

*Jubilee Voice*  
Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



*Parish Messenger*

*Thought for the month*

**Remember: Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our Lethargy**

**JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH [C.N.I.]**

**PLOT-3, SECTOR-7, SANPADA EAST, NAVI MUMBAI – 400 705**

**Programmes**

- February 1:** Combined HC service in Sanpada at 3:00pm.
- February 7:** Cottage prayer in the house of Mr. Bobby Verghese Itty at 7:30pm.
- February 8:** HC Service in Sanpada at 7:00am and matins in Panvel at 11am. (Family Sunday)
- February 8:** Church Committee meeting at 9:45am after the church service.
- February 8:** Union Committee Meeting in Borivalli at 4:30pm.
- February 14:** Women's meeting in Sanpada Church at 4:30pm.
- February 15:** HC service in Sanpada at 7:00am and Panvel at 11am
- February 15:** Youth Meeting in the house of Mr. Binny Johnson at 3pm
- February 17:** Women's fellowship special programme and competitions: 9am-4pm.
- February 18:** Ash Wednesday service at 8:30pm
- February 22:** HC service in English in Sanpada at 7am and Panvel at 11am
- February 22:** Cottage prayer in the house of Mr. Sajan George at 5pm
- February 27:** Lenten Prayer service in Church at 8:30pm
- February 28:** W F Panvel meeting in the house of Mrs. Sheena Johnson at 4:30pm.
- March 1:** Combined HC service in Sanpada at 3pm (Women's Sunday)

## Motto for the year 2015

**“Be Holy because, I the LORD your God, am Holy” (Leviticus 19: 2)**

### Message from the Presbyter

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

The Lenten season is the biggest opportunity of renewal in our life. We should not get perturbed by the strict regulations of Lenten season. Normally, we consider this season as a dry season when no marriages and parties are encouraged. To those, who are used to eating meat, a strict vegetarian diet would be a horrible idea. Restricting our earthly habits is a way of controlling our earthly desires. For spiritual gain we need to restrict our earthly desires. But often we tend to restrict only our food habits, which is much easier or less harmful as far as desires are concerned.

There are other harmful and dangerous human desires, which we ignore during Lenten season: Desire towards worldly possession, opposite sex, alcohol, cigarettes and other harmful drugs, which can destroy our body and our inner relationship with Christ. Our inner emotions such as anger, greed, jealousy, haughtiness, disrespectful manners, etc. can create havoc in our spiritual life with God and others. So Lent is not only for regulating our culinary habits but our entire aspect of life for the glory of God.

Admittedly, sin stands opposite to spiritual dimensions in our lives. We err and fall into sin because we are weak in our spiritual life. The only way to strengthen our spiritual dimension is by a constant reading and meditation of the word of God and by spending time with God in prayer. These are the basic steps of spirituality but essential all throughout our life.

Lent is also a time to do good works. Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians: “we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph 2:10). Good works are part of God’s design for us. But we tend to do either bad works or no works, which we understand as part of our fallen nature. It is this nature, which we need to overcome. Jesus Christ has come to help us in this process of doing good works by changing our fallen nature. That is why Jesus said: “You cannot bear fruit unless you abide in me” (John 15:4). Fruits are the good works that is seen in us and Jesus is sufficient or helpful enough to produce good works in us.

Good works are those that are seen within our own nature and in our relationship with others. Change in our nature is basically the work of God and we are only cooperating with God to see it actualized. Doing good to others outwardly is as important as changing our inner behavior. But it should come as part of our inner change. Otherwise all the worldly elements of greed, self-importance, and pride can control even our good works. Therefore we must guard ourselves against all evil intentions in all the things that we do.

Determination to change our bad behavior, abiding in Christ through word of God and prayer **and** doing good works must go hand in hand. We cannot draw a definite pattern in the process of spiritual

progress. But God is able to effect such changes in our life if we abide in Christ. Therefore let us make use of this Lenten season as an opportunity to fulfill our spiritual desires and tasks. Remember Jesus' words: "You cannot do anything unless you abide in me."

With love and prayers,

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## **News & Notes**

### **Previous Month Highlights**

**Union and Ecumenical Carol Services:** Our Church choir had sung Christmas carols outside the church in 3 different stages. One was the union carol service, which was conducted in Vasai CNI Malayalam Church. This year, Vasai Marthoma Church choir also participated other than our 7 church choirs. It was a marvelous experience for all choirs to come together expressing the joy and unity of Christmas. Other two carol programmes that our church choir participated were the carols conducted by The Maharashtra Malayalee Christian Association and The Kerala Christian Council in St. Mary's School ground, Vashi.

