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# Jubilee Voice

Jubilee Malayalam Church

## Pentecost



*Thought for the year 2019: Year of Spirituality*

"Religion/ Faith that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world (James. 1:27)

**Jubilee Malayalam Church**

**Registration Number: E 8750**

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## Service Schedule

Date	Sanpada 07.00 am	Panvel 11.00 am
05.May.19	H.C	H.C
12.May.19	H.C	Matins
19.May.19	Matins	H.C
26.May.19	H.C (English)	H.C (English)
02.June.19	H.C	H.C
09.June.19	H.C	Matins
16.June.19	Matins	H.C
23.June.19	H.C (English)	H.C (English)
30.June.19	H.C	H.C

## Organisations

Sunday School	On every Sunday	08.00-9.30 am
Youth Movement	On every Second and Fourth Sunday	09.00- 10.00 am
Choristor's Association	Choir Practice on every Saturday	06.00-8.00 pm
Women's Fellowship	On every second Saturday	04.30- 6.00 pm
Atmaya Fellowship	On every Tuesday	07.30- 9.00 pm

## Cottage Prayer

Date	Residence	Time
31.May.19	Mr. Paul Joseph, Kharghar	07.30 pm
02.June.19	Mr. Bino Oommen, Kharghar	04.30 pm
09.June.19	Mr. K.O.John, Sanpada	04.30 pm
16.June.19	Mr. John Samuel, Kopar Khariane	04.30 pm
22.June.19	Mr. Simon Philip, Panvel	07.30 pm
23.June.19	Mr. Sajan J George, Nerul	04.30 pm
30.June.19	Adv. Chandy Kurien, Vashi	04.30 pm

## Friday Prayer

03.May.19	Panvel Church	07.30 pm
07.June.19	Panvel Church	07.30 pm
28.June.19	Sanpada Church	10.00 am

## From the Presbyter's Desk

### Dear People of God

Jesus' earthly ministry was now complete! He was born of a virgin Mary, lived a blameless life, died a vicarious death, and arose from the grave with a glorified body. He had been on earth for forty days since his resurrection 'speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God' (Acts 1:3). He was now ready to return to heaven. The Mount Olives, just outside the eastern wall of Jerusalem, served as an ideal location from which to view God's City of Peace. Jesus chose it as the place from which to give His final promise to come again and for his ascension into heaven. When He ascended into heaven, Jesus commanded his disciples and followers to 'witness' His birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension. The first requirement to be a witness of Jesus is, **a witness must know something**. As Paul said 'I know whom I have believed' (1 Tim 1:12). What is the first requirement of a witness in a courtroom. If the witness says, when asked a question, 'I think'- immediately the opposing attorney will arise and say, 'I object, your Honor! We are not interested in what this witness thinks. We are only interested in what he knows'. Secondly, **a witness must say something**. To know about Jesus and fail to tell others is criminal. Every once in a while we read of a witness coming along years after a crime who has a testimony that frees a prisoner from jail. If this person had been a witness at the trial, the prisoner never would have been convicted. This person knew the facts, but didn't tell them! Therefore, the prisoner was convicted unjustly. Thirdly, **a witness must be something**. In the courtroom a witness may know something and say something, but if the opposing attorney has evidence that the witness is not a person of integrity, the attorney can present the facts to the court and make an impassioned plea to throw out the testimony. Likewise, all our verbose vocalizings will be like 'sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Unless our lives are consistent with our testimony. ' Therefore the ascension of Jesus gives us the responsibility to be a witness of the risen and ascended Christ. As after the ascension day, we have important liturgical days such as Pentecost Day and Trinity Sunday in our church calendar. Let us renew ourselves, to witness Jesus' life journeys, especially His Ascension. The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. Let us be thankful to the Lord for sending the Holy Spirit to His Church on Pentecost day, which still ignites the hearts and minds of believers. And let us also worship the Triune God, world without end. Amen

