

Jubilee Voice



God Bless This New Year In
Which Love Overcomes He Is
Always With Us And Unfolds
Great Possibilities

*Thought for the year 2020
Year of Caring and Sharing*

“Whoever has two coats must share with
anyone who has none; and whoever has food
must do likewise (Luke. 3: 11)”

Jubilee Malayalam Church

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Service Schedule

Date	Sanpada 07:30 am	Panvel 11:00 am
05.Jan. 20	H.C	H.C
12.Jan. 20	H.C	Matins
19.Jan. 20	H.C - MTC Nerul (07.30 am)	H.C - MTC Nerul (07.30 am)
26.Jan. 20	H.C (English)	H.C (English)
02.Feb. 20	H.C	H.C
09.Feb. 20	PWC Annual Day Service (10.00 am) Panvel	PWC Annual Day Service (10.00 am) Panvel
16.Feb. 20	H.C	Matins
23.Feb. 20	H.C (English)	H.C
26.Feb. 20	Ash Wednesday Service (07.30 pm) Combined	Ash Wednesday Service (07.30 pm) Combined

Organizations

Sunday School	On every Sunday	08.30 - 09.30 am
Youth Movement	On every Second and Fourth Sunday	09.00 - 10.00 am
Choristor's Association	Choir Practice on every Saturday	06.00 - 08.00 pm
Women's Fellowship	On every Second Saturday	04.30 - 06.00 pm
Atmaya Fellowship	On every Tuesday	07.30 - 09.00 pm

Cottage Prayer

Date	Residence	Time
11.Jan. 20	Mr. K. K. Johnson, Kharghar	07.30 pm
18.Jan. 20	Mr. Sabu Varghese, Kalamboli	07.30 pm
19.Jan. 20	Mr. Thomas George, Airoli	05.30 pm
02.Feb. 20	Mr. Sudeep Rupin Phillips, Nerul	05.00 pm
09.Feb. 20	Mr. Joseph Phillip, Sanpada	05.00 pm
16.Feb. 20	Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi	05.00 pm
22.Feb. 20	Mr. T. C. Issac, Panvel	07.30 pm
23.Feb. 20	Mr. Malcolm J. Stephens, Koparkhairane	05.00 pm

Friday Prayer

Date	Place	Time
03.Jan. 20	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
10.Jan. 20	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am
17.Jan. 20	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
24.Jan. 20	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am
31.Jan. 20	Parsonage	10.00 am
07.Feb. 20	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
14.Feb. 20	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am
21.Feb. 20	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
28.Feb. 20	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am

From the Presbyterian's Desk

Dear People of God

Our lives are lived in various time segments- years, months, weeks, days. Each day is divided into hours, minutes, and seconds. Our Lord wants us to fill each day with meaning. As we all enter into a new year, let me write to you something meaningful for us. My thoughts go like this:

1. Begin each day with God: Good beginnings are important. Beginning the day with God will align the day with prominent priority. When we consider the Lord first, the rest of the day will be considered in the light of His will. **2. Maintain healthy interpersonal relationships:** our lives involve contact and interaction with people. But at times we may want to get away from people. This desire represents a legitimate occasional need but is not permanently possible. The relationship should be enhanced. Believers are to respect each individual as a person of importance. We should reconcile ruptured relationships. We need to settle grudges and eliminate our desire for revenge, if it is there. **3. Watch your conversation:** talking comprises a large part of our day. Have you ever thought about how many words you say in the course of a single day? We cannot live through a day without speaking. Words directed to us have the power either to bless us or to curse us. We need to listen carefully to the critical words of others as well as to their complimentary words, filtering out the true from the false. Let us also guard our conversation and say only things that will build others up. **4. Fill your mind with good thoughts:** thoughts are inevitable occurrences during the course of the day. Ideas come to our minds from unexplainable origins. Human beings cannot prevent thoughts from coming to mind. Thought have the possibility of lodging in our lives. Good thoughts will lead to good actions. Bad thoughts will lead to immoral actions. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23: 7). **5. Engage in meaningful activities:** working for our livelihood is a part of most days. "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:9). Filling one's days with good work is commendable. To have a good day or year means that you enjoy your work and strive to do your best. When we give one day of each week to worship, the other days will be enhanced. A meaningful day will be filled with the significant activities. In addition to giving your best to your work, serve others in need. Then you will have a good day.

