

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

During the Lenten season we shall be having our Cottage Prayer Meeting in our Parishioners house.

DATE	DAY	PARISHIONER NAME (Time: 6:30 PM)
Wed	2 March 2022	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Thu	3 March 2022	Rev. Bruce Thangadurai
Fri	4 March 2022	World Day Of Prayer
Sat	5 March 2022	Mrs. Manoranjini Lal
Sun	6 March 2022	Mrs. Dorothy Thangadurai
Mon	7 March 2022	Mrs. Ann Kankane
Tue	8 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Ramesh Paul
Wed	9 March 2022	CHURCH SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Thu	10 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Joseph Lazarus
Fri	11 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Vince Samuel
Sat	12 March 2022	Mrs & Dr W Chen
Sun	13 March 2022	Mrs.& Mr. Sanjay Peter
Mon	14 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Emmanuel Park
Tue	15 March 2022	Mrs & The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh
Wed	16 March 2022	CHURCH SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Thu	17 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. E. H. Rushton
Fri	18 March 2022	Mr. & Mrs. Romila David
Sat	19 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. K. Gaikwad
Sun	20 March 2022	Mrs. & Mr. David Masih
Mon	21 March 2022	Mrs. Shirsha Noel
Tue	22 March 2022	Ms. Christine Ellis
Wed	23 March 2022	Church service & Cottage meeting at Mrs & Mr R. C. Joseph
Thu	24 March 2022	Mr Ashley & Gloria Samuel
Fri	25 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Royston Gee
Sat	26 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Sameer Tiwari
Sun	27 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Dennis Patrick
Mon	28 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Manoj Churagade
Tue	29 March 2022	Mrs & Mr Naveen Cak
Wed	30 March 2022	CHURCH SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Thu	31 March 2022	Mrs & Mr. Alfred Patrick
Fri	1 April 2022	Mrs & Dr. Moni Thomas
Sat	2 April 2022	Mrs & Col. T. E. Daniel
Sun	3 April 2022	Mrs & Mr. Philip Palmer
Mon	4 April 2022	Mrs & Mr. Sanjay Martin
Tue	5 April 2022	Mrs. & Mr. Viresh Rathod
Wed	6 April 2022	CHURCH SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Thu	7 April 2022	Mrs & Mr. Nikhil S. Lal
Fri	8 April 2022	Mrs & Mr. Nitin Bagh
Sat	9 April 2022	Mrs. & Mr. Yowan Thangadurai

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 MARCH - 2022

2 ND MARCH	2022	ASH WEDNESDAY
6 TH MARCH	2022	WOMEN'S SUNDAY
13 TH MARCH	2022	FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT-2)
20 TH MARCH	2022	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT-3)
27 TH MARCH	2022	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT-4)

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. On the 2nd of March 2022 we have entered into another season of Lent. Lent does direct us to look at parts of ourselves we'd rather avoid, our selfishness and fear and hatred and pettiness, and Lent does encourage us to deny ourselves, to practice at least a bit more restraint and discipline. Therefore, one of the dangers of Lent is that we see God disapproving of us, wagging the finger at us, and pushing us away from him. It's an alarming and dreadful picture of God, and not true. Let's always keep at the heart of our faith God's inexhaustible love and care for us, that each of us is his beloved child in whom he delights. We might better see Lent as part of Easter, a way for us to enter more fully into Christ's life, his temptations in the wilderness, His journey from death to resurrection. As we go through life, our journey in the wilderness, each of us makes decisions about how we orient our lives. What will lead us to the Promised Land, the Good Life? We can focus on external things, like social status, comfort, influence, wealth; or, we can seek intrinsic rewards – strong personal connections and relationships, growth and learning, character and virtue. Pursuing extrinsic rewards will not give us the good life; they will not give us fulfillment, meaning, and joy. The gospel offers another way. In Matthew Chapter 6, Jesus told us that our spiritual practices should be in secret, that they should not draw attention to ourselves. If we pray to get

noticed and to have people think well of us, if we fast or give alms so that others have higher regard for us, then our true motivation is for superiority, for social status. Our piety then is hypocritical. It appears to be directed for inner growth, for spiritual ends, but it's really about receiving extrinsic reward, public recognition, and a sense of superiority.