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

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

## From the Managing Committee

The Chairman and members of the Management Committee take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your generous financial assistance and invaluable spiritual fellowship extended during the last financial year. Our church members have genuinely met the needs of the church till date. During the year we were able to extend financial help to Kerala Flood Relief, Shalom Mission, Palghar Mission, Bhilai Mission, Theological Education of Kannammoola Seminary etc. We also extended financial assistance for the needy. Most importantly, we could buy a Parsonage at Ulwe. The church also appreciates the active involvement of our Worshipping Centre at Panvel in all our activities. We request your continued interest and involvement in the financial and spiritual matters of the church in the new financial year

## Prayer Requests

01. Mr. George Cherian, Panvel (For Good Health)
02. Mr. John Samuel, Koparkhairane (For Good Health)
03. Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi (For Good Health)
04. Mr. Issac T.C, Panvel (For Good Health)
05. Mr. Solomon Samuel, Kharghar (For Good Health)
06. Mrs. Lillian Stephens, Vashi (For Good Health)
07. Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph, Nerul (For Good Health)
08. Mrs. Marykutty George, Nerul (For Good Health)
09. Mrs. Joyce Mathai, Nerul (For Good Health)
10. M/o Mr. Sudeep Philips, Kozhikode (Undergoing Dialysis)
11. Dr. Mrs. Usha Joshua, w/o Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli (Recovering after Treatment for Cancer)
12. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village

## IN MEMORIAM

19.05.2017	Mr. John P. Mathew	60 years	CBD Belapur
28.05.2012	Mrs. Anita David	31 years	Kharghar

## Church Calendar

May 01 - St. James Day  
 May 03 - St. Philip's Day  
 May 06 - St. John's Day  
 May 30 - Ascension Day  
 June 02 - Students Sunday  
 June 09 - The Pentecost Day  
 June 11 - St. Barnabas Day  
 June 16 - Trinity Sunday  
 June 24 - St. John the Baptist Day  
 June 29 - St. Peter's Day

## Do you know where our children are?

Rev. Aby K Thomas

Sometimes pastors would state and ask, "Do you know where our children are?" That was the question Mary and Joseph had to answer that first night away from Jerusalem on their return home from the Passover celebration. They probably traveled in a caravan with other pilgrims. The women usually left first and the men followed; the children played and visited among friends and relatives. When evening came and all gathered for the meal, Jesus was not present. Imagine their anxiety and agony, for they did not know where he was. Do you know where our children are? This question needs to be asked in three ways- literally, physically, and spiritually.

### 1. Literally- Do you know where our children are?

This is probably the primary intention of the above question, and it raises the problem every parent faces. Parents must face the tension between control and permissiveness, guidance and freedom. There are dangers with extremes in both directions. Mary and Joseph supposed Jesus "to be in the company" (Lk. 2:44), but they really didn't know. Today's parents face the challenge of creativity directing their youth or letting them roam and "find themselves." It is easier to let neighborhood or peer groups rear them, but the risks are higher. We are "conceived in iniquity," and the tendency toward sin calls for guidance to do what is right. Do you know where our children are- the movies they see, the books they read, the friends they make? Parental dictatorship is not needed, but creative parental involvement is essential for any child to mature.

### 2. Physically- Do you know where our children are?

Are you aware of where your child is as a maturing individual? This aspect calls for an awareness of needs at any given age. A strong temptation exists in a parent to make his child become what he himself never was. The pressure begins in sports time, where angry parents may ruin a child's play. The pressure is in the classroom, where the push for academic excellence may cause a child to fail in needed social development. The pressure is on the future, trying to mold a young person into a vocation a parent may have desired for himself or herself but was unable to achieve. Mary and Joseph searched two days before they located Jesus, and it seems the last place they looked was in the temple. Jesus asked, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk.2:49). They were ignorant of His maturity, interests, and desires. Do you know where our children are?