As we are at the doorstep of 2020, I wish all my congregation members a prosperous, peaceful, graceful new year ahead. God crown the year with His goodness, and your paths drip with abundance. Praying to God to give you all a year of favor full of His unending love, care, and grace.

May God Bless You and Our Church
Ora et Labora- Pray and Labour

Rev. Aby K Thomas
Presbyter-in-charge
95940 72145, 97443 49381

Thanks

The January- February issue of Jubilee Voice is sponsored by Shri. Mannoor George Joseph.

We pray for his family and express our gratitude to him and we pray that let all his family members see the wonders and marvelous ways of God the almighty

New Year Wishes

The office bearers of the Management Committee of Jubilee Malayalam Church wishes for your spiritual and temporal welfare this new year. With gratitude we would like to convey our sincere thanks to all of you for your support for the church affairs. And we request all of your earnest participation and cooperation for the programs and activities that comes in this new year. May God direct our church.

Previous Month's Highlights

World Sunday School Sunday: November 03, 2019, Sunday, was observed as World Sunday School Sunday. Our Sunday School children and teachers had led the service.

Fish Pickle Preparation: The church expresses sincere gratitude to all of you including our Management Committee Members, Men, Women's Fellowship and Youth Fellowship members and children for the leadership rendered for the Fish Pickling held on 3rd November 2019 at the Vashi Farm House.

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival Service was held on 10th November, 2019, 3.00 pm. Rev. Rajeev Sugu, the vicar of our Vakkola Church was the chief guest. Hearty thanks to all of you for your active participation in the service and the auction. The Management Committee conveys our sincere thanks to the Youth Fellowship and Women's Fellowship members for setting up Food Stalls. Thanks to those who provided technical assistance for the auction.

Akhloli Mission Visit: Our Atmaya Fellowship members visited Akhloli Mission on 12th November, 2019. We visited some of our believers' homes. It was really an eye opener for all of us, as many of them are living in poor conditions. Some of our members personally provided financial help for them. I request all of you to kindly pray for this mission field and for all the believers, and I hope that we can support this mission further. 17 people participated in the visit. Thanks to all of them, and especially for Adv. Chandy Kurien for all the arrangements.

Union Worship: Union Worship of Mumbai- Pune Malayalam Churches was held on 17th November 2019, at Pune Church. Rev. Dr. Prinstone Ben, Dean of Missiology, Pune Union Biblical Seminary, was the chief guest. 75 members from our church participated in this service, thanks to those who participated and a special word of appreciation to Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan and Mr. Ashok Abraham for coordinating travel arrangements.

Unity Sunday: We observed C. S. I - C. N. I- Marthoma Conciliar Unity Sunday on 17th November 2019. Rev. Dr. Salomon K, the Vicar of the Marthoma Church Nerul led the Service in Marthoma Qurbana order. Thanks to all Marthoma members for your presence at the service.

Jubilee Union V.B.S: Joint V.B.S of our four Congregation of the Jubilee Church was held from 28th October to 03rd November 2019. Some of our members financially contributed towards the expense, thanks to them.

Shalom Christmas Celebration: This year our Panvel Worship Centre members sponsored the Christmas Celebration of Shalom Mission which was held on 7th Dec. 2019, at Shanthi Nivas, Kharjath. We have given dress materials, groceries, bed sheets, detergent, etc. for 12 inmates, and we had given Rs. 12,500 for the lunch. 25 members from the worship centre participated in this program. Rev. Sam Raju, Rev. Sam N. Joshua, Rev. Binju Varghese Kuruvila, Rev. Byju Eapen. Rev. Johncy Varghese, Rev. Rejeev Sugu, Rev. Aby K Thomas graced the occasion with their presence. Thanks to Mr. Simon Philip and Mrs. Raji David for your valuable leadership. Earnest thanks to all of those who contributed towards this cause both in cash and kind.

