

Beloved in Christ,

The Month of April, Latin "aperire" (to open), refers to the opening of flowers. Yes, this month is a month of festivities, spiritual and mundane. Many spiritual flowers will bloom, each, with different meaning, colours and application.

One is the 'CATHOLICATE DAY' to be celebrated on the 8th. The Catholicate was established in 1912 and has made tremendous strides in enriching our faith, traditions, liturgy and missionary outreach. We celebrate this as the DAY OF THE CHURCH whose independent identity has been recognized universally since its establishment. It is a day to remember all our forefathers who struggled to preserve our birthright, freedom and identity as the Indian Church of St. Thomas who founded this Church in India in 52 AD. We must pray for all the fathers of the Church, both living and those who rest in the company of the Saints and Angels. I urge you to pray for the Church and contribute whole heartedly to the various missionary activities of the church.

The others are the services of, 'Hosanna' celebrating the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, 'Pesaha' the Holy Thursday of the LAST SUPPER, Holy Friday of the CRUCIFIXION, Holy Saturday (Visit of Jesus Christ to Sheol), and EASTER the greatest event in the history of mankind - THE RESURRECTION. We undertake the Great lent as preparation to participate in these services.

Fasting is a process of emptying ourselves from the cares and concerns of this world - a means of preparation and conditioning, which will enable us to serve God and grow closer to Him. Lent (FASTING) aids in our transfiguration because true fasting is active and alive. God Himself so commanded through Isaiah: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your homes; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?" Fasting unaccompanied by good works is a dead ritual, devoid of the presence of God. If fasting becomes just an exercise of abstaining from food, then its true purpose has become lost.

There is a story of a boy witnessing Christ... A nurse in a paediatric ward used to plug the stethoscope to the children's ears and let them listen to their own hearts, before listening in her turn to the little ones' chests. Their eyes would always light up with awe. But the best response she got was from four-year-old David's. Gently he tucked the stethoscope in his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen," she said, "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin. "Is that Jesus knocking?" Rev3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and bide with him, and he with Me." So open the doors, witness with our Saviour and sup with Him.

I wish each one of you a Happy Easter on behalf of the Church, Vicar, the Parish and Myself.

Rev. Fr. George Varughese C.