**Church Picnic:** Church picnic was arranged to Shangrila Resort in Kalyan-Nashik Highway. After the worship service all have left the church at 8am and reached the picnic spot at 9:30am. All have enjoyed the picnic. Children and youth have used various water slides and water sports from morning till evening. Parents also joined with them in the afternoon. We left the spot in the evening at 6pm. Before leaving the spot, we had a group photo session and a thanksgiving prayer. While returning, youth seemed to enjoy singing Malayalam, Hindi cultural songs and spiritual songs. Adults also joined with them in soft voices. Thus Picnic 2015 came to an end with good memories.

Only 59 participants came this year. It is a sharp decrease in number compared to last 2 years. It looks like everyone will appreciate picnic only if it happens once in 2 or 3 years.

**Collection for Rev. Reni Philip's Father:** Collection taken for the father of Rev. Reni Philip was handed over to him. We could collect an amount of Rs. 40,000/- from the people and also

donate an amount of Rs. 25,000/- from church charity fund. So the total amount given to him is Rs. 65000/-. His father is undergoing cancer treatment in Kerala.

<b>DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR TREATMENT OF REV. RENI PHILIP'S FATHER</b>		
S. No.	Name	Amount
1	Mr. Shaji Thomas	500.00
2	Mr. John Samuel	1000.00
3	Adv. Chandy Kurian	500.00
4	Mr. Vinod Oommen	1000.00
5	Mrs. Lilly Varghese	20000.00
6	Mr. Ashok Abraham	1000.00
7	Mrs. Sara Oommen	1000.00
8	Mr. Monzy Tharian	5000.00
9	Mr. Biju Alex	4000.00
10	Mr. K. O. John	1000.00
11	Miss Lavina John	5000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40000.00</b>

### **Present Month Programs**

**Sunday School Competitions:** Sunday School competitions will be held on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday. It will be a common Holy Communion service in the afternoon at 3pm. Competitions will begin soon after the worship service.

**Family Sunday:** Family Sunday will be celebrated on Feb 8, Sunday. Rev. Dn. Levin Koshy will be the guest speaker. All are requested to come, be seated and participate in Holy Communion with family.

**Church Committee:** Church committee will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February after the service.

**Women's Fellowship Meetings:** On Feb 14, Saturday at 4:30pm, there will be women's meeting in Sanpada Jubilee Church.

Women's Fellowship Panvel unit meeting will be held in the house of Mrs. Sheena Johnson on February 28, Saturday, at 4:30pm.

**Women's Fellowship Special programme:** On Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, our women's fellowship is planning to conduct a variety entertainment program and competitions from 9am-3pm. More details shall be announced in women's fellowship meetings and during church announcements.

**Women Sunday:** Women's Sunday will be celebrated on March 1, Sunday, at 3pm. Dr. (Ms). A. P. Koshy, a homeopathy doctor and a leading slum ministry activist, will deliver the word of God.

Vanchika cover collection will be done during the service and a food sale also shall be arranged after the service. Women's fellowship members are requested to coordinate with your leaders in bringing personally cooked food items. More details of it shall be announced in women's meeting and also in church.

**Youth Meeting:** Youth house meeting shall be conducted in the house of Mr. Binny Johnson at 3pm on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, Sunday. Address: 804, B-wing, E-V Homes, Kalamboli, Sector-12, Navi-Mumbai. Phone: 9619195358.

**Ash Wednesday and Lenten prayers:** Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 18, Wednesday, at 8:30pm in Church. After that from the next week onwards every Friday there will be Lenten prayer service at 8:30pm. Please check the program list for details.

**Cottage Prayers:**

1. Cottage prayer shall be conducted in the house of Mr. Bobby Verghese Itty on Feb 7 at 7:30pm. Address: 6, Mathura Villa, Plot 147/148, Sec 21, Nerul East, Navi Mumbai. Phone: +91-9821013639.

2. Cottage prayer shall also be conducted in the house of Mr. Sajan George on Feb 22 at 5pm. Address: A/1001, Shailesh Towers, Plot 12, Sector 19A, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. Phone: +91-9619629167.

**Diocesan News: New Office Bearers**

Chairman: Rt. Rev. Prakash D. Patole

Vice- President: Rev. Ananda Maharajan

Diocesan Secretary: Rev. Avinash Rangayya

Acting Treasurer: Rev. Sharadchandra L. Balid

**Union Committee Meeting:** Union Committee meeting of CNI Malayalam Parishes will be held in Borivalli St. James CNI Church at 4:30pm. Union Committee members from our Parish are requested to attend.

**Kharghar Cemetery:** After the constant effort of Jubilee Church Maintenance committee, we have been allowed to use the Kharghar Cemetery for burial.