Christmas Carol Service: Our Christmas Carol Service was held on 15th December, 2019, Sunday, at Sanpada. The Marthoma Church, Mumbai Diocesan Bishop's secretary, Rev. Joel Samuel Thomas, was the chief guest. Thanks to all our choir members for their carols, and a special word of appreciation to Mr. Thomas R George, Chembur, for training and teaching our choir. Congrats to Ms. Neha Varghese and all choir committee members for all arrangements.

Christmas Carol Rounds: Our Carol Rounds were held from December 16-22, 2019. The Church thanks to all of you for your participation in this event. Hearty thanks to Mr. Monzy Tharian Varghese, Mr. Sabu Varghese for their valuable leadership and to Mr. Sudheip Samuel Alex for the accompaniment. Thanks to Shri. Kurien Joseph (Reggy), Shri. Bose K Thomas, Shri. Paul Joseph, Shri. Winford S. J, Shri. Roy Koshy Philip, and Shri. K. Babu for hosting the dinner for the Carol team.

Christmas Service: Our Christmas Service was held at Sanpada and Panvel. Rev. N. C. David achen led the service at Panvel. Thanks and prayers for achen.

Watchnight and New Year Service: Thanks for all of your participation in the Year Ending and New Year Service, which was held on 31st December, 2019.

Upcoming Programs

Union Carol Service: This year the Union Carol Service will be held on 12th January 2020 in Kristukripa Church, Cheddanagar. The Holy Trinity CNI Malayalam Church, Chembur is hosting the program. Our Choir will present their carols, keep them in your prayers.

Unity Sunday: With regard to the Conciliar Unity of the C. S. I- C. N. I- Marthoma Churches, we have Unity Sunday Holy Communion Service on 19th January 2020, at 07.30 am at Nerul Marthoma Church in C.N.I. Malayalam order. Requesting all of your presence and active participation in the service.

Church Picnic: The Church Picnic is scheduled to be held at Monteria Resort, Khalapur on Jan.25 & 26 (Sat & Sun), 2020. Those who have given their names give your fare to Mr. Roy Koshy Philip immediately. The detailed itinerary of the picnic will be informed later. There will be no service at Sanpada and Panvel on 26th, Sunday.

Annual Convention: Jubilee Malayalam Church Annual Convention will be held from Feb 06 (Thu) to Feb. 08 (Sat), 2020, at Sanpada. Expecting all of your participation. Details will be published later.

Annual Day: The Panvel Worship Centre Annual Day will be held at 10.00 am on 09th of February 2020, Sunday, with the Holy Communion Service followed by the Public Meeting, Cultural Programs and Fellowship Lunch. There will be no service at Sanpada on this day. I request all our congregation members to attend the service at Panvel.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: This year our church's Women's Fellowship Retreat will be held on 29th February (Sat), at 10.00 am at Sanpada. I request all our women's fellowship members be present for the program. Details will be given later.

Ash Wednesday: The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on 26th February at 07.30 pm at Sanpada. I request all of you to observe the Lent with prayer and fasting.

Diocesan News

Missionary Meetings: The diocese was organized two Missionary Meeting on 06th and 09th of December at CPS Ashram Pune and the CNI Church of Bretheren, Dhanu respectively. I had the privilege of attending both the meetings. The ration of groceries was provided for the missionaries of seven dioceses of Maharashtra. We also contributed towards this need.

