent – 5	24-3-2021	Mrs. Jennifer Parihar	Mr. Piyush
Wednesday before Easter	31-3-2021	Mr. Dennis Patrick	Mr. Enosh Masih



# 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 – 2021**

7 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	2021	EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	2021	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
17 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	2021	ASH WEDNESDAY
21 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY	2021	SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (Lent -1)
28 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	2021	FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (Lent-2)

Dear Parishioners, Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The term

Lent comes from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of “lengthening of days.” During Lent we begin to see new plant and animal life as the earth emerges from winter and moves toward another fruitful summer season. As the earth appears to awaken and bring forth new life, we can, through our observance of Lent, awaken to new spiritual awareness as well.

Lent may have begun in about the 4th century of the Common Era as a time of preparation of Christian converts for baptism at Easter time. Over time, Lent evolved into a time of fasting (abstaining from eating or following an austere, usually meatless regimen) and prayer that the entire Christian church observed as part of its preparation for Easter. Some Christian churches continue to observe Lent and some do not. Lenten practices vary, but usually include some form of self-discipline.

The Lenten observance in Christian churches of the Western world begins on Ash Wednesday. *Lent is said to be a 40-day season*, but Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent. So the actual time between Ash Wednesday and Easter is 46 days. The Lenten season concludes with Holy Week, the seven-day period immediately preceding Easter. Holy Week includes Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus' Last Supper with his 12 disciples, Good Friday, commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death.

### **IS LENT BASED ON THE BIBLE?**

Lent has no basis in the Bible. It is a tradition that originated in the Christian church. The Bible does include stories of 40-day (for example, Jesus' temptations in the wilderness) and even 40-year (for example, the Hebrews' time in the wilderness after leaving Egypt) "times of preparation," but nothing in the Bible is directly related to the season of Lent.

One interesting fact is that, **the number 40 is a special number in the Bible**. It signifies preparation for something special:

The rain lasted for 40 days in the mighty flood during the days of Noah (Gen 7:17) Moses stayed on the Mount Sinai 40 days (Ex 24:18) Jonah gave the people of Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jon 3:4) Jesus, before starting his ministry, spent 40 days in the desert in prayer and fasting (Matt 4:2)

### **THE JOURNEY OF LENT**

For us, the journey begins on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a way to recall a larger story than just celebration. It is a way to face the reality of the consequences of sin and the terrible toll it takes on the world. Lent calls us to examine our own lives with the prayer, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts."

The journey through Lent is a way to place ourselves before God humbled, bringing in our hands no price whereby we can ourselves purchase our salvation. It is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretenses to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our external piety that blinds us to the beam in our own eyes.

Through prayer that gives up self, we seek to open ourselves up before God, and to hear anew the call "Come unto me!" We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death to recognize again who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more.

The celebration begins in ashes. And it journeys through darkness. It is a spiritual pilgrimage that I am convinced we must all make, one way or the other, for genuine spiritual renewal to come.

As we enter another season of Lent let us come before his presence with a penitent heart, humble ourselves and repent of our sins accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

May God bless us all.

### **BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY**

- 1 Bernadine, Alfred Clement, Patrick
2. Dorothy Thangadurai, Srishti Sannah Sathe
6. Norman Kane, Praisey Alishiba Patrick, Mrs Caroline Thangadurai
7. Melody Gaekwad, Maj. Caleb Thangadurai, Namitrani Bagh
8. Kishor Peters
9. Jaideep Sathe, Arin Cak
10. Janice Lal,
11. Philip Palmer, Niharika Cak
13. Mrs. Priya Masih
15. Shane Ashley Peter
17. Sunny Mathew, Rev. Samuel Shekhar
18. Eden Sonya Martin
19. Angelica Sharma
20. Wendy Nair
- 21 Janet Thangadurai
24. Clarence Simon, Mrs. 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. 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
27. Mr. Sherman & Mrs. Bernadine Park Gunnion

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

## **PARISH NEWS**

**CHURCH FETE:** We would like to inform all of you that on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 we will be having Our Annual Church Fete from 11 am to 3 pm. We will request all of you to help us in organising this Fete.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** - We would request all the Parents to send their children to Sunday school for their Spiritual growth and development. The Sunday School Class will be starting from the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 along with Church Worship Service.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** - We will be starting our Lent season from the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. We shall have a Holy Communion Service at 7:30am and 6:30 pm in the evening.