**Trust Membership:** Jubilee Malayalam Church has now been registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act of 1950. We need to maintain a proper membership form of all members. Therefore a pink and white membership form is issued. All are requested to fill up the forms individually. Those, who are 18 years and above, need to fill up and sign in Pink colour form individually and pay subscription separately. Those, who are below 18 years, their names need to be filled up in white colour form by parents.

Everyone needs to pay a minimum of one month Subscription in the Trust before the financial year of 2014-15 ie., before March 31, 2015. From the next financial year onwards, you need to pay only the subscription of the Trust. Thus slowly the church subscription and membership will be absorbed into the Trust.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
2. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
3. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) for good health.
4. Father of Rev. Reni Philip, Vakola church vicar.
5. Mr. Simon Philip- for his new business, to overcome its initial difficulties and set off to new heights.
6. Pray for the wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
7. Ms. Bijitta David- for complete healing from all bodily ailments.
8. Mr. John Thomas, Panvel: He is still in military hospital Colaba. Swelling, which was formed at the back, is removed and the wound is as deep as a finger tip. It will take few more days for that wound to be healed. Meanwhile, doctors said that they want to take another MRI and if everything is found okay, he shall be sent back home. But it will take few more weeks to do all treatments and to come back home.

**Thanksgiving:** Mr. V. M. Y John got healed and started coming to church and going to office though he has slight pain in his wrist.

Lillian Stephens: She is getting well after the surgery on her shoulder.

### **Newly Married:**

Following members got into nuptial tag:

Sagar Dattaram Parab and Sherin S. Rasalam got married in M.M. Church, Trivandrum on December 18, 2014

David James and Rajee Varghese got married in CNI Jubilee Church, Sanpada on December 27, 2014.

Dennis Jacob and Asha Mary Thomas got married in CSI Christ Church, Elamkulam on December 29, 2014.

Joyna Aleena Oommen and Andrew Abraham got married in St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Kottayam on January 1, 2015.

Mithun C. Roy and Reeba Sara Koshy got married in St. Andrew's CSI Church, Pannimattom on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

We congratulate the newly wedded and wish them all blessings in the new phase of their life.

### **Obituary:**

We express our heart felt deep condolence to the bereaved family of our former Bombay Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. S. K. Solomon. He was called to the Lord in the month of December 2014 and funeral was done in Sewri cemetery. His funeral was conducted by Bishop Prakash Patole in the presence of diocesan office bearers, staff, priests and a large number of people. He led a simple life and being a CA decided to serve Christian organizations and thus served Bombay Diocese faithfully for many years. His death is a great loss to the diocese.

Father of Mrs. Lorraine Sharon Oommen, Mr. Gregory Peter Fernandez (74yrs), passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. His funeral was conducted in Catholic cemetery Koperkhairne on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Many of our members attended the funeral service. We express our deep condolence and pray that God may fill the bereaved family with His Peace. Mr. Gregory Fernandez had an open heart surgery in DY Patil Hospital and was recovering well but due to lung failure later succumbed to death. All his family members were together with him at the time of his surgery, death and funeral. He had a challenging life, being a widower raised up his 2 children and thus his children were so attached to the father that he fulfilled the role of both the mother and the father until his death. We pray that God may comfort the grieving family and give His strength to overcome the present moment of sorrow through the great hope God has in store for the departed and the living.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

1<sup>st</sup> February: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Theme: The world is full of signs which point to the goodness and providence of God

Genesis 9: 8-16

Psalm 65: 9-13

Acts 17: 22-31

Matthew 6: 25-34

8<sup>th</sup> February: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Family Sunday)

Theme: Family as Healing Space

Genesis 33: 1-11

Psalm 91

Ephesians 6: 1-9

Luke 15: 11-24

15<sup>th</sup> February: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Theme: Thanksgiving for the faithful witness of Stephen

2 Chronicles 24: 20-22

Psalm 31: 1-5

Acts 7: 51-60

Matthew 10: 16-22

18<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday

Theme: God calls everyone urgently to repent  
 Joel 2: 12-17 Psalm 130  
 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:2 Luke 13: 1-9

22<sup>nd</sup> February: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Theme: The contrast between the failure of Adam and the obedience of Jesus, whose victory we are called to share

Genesis 3: 1-8 Psalm 143: 1-10  
 Romans 5: 12-19 Mark 1: 9-13

27<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in Lent

Gen 37: 1-11 Psalm 140 John 4: 1-26

March 1: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Women's Sunday)