Diocesan Council: The Bombay Diocesan Council Ordinary Session was held on 22-23, November, 2019 at St. Peter's School Mazgaon. Along with the presbyter-in-charge, Shri. Thomas George, Mr. Biju C. Alex, Mrs. Shiney Sam and Mr. Ashok Abraham (alternate) attended the council sessions. Rev. Arpana Rangayya led the retreat for the council representatives. Bishop Rt. Rev. Prakash D Patole presided the session along with Rev. Avinash Rangayya and Mr. T. Vinodraj. Rev. Samuel Mhaske has been selected as the new Vice-President. Rev. Aby K Thomas was nominated as the Convenor for the Religious Education Department. Mrs. Shiney Sam was nominated to the committee of the Mission and Evangelism department. Mr. Moncy Tharian was nominated to the Diocesan Court.

Church Calendar

- 6. Jan- Epiphany
- 18. Jan- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 26. Jan- Ecumenical Sunday
- 15. Feb- St. Stephen's Day
- 24. Feb- St. Mathias Day
- 25. Feb- Ash Wednesday

Prayer Requests

1. Rev. N. C. David, C.B.D Belapur (For Good Health)
2. Mr. George Cherian, F/o Mr. Rijo George Cherian, Panvel (For Good Health) 3.
Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi (For Good Health)
4. Mr. Bino Oommen, Kharghar (For Good Health)
5. Mr. John Samuel, Kopar Khairane (For Good Health)
6. Mr. Issac T.C, Panvel (For Good Health)
7. Mr. Solomon Samuel, Kharghar (For Good Health)
Mrs. Susan Samuel, Kharghar (For Good Health)
Mrs. Joyce Mathai, Nerul (For Good Health)
10. Mrs. Saramma David, C.B.D Belapur (For Good Health)
11. Mrs. Annamma George, M/o Mr. Thomas George, Airoli (For Good Health)
12. Mrs. Sosamma Thomas, M/L Mr. Uday Nianan, Kopar Khairane (For Good Health)
13. Mrs. Lillian Stephens, M/o Mr. Malcom Stephen, Kopar Khairane (For Good Health)
14. Mrs. Annamma Joseph, Thane (For Good Health)
15. Mrs. Geetha Philips, M/o Mr. Sudeep Philips, Nerul (Undergoing Dialysis)
16. Dr. Mrs. Usha Joshua, w/o Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli
(Recovering after Treatment for Cancer)
17. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village

In Memoriam

02. 01. 2015

Mr. K. J. Kunjumon

69 years

Kharghar

Sunday Scripture Lessons January & February 2020

2020 January, 05, Sunday

Second Sunday After Christmas

We are sharing in the Childhood of Christ

Proverbs. 8: 1, 22- 31

Psalm. 103

Ephesians. 1: 3- 8

John. 1: 9- 18

2020 January, 12, Sunday

First Sunday After Epiphany

Baptism of Jesus

Jesus: the Son of God

Isaiah. 42. 1- 13

Psalm. 2: 1- 8

Acts of the Apostles. 10: 38- 48

Matthew. 3: 13- 17

2020 January, 19, Sunday

Second Sunday After Epiphany

CSI-CNI-Marthoma Unity Sunday

God Suffers in our Sufferings

2 Kings. 5: 1- 14

Psalm. 123

Acts of the Apostles. 5: 12- 16

Mark. 1: 40- 45

2020 January, 26, Sunday

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Participation in Nation Building