Prayer Meeting Schedule for April 2011

DATE	TIME	HOST	GROUP	BG.#	FL.#	FT.#	LOCATION	Tel. No.
04/10/2011	6:30 PM		St. Barsouma's				Peniel Auditorium, Hayat Optical shop	
04/01/2011		Jain P Abraham		27	3	12	Asia store-2 Bldg	97826762
04/08/2011	5:30 PM	Sunny Thomas	St. Behnans	31	3	19	Opp Kerala Saloon	24343563
04/15/2011		Shaji Abraham		119	4	13	Opp.Al Razi Pharmacy, 2nd Bldg	24311639
04/29/2011		Aji T John		25	10	29	Hayat Optical Shop Bldg.	24340759
04/07/2011	8:00 PM	Ambros D'souza	Bhramavar				Ambros D'souza	24744281
04/01/2011		Jacob Samuel			3	6	Opp.Neeti Store	99152776
04/08/2011	5:00 PM	Georeg Thomas	St. Elias		6	23	Double Bldg, Right Wing	99313573
04/15/2011		John Basil K A			2	8	Gents Looks saloon Bldg	99162737
04/29/2011		Mathew P M			1	2	Back side ALH	97273041
04/01/2011		Mathew Varghese			2	12	Second Building from curtain shop	99781931
04/08/2011	5:00 PM	Biju C Mathew	St. George	1016	3	12	Restaurant 21, Behind Al Lewa store	66616379
04/15/2011		Thomas K Oommen (shaji)			7	1	Al Bake Rest.building, Near Al Aqsa Pharmacy	66778220
04/29/2011		Johny Kunnil		1016	5	3	Restaurant 21, Behind Al Lewa store	99440328
04/15/2011	7:45 PM	Thomas Jacob Chakolil	St. James	35	2	10	Mogher Al Bin Shughra Street	99619071
04/01/2011	8:00 PM	Denny Mathew	St. Joseph	27	GF	1	Behind Cake & Bake Shop, New Riggai	24992305
04/30/2011	8:00 PM	Koshy Mathew	St. John	35	1	5	Orthodox Building No.: 1	99428651
04/01/2011		Kurien Varkey		40	3	11	Royal AC Building	97560329
04/08/2011	5:30 PM	Varghese Mathew (Kochumon)	St. Luke	14	2	11	Beside Mekka Store	97565315
04/15/2011		Rary Varghese		11	2	10	Old Choice Center Bldg	24330867
04/29/2011		Varghese Mathew (Kunjumon)		28	3	11	Caesar's Travels Bldg	24331034
04/01/2011		Prakash Baby		1526	3	17	Ocean Engineering Bldg	97274105
04/08/2011	5:30 PM	Alexy Thomas	St. Mark	44	1	2	Hot Spot Saloon Bldg	24338759
04/15/2011		Abraham C Malathu		100	1	5	Near spencer Bakery	24332137
04/29/2011		Achankunju Beniam			5	20	Al Sharoq Laundry Bldg	24311062
04/08/2011	8:00 PM	Annamma Mathews (Mrs)	St. Mary		5	23	Block2, Street 109, Hamlet Saloon Building	24710147
04/01/2011		Thomas John			8	57	Opp.unique Store (New Building)	97554681
04/08/2011	5:00 PM	Mohnish P George	St. Mathew		2	9	Opp.united Indian School, Jasmine Computer Building	24316490
04/15/2011		Reji Abraham			1	3	Old Ministry Building	24341249
04/29/2011		Joseph Daniel			GF	6	Nice Restaurant Building	24312635
04/28/2011	7:30 PM	Mohnish P George	O C Y M		2	9	Opp. United Indian school, Jasmine Computer Building	99765952
04/01/2011		Shabu Mathew K			1	5	Opp. Udipi Palace Restaurant	99862562
04/08/2011	5:30 PM	Abey Mathew	St. Pauls		5	25	Opp. Holy Sweets(Left New Building)	55480808
04/15/2011		Abey Thomas			4	14	Dyna Super market - Right	66766763
04/29/2011		Mathew Thomas T (Babu)			2	8	Opp. Apsara Beauty Parlour	66757187
04/15/2011	8:00 PM	Roy Zachariah	St. Peter		5	14	Opp. Ritz Hotel	66549475
04/01/2011		Ebey Samuel			5	18	Rainbow Building, Near Integrated School	24346401
04/08/2011	5:00 PM	Biju Varghese Edapattu	St. Philipose		2	5	Dollarco Building	24334234
04/15/2011		Jaymon V M			1	4	Rehab Centre Building	24310141
04/29/2011		Thomas K Mathai			8	32	Highland Restaurant Building	66218561
04/27/2011	8:00 PM	Kurien Varghese (Babu)	St. Stephens		4	14	Waseel Bin Street,Block 11, Baruna Bldg., Maidan Hawally	50517017
04/01/2011		Binu Joy Mathew		26	3	12	Hasawi Restaurant	24318981
04/08/2011	5:30 PM	Saji Cherian	St. Thomas	20	2	12	Total workshop	97215862
04/15/2011		Biju Thomas		48	4	12	Cochin Gift Corner	24335267
04/29/2011		Samuel Chacko		39	4	16	Unique Auto Service	24316799

Visit of the Bishop



H.G. Mar Coorilose, of Mumbai diocese arrived in Kuwait on 29th March and will be leaving on 1st April, 2011. We welcome His Grace to our Parish

Visit of the Diocesan Bishop



Our Diocesan metropolitan H.G. (Dr.) Joseph Mar Dionysus, expected to arrive on 12th April, 2011 and will be leading our Passion week services. We welcome H.G. to our parish

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The Trustee, Secretary and the Managing Committee members of the year 2010 - 2011 wish to express our gratitude and thanks to Vicar, Assoc. Vicar, Sabha managing Committee Members, Prayer Group Secretaries, Spiritual & Charitable organizations and each and every member of the Maha Edavaka for the generous support and cooperation extended during their tenure. We also convey our Best Wishes and Success to the newly elected Managing Committee for the year 2011-12