Theme: Women Partners in God's liberative act

Exodus 1: 15-22 Psalm 148  
 Romans 16: 1-16 Mark 15: 37-41

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
08.02.15	Mr. Bose K. Thomas	Mrs Marykutty George	Ms. Nimitha Liz Alex
15.02.15	Mr. Biju George	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Mr. Mithun C. Roy
22.02.15	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Susha John	Ms. Hebzy Jacob
01.03.15	Mrs. Betsy Mathews	Mrs. Mariam Simon	Mrs. Jibi Binu Thomas

	<b>PEACE</b>	<b>ELEMENTS</b>
08.02.15	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph	Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Jacob
15.02.15	Mr. & Mrs. Sajan George	Mr. & Mrs. P K Abraham
22.02.15	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Verghese Itty
01.03.15	Mrs. Mary Joseph; Mrs. Persis Jacob	Mrs. Stivy E J; Mrs. Flory David

	<b>INTERCESSION</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>
08.02.15	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Mr. Reuben Kurian; Mast. Aman Shaji
15.02.15	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Mr. Reuben Kurian; Mast. Akash J John
22.02.15	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens	Mr. Reuben Kurian; Ms. Lisa Thariyan
01.03.15	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Mrs. Jessy John; Mrs. Saramma Isaac

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
08.02.15	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Ms. Biji Babu
15.02.15	Mr. W. K. David	Mrs. Bindu John	Ms. Soffy John
22.02.15	Mr. Simon Philip	Ms. Dinsey Jacob	Ms. Bijitta David

**INTERCESSION**

**PEACE**



08.02.15 Mrs. Flory David  
15.02.15 Mrs. Shiny Sabu  
22.02.15

Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Johnson  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
04-Feb	Mrs. Marykutty George	Nerul
06-Feb	Evan Enathickal Varghese	Sanpada
07-Feb	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Kharghar
08-Feb	Mr. Mithun C. Roy	Nerul
09-Feb	Mr. Philip John K	Nerul
09-Feb	Mr. Sherin Mathews	Kuwait
10-Feb	Mr. John Issac	Vashi
14-Feb	Mast. Aman Shaji	Vashi
15-Feb	Mr. Biju George	Kopar Khairne
15-Feb	Ms. Soffy John	Panvel
16-Feb	Ms. Hebzy Jacob	Vashi
17-Feb	Mr. Thomas George	Airoli
21-Feb	Mr. P. I. Mathew	Kharghar
22-Feb	Mrs. Sussha John	Kopar Khairne
23-Feb	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Nerul
24-Feb	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Nerul
25-Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens	Kopar Khairne
26-Feb	Mrs. Sherly Varghese	Nerul
26-Feb	Mr. Paul Joseph	Kharghar
<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
02-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph George	Nerul
12-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham	Vashi

14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sajan J. George	Nerul
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Kamothe
16-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Sanpada
23-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James	CBD Belapur

<b>Church Calendar 2015</b>	
Sunday School Competitions	Feb 1
Women's Fellowship Special Programme	Feb 17
Ash Wednesday	Feb 18
Women's Fellowship Sunday	March 1
Panvel worshipping centre anniversary	March 15
Sunday School Anniversary	March 22
Church Convention	March 31, April 1
Maundy Thursday	April 2
Good Friday	April 3
Church Retreat	April 4
Easter	April 5

### **I am blessed. Whom Shall I fear?**

Based on Psalm 27 and the Book of Genesis

Rendition by P K Abraham

God has created you and me and blessed us abundantly. We are children of God(1 John 3:1). The LORD protects and preserves us— we are counted among the blessed in the land— he does not give us over to the desire of the foes. (**Psalm 41:2**). He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.( **Proverbs 27:18**)

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom **shall I fear**? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom **shall I be afraid**? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will **not fear**; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Listen to His assurance. " I myself will search for my sheep and **look after** them. As a shepherd **looks after** his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I **look after** my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and

darkness" (**Ezekiel 34:11 & 12**). I will look after you; ---. Look, the whole country lies before you; go wherever you please. (**Jeremiah 40.4**)

What has he done for you? 'I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'**(Matthew 25:36)** . His grace is much more than that of the good Samaritan who took care of the robbed and waylaid by taking him to an inn after nursing him. The Samaritan left the waylaid in the care of the inn-keeper with some money and further promise to pay for all expenses.

We are blessed right from the sixth day of creation. God created them as man and female in his own image. He **blessed** them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." **Genesis 1:28** .God blessed Abram, Issac, Rebekha, Jacob, all the descendents and all households. Finally Lord's promise to Abraham stands out as the reward. After this, the word of the LORD came to Abraham in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great **reward**." (**Genesis 15:1**)

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