Nehemiah. 5: 14- 19

Psalm. 101

1 Peter. 2: 11- 16

Matthew. 22: 15- 21

2020 February, 02, Sunday
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
The Presentation of Christ

1 Samuel. 1: 19- 28
 Romans. 11: 33- 12: 2

Psalm. 118: 19- 29
 Luke. 2: 22- 40

2020 February, 09, Sunday
Ninth Sunday Before Easter
Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation

Isaiah. 65: 17- 25
 Hebrews. 4: 2- 13

Psalm. 08
 Mark. 2: 23- 28

2020 February, 16, Sunday
Eighth Sunday Before Easter
Fall: The Violation of the Purpose of Creation

Genesis. 6: 1- 13
 Romans. 7: 4- 25

Psalm. 32
 Matthew. 7: 15- 23

2020 February, 23, Sunday
Seventh Sunday Before Easter
Lent: A Time of Transformation

Isaiah. 44. 21- 28
 Romans. 11: 13- 24

Psalm. 06
 John. 2: 1- 11

2020 February, 26, Wednesday
Ash Wednesday
Cross: A Call to Repentance

Isaiah. 1: 16- 20
 2 Corinthians. 7: 8- 16

Psalm. 51
 Mark. 1: 12- 15

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory–Sanpada

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson
05.01.2020	Adv. Chandy Kurien	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph (KGR)	Mrs. Suja Bose
12.01.2020	Mr. S. J. Winford	Mrs. Stivy E. J	Mrs. Teena Josey
19.01.2020	Mr. M. George Joseph	Mrs. Anila W. S	Mrs. Betsy Mathews
26.01.2020	Mr. Roy Koshy Philip	Mrs. Siby Bobby	Mr. K. K. Johnson
02.02.2020	Mr. Bose K Thomas	Dr. Roselet Winford	Mrs. Molly B. George
16.02.2020	Mr. Abraham Paulose	Mrs. Animol Joseph	Miss. Aleena Mariam Philip
23.02.2020	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Sussha John	Mrs. Ashish E. George
26.02.2020	Mr. T. G. Kurien	Mrs. Tisha Elizabeth David	Miss. Aneeta Ann John

Date	Peace	Elements
05.01.2020	Mr. & Mrs. W. K. David	Capt. & Mrs. Anish Joseph
12.01.2020	Mr. & Mrs. John Issac	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C. Alex
19.01.2020	Mr. & Mrs. Sajan J. George	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph
26.01.2020	Mr. & Mrs. Philip John K	Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Y. John
16.02.2020	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Mr. Mrs. Thariyan George
23.02.2020	Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Abraham	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James
26.02.2020	Mr & Mrs. Mathews Philip	Mr. & Mrs. Bino Oommen

Date	Offertory	Offertory
05.01.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Tanish Monzy Tharian
12.01.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Vian Chandy Alex
19.01.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Ryan Philip Mathew
26.01.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Ryaan Roshin
02.02.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Eethan Jacob George
16.02.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Zephan Jacob David
23.02.2020	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Niya Geetha Josey
26.02.2020	Mr. Rueben Kurien	Mast. Aman Shaji

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory-Panvel

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson
05.01.2020	Mr. David James	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Ms. Leah Johnson
12.01.2020	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Shiney Sam	Mrs. Mariam Simon
02.02.2020	Mr. Sabu Varghese	Miss. Ruby Maria Pise	Mrs. Sinu Ashok
09.02.2020	Mr. Sam Thomas	Mrs. Bindu Mary Kuriakose	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex
16.02.2020	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Rachel John	Mrs. Dency Binil
23.02.2020	Mr. K. K. Johnson	Mrs. Rajee David	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok

Date	Peace	Elements
05.01.2020	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Mr. K. Babu
02.02.2020	Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Johnson	Mr. Ashok Abraham
09.02.2020	Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Kurien	Mr. Simon Philip
23.02.2020	Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Issac	Mr. David James

Date	Offertory	Offertory
05.01.2020	Miss. Ruby Maria Pise	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok
12.01.2020	Miss. Hephziba David	Mast. Kevin Johnson
02.02.2020	Ms. Leah Johnson	Mr. Elvin Issac Jacob
09.02.2020	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby
16.02.2020	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Miss. Pearl Pise
23.02.2020	Miss. Hephziba David	Mast. Leah Johnson

BIRTHDAYS- JANUARY 2020

Birthday Wishes

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (Psalm. 23:1 & 6 b)

Date	Name	Contact
01. Jan	Mrs. Suja Bose, Nerul	90045 38191
01. Jan	Miss. Jerolin Jessin Sony, Sanpada	98952 89096
01. Jan	Mrs. Deepthi Serah Anish, CBD Belapur	97444 00199
05. Jan	Mr. Kevin Ninan Mathew, Sanpada	98202 32483
06. Jan	Mrs. Shobha Shaji, Vashi	88796 39143