True spirituality, what strengthens our relationship with God, happens in secret, out of the public view. The benefit has to do with our inner transformation, not how others perceive us or treat us.

Almost everyone struggles between these, pulled on one side by the desire for external validation, power and honor, and on the other side by the desire for internal growth and stronger, authentic relationships. Lent offers us an opportunity to renew our orientation.

Lent is a time of repentance, and typically we associate repentance with punishment and self-mortification, feeling regret and grief, but repentance translates the Greek word, metanoia, which means a change of heart or mind, a change of consciousness, and it implies a "spiritual or inner transformation."

That's what Lent is about.

The intent of Lent is not to inflict pain and punishment. When we feel pain and sorrow, it is not God's judgment against us. Our pain and sorrow may work to our benefit, if we allow it.

Our need often leads us to repent, to have a change of heart and mind, a change of consciousness. The inevitable and normal difficulties of life, our sorrows and disappointments, things that make us vulnerable and humble, these can promote inner transformation, the change of our habits, values, and attitudes.

Jesus directed us to pray, fast, and give alms – the basic spiritual practices. They promote our inner transformation, the change of our heart and mind. This Lent we hope that each of us will make an effort in at least one of these areas.

Serving and caring for others helps us understand and identify with other people. It also involves us in giving and receiving. We discover that in serving often we're not only giving, but receiving. There's mutuality, reciprocity, that dignifies us, makes us more like God and makes us feel more unity with other people, that we're all in it together.

Prayer, fasting, and acts of charity – these are the foundational practices of Christian piety, Christian righteousness. And here's an irony. We practice them in secret, not drawing attention to ourselves, not making a public show, but the effect of them is highly social. They help us to develop stronger relationship not only with God and with ourselves, but with each other. They work toward reconciling us.

Lent is an opportunity to re-orient our lives to what is truly meaningful. It is a time to acknowledge our sin and shortcomings, and the point of that is not to shame us or make us feel guilty, but to help us move through the shame and guilt, to accept ourselves and to feel God's acceptance, to help us feel that we belong to God, close to God.

May God bless all of us during this period of Lent so that we may be drawn closer to our Heavenly Father. We may all experience his presence in our lives. We may all live a life which is pleasing in his sight and may our lives and our action be a living witness for Him.

BIRTHDAYS – MARCH

1. Joan Page, Soniya Peter
3. Asha Williams, Archana Kale, Mary Joseph
4. Angela Kankane, Arjun Sathe
5. Maria Soledad Patrick
7. Andrew Lazarus
8. Ramesh Paul
9. Rev. Richard Rodgers, Ralson Divine
10. Kim Peters, Rosy Thangadurai, Sunny Parihar
11. Tushar Simon
13. Denzel Theodore Daniel
15. Sanjay Peter
16. Desmond Rushton
18. Romila Vinnie David
19. Honorine Josephine Melville, Reginald Christian Gabriel
20. Aanya Rao
21. Deserine Sharma, Edward William, Ashish Mark Daniel
22. Honey Parihar, Sushila Pillai
23. Marina Ali
25. Sanjana Samuel, Daisy Jones
27. Amaira Lal
28. James Clements
29. Veronica Rushton
30. Stanley Jones

Wish you all very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6. Maj.Caleb & Lt Col Sheeja Thangaduari
31. Isaac Ezra & Galdys Samuel

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

We are happy to inform you that, Mr. Vincent & Mrs. Mary Joseph were blessed with a baby boy on 11th February, 2022. We would like to congratulate the parents specially the grandmother Mrs. Madhu Joseph.

We are happy to inform you that, Mr. Nikhil & Mrs. Ened Lal were blessed with a baby girl on 15th February, 2022. We would like to congratulate the parents specially the grandmother Mrs. Shalini Martin.