06. Jan	Mrs. Sherly Anoop Cherian, Kamothe	81080 08669
07. Jan	Mrs. Rosalyin Monzy Tharian, Palm Beach	98199 87835
07. Jan	Mast. Reuben Binil, Ulwe	88503 11089
07. Jan	Mast. Ryan Binil, Ulwe	88503 11089
07. Jan	Mast. Jonah Gibin Abraham, Kamothe	98698 06167
07. Jan	Mrs. Tisha Elizabeth David, Nerul	95000 17489
10. Jan	Mr. K. O. John, Sanpada	98207 42205
11. Jan	Mast. Joel Issac John, Panvel	90294 31223
11. Jan	Mr. Solomon Samuel Samuel, Kharghar	80800 41824
14. Jan	Mr. W. K. David, Kamothe	98678 02946
16. Jan	Mast. Snehid Mammen Sabu, Kalamboli	99201 03194
17. Jan	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph, Nerul	97570 83950
19. Jan	Mr. Binu George Thomas, Airoli	98212 14204
21. Jan	Mrs. Joyce Mathai, Nerul	98209 94473
26. Jan	Mrs. Annamma John, Kamothe	88799 06141
30. Jan	Mr. Thomas T George, Sanpada	98212 66742
31. Jan	Mrs. Dr. Roselet Winford, Kharghar	96996 39326
31. Jan	Mr. Roy Koshy Philip, Vashi	84240 51025
31. Jan	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby, Ulwe	97443 49381

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- JANUARY 2020

Anniversary Greetings

And now Faith, Hope and Love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Date	Name	Contact
02. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. John Sunny, Nerul	98216 74928
03. Jan	Mrs. & Adv. Chandy Kurian, Vashi	98212 75735
04. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. W. K. David, Kamothe	98678 02946
05. Jan	Mr. & Mrs Sudeep Rupin Philips, Nerul	77383 80140
06. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C Alex, Nerul	98202 75579
06. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Bose K Thomas, Nerul	95949 70356
06. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Winford S. J, Kharghar	98197 31061
07. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Koshy Philip, Vashi	84240 51025
09. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. John Issac, Vashi	98928 10922
16. Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese, Kalamboli	99201 03194

20.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T George, Sanpada	98212 66742
21.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip, Kharghar	96196 00499
23.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Y. John, Vashi	98693 63621
24.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George, Airoli	98212 14204
25.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas, Vashi	98231 77220
26.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. K. O. John, Sanpada	98207 42205
30.Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Susheil Mani Alex, Kharghar	98190 17872

BIRTHDAYS- FEBRUARY 2020

Birthday Wishes

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. (Psalm 65:11)

Date	Name	Contact
04.Feb	Mrs. Marykutty George, Nerul	77386 80334
06.Feb	Mast. Nathan Rijo Cherian, Panvel	95944 26024
07.Feb	Mrs. Sheena Johnson, Kharghar	98196 96320
08.Feb	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex, Kharghar	98190 17872
06.Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Kuriakose, Panvel	96057 57668
09.Feb	Mr. Philip John K, Nerul	88792 88272
10.Feb	Mr. John Issac, Vashi	98928 10922
14.Feb	Mast. Aman Shaji, Vashi	88796 39143
15.Feb	Mr. Biju George, Koparkhairane	98203 73589
15.Feb	Miss. Soffy John, Panvel	98698 15829
15. Feb	Miss. Joshna Binu Thomas, Airoli	98212 14204
16. Feb	Mast. Ansel Joseph Philip, Sanpada	88283 41851
17. Feb	Mr. Thomas George, Airoli	98212 14204
21.Feb	Mr. P. I. Mathew, Kharghar	98216 47398
22.Feb	Mrs. Susha John, Koparkhairane	98331 61641
23.Feb	Mrs. Ashish E. George, Nerul	96196 29142
24.Feb	Mr. Binil Mathai, Ulwe	88503 11089
25.Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens, Koparkhairane	98201 01092
26.Feb	Mrs. Sherly Varghese, Nerul	98219 09697
26.Feb	Mr. Paul Joseph, Kharghar	99200 57762

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- FEBRUARY 2020

Anniversary Greetings

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity
(Colossians. 3: 14).

Date	Name	Contact
06.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Verghese Itty K., Nerul	22 2770 9503
11.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan, Sanpada	98202 32483
12.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Abraham, Vashi	99690 12274
12.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Binil Mathai, Ulwe	88503 11089
14.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sajan J. George, Nerul	96196 29167
14.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas, Kamothe	95947 90355
16.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose K., Ulwe	98690 78209
23.Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James, C.B.D Belapur	93209 90672

The Value of Sharing and Caring: Re-Vewing the History of All Saints Home Shri. C. G. Thomas, Vashi

The motto selected for the Diocese of Bombay for the New Year, 'Caring and Sharing' is quite appropriate considering the progress made in various churches and institutions in the Diocese, is quite commendable since the formation of the Church of North India (C.N.I) in 1970. Our Bombay Diocese is a unique multilingual Diocese as seven different language groups, namely English, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Malayalam are worshipping in various churches in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Raigad districts. There are schools, colleges, old age homes, hostels, holiday homes etc. in the diocese. One of the important institutions in the Bombay Diocese is All Saints Home, accommodating ageing women and working women in the same premises, and both of them live happily, caring and sharing among them is to be seen to be believed. They live and eat together, pray together, have entertainment together and all other activities together in the same premises. There are 5 buildings on a large plot of the land at the Dockyard Road, Mazgaon.

In this premise, Old Hostel building, St. Elizabeth Home, and St. Faith Home are meant to accommodate poor old women, low income groups working women and for destitute women respectively. Due to heavy demand for accommodation the New Hostel building having ground plus three upper floors was constructed in 1977 mainly with a loan from Canara Bank. Again, one more building 'Ashiana' having ground and three upper floors were constructed with aid received from the Central government on certain strict conditions. According to the signed

document, we are asked to set up a management committee, the inmates are allowed to occupy the hostel rooms with nominal payment. Mr. Joshi Talegaonkar, who was an architect, engineer and chartered accountant has helped us to construct this building with enhanced FSI of 1.99 were 1.66 FSI was there. The All Saints Home is managed by the Women Welfare Society of the Diocese of Bombay with the leadership of the then Bishop Rt. Rev. S. B. Joshua, who was our leader from 1979- 1998. Rev. (Ms) Eleanor Abraham, who was the superintendent of Ashiana for ten long years. She was very popular among the inmates and she was regarded as 'Mother Teresa of Ashiana'. The admission to this All Saints Home was irrespective of castes, class, and religion. A building for the street children started in 1988 was well patronized including a social service project with tailoring classes for very poor women. When the Bombay Diocese took the theme 'Year of Caring and Sharing', for the new year, let us look back to our heritage and rich history and thank God for the All Saints Home and for the ministry we carried through this far.

Covenant Prayer of John Wesley, the Founder of Methodist Church

“I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.” Amen.

I Am Thine, O Lord (H 348)

This hymn is one of many collaborations between Crosby and composer William Doane (1832-1915). The late Baptist hymnologist William J. Reynolds provides the context for the composition of the hymn in 1874 during a visit by Crosby to Doane's home in Cincinnati. One evening she and Doane talked at length about the nearness of God in their lives. When Fanny went to her room, her mind and heart were flooded with ideas from their conversation. Before she went to sleep, the lines of “I am thine, O Lord” were in her mind. The next morning she recited the words to Doane, who wrote down the stanzas and composed the tune.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel' or the dictum 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return (Gen 3.19)'. The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations. Many Christian denominations emphasize fasting, as well as abstinence during the season of Lent and in particular, on its first day, Ash Wednesday. The First Council of Nicea spoke of Lent as a period of fasting for forty days, in preparation for Easteride. This year Ash Wednesday reaches on 26th February 2020. I request you all to observe the lent season with Prayer and Penitence.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Many Christians around the world annually celebrate Epiphany on January 6. It is a public holiday in many countries and marks two events in Jesus Christ's life, according to the Christian Bible. The first event was when the three wise men, or kings, visited the infant Jesus. The second event was when St John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the River of Jordan.

Epiphany (Greek *Epiphania*, *Theophania* or *Christophania*), is a festival in commemoration of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world as the Son of God, and referring to the appearance of the star which announced our Saviour's birth to the Gentiles, and the visit of the Magi, or Wise Men of the East to the infant Jesus. This festival is held on the 6th of January invariably, consequently is not a moveable feast, though the length of Epiphany-tide depends upon the date of Easter.

The current pattern in the Anglican Church is to have an extended Epiphany season (called Epiphanytide). This is why Nativity scenes are sometimes kept in churches throughout January. Epiphanytide: Rather confusingly, however, the other two main 'manifestations' marked in Epiphanytide concern Jesus as an adult: his baptism in the River Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descends on him in the form of a dove (on the Sunday after Epiphany), and his first sign: the turning of water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana in Galilee. This latter event – the third 'epiphany' of the season – is only to be found in John's gospel.

Symbols

Various paintings, artworks and sketches show the three wise men and Jesus. Some paintings artworks show the three wise men on the way to Bethlehem or adoring baby Jesus. The kings are important because their visit illustrates that Jesus was the king of all kings who came for the Jews and the Gentiles.

The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus:

- Gold (fit for a king).
- Frankincense (used to worship at a temple).
- Myrrh (used for embalming, as well as a salve for irritations such as diaper rash).

Many Orthodox churches consider Jesus' baptism to be the first step towards the crucifixion. The liturgical color for the Epiphany season is white.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it, for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

The theme for the week of prayer in 2020, "They showed us unusual kindness..." is inspired by Acts 28:2. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Malta. Malta, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, received the Christian faith through the efforts of the Apostle, Paul, after he was shipwrecked there while travelling to Rome. In Acts 27 and 28, we read the detailed narrative describing the terrible storm at sea, the 'providential' shipwreck and the subsequent welcome afforded to the 276 individuals on the vessel who all made it safely to shore. Paul's healing ministry in Malta is also briefly described in the same New Testament text. During its long and chequered history, Malta was ruled by various powers: the Carthaginians, the Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Swabians, the Aragonese, the Knights of the Order of St John, the French and the British. Malta became an independent nation within the British Commonwealth in 1964. In 2004, it joined the European Union. The Christian faith is deeply rooted in the culture of the inhabitants of Malta and its sister island of Gozo. Although the current population of about 430,000 is predominantly Roman Catholic, there are significant groups of Christians belonging to other traditions. Ecumenism is not a new experience to the local population. Being at the crossroads of civilizations, religions, trade and migration, has made the people of Malta always open to others, and markedly hospitable. The Maltese people recognize that the proper handling of current differences can lead to the mutual appreciation of the respective richness found in the different Churches

The first permanent and numerically significant presence of members from other Churches dates back to the first half of the 19th century. The strong military and naval presence of British servicemen and their accompanying pastors eventually led to the construction of suitable and dignified places of worship for the members of the Church of Scotland (St Andrew's Scots' Church, founded in 1824, completed in 1857), the Anglican Communion (St Paul's Pro-Cathedral founded in 1839, completed in 1844) and the Methodist Church (completed in 1883). The Crimean War and the opening of the Suez Canal made Malta a strategic naval base as well as the hub of trade and an important shipyard.

In Malta, ecumenical relations thrive. The working relationship is marked by deep respect and authentic collaboration. The Roman Catholic Church in Malta has been instrumental in assisting the various Orthodox Churches in finding a suitable venue for worship. Similarly the Roman Catholic diocese of Gozo has opened its doors to provide worship venues for Anglicans and other Christians from the Reformed traditions.

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