### 3. Spiritually- Do you know where our children are?

Just as each child may naturally respond to evil, every child, because he is made in the image of God, may also have an attraction toward good and God. Do you know where your children are spiritually? Many young people are more attune to the voice of God than are their parents. Mary and Joseph were "astonished" at Jesus' response in the temple (Lk. 2:48). A parent has an awesome responsibility regarding the spiritual welfare of children. Fathers are admonished to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph.6:4). Jesus warned about causing the little ones to stumble (Matt.18:6). The home is where spiritual foundations are laid.

It is a miracle of God that some find Christ and have a strong relationship with him when they were never exposed to the faith at home. A strong spiritual environment of Christian love and faith is the best heritage to impart to a child. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6) Do you know where our children are? It is a good question and one that every Christian parent eventually answers in hope- "I hope and I have faith they are where they will honour Christ." The father of the Prodigal Son did his best and then let his son go. Love and faith triumphed for that family. Is the love of God our Father and faith in Christ the Son the most important part of your life? Such commitment is needed by parents and children alike.

### Previous Months Highlights

**Women's Sunday:** Women's Sunday was held on Sunday, 03rd March, 2019 at 3 pm at Sanpada Jubilee Malayalam Church. Mrs. Susan Gigy Thomas, Vashi delivered the message. We were able to collect Rs. 76,960 through cover collection and food sale. On behalf of the Management Committee and the church I extend sincere thanks to the Women's Fellowship office bearers and to all women for all of your presence and participation in the service and food sale. As a missionary support Women's Fellowship has donated Rs. 75,000 to Kattarapally Mission, Telangana.

**Choir Retreat:** The Choir Retreat held on 21st March, 2019 was really a time of learning and unlearning. Prof. Ivan Mathew John and Rev. Aby K Thomas lead different sessions. Choir members from CNI churches of our Parel, Vakkola, Chembur, Borivili and Choir members of Marthoma church Vashi and Nerul has attended the retreat. Altogether 110 participants attended the Choral Retreat. Presence of Rev. Sam Raju, Rev. Ashish Idiculla, Rev. Johncy Varghese and Rev. Jess Mathew was blissful. I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Thomas R. George, Mr. W. J. Mathai, Mr. Biju C Alex, Mr. Sudheip Alex and Miss. Neha Varghese and to all our choir members for their valuable leadership in this regard.

**Union Farewell:** On 07th April, the Union of Mumbai- Pune Malayalam Churches Annual Committee and Farewell held at Sanpada. We bid farewell to Rev. Samji K Sam acehn (Parel-Mundiyapally), and Rev. Ashish Idiculla Achen (Borivili-Ponkunnam) at the meeting. We extend our sincere thanks to both of them for all the valuable prayer, service, help and guidance that they rendered to Sanpada church. Especially we are thankful to Rev. Samji K Sam achen for leading the Mumbai-Pune Union as a chairman. We wish all the best for their future ministry at their assigned places.

**Lenten Retreat and Holy Week Services:** Lenten Retreat was arranged on April 14 (Mon), 15 (Tue) and 16 (Wed) at the Holy Week. Rev. John K Mathew achen, the missionary in charge of our Katarapally Mission, Telangana, brought the Word of God in our Retreat and in our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thanks to achen for your visit. I extend my sincere thanks to Rev. N. C. David achen for providing us his presence and for his message on Good Friday and for his help in all these services. Thanks to our choir members, especially Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. George, Chembur for teaching new Lyrics and Hymns and for leading the choir in the Retreat.

**Family Retreat:** Our church family retreat was held on April 20 (Sat). The theme was, "Ohana- Nobody gets behind or forgotten". Rev. John K Mathew lead the Biblical session on the subject, 'Family Faith Journey: Re-Viewing Abraham's Travel'. Rev. Aby K Thomas lead the practical session on the theme 'Better not Bitter: Cords of Relationship'. Altogether 45 members attended the family retreat. Thanks to Mr. M. George Joseph, Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan and Mr. Sajan J. George for their timely support and for various helps. Rev. Soji A. Thomas achen of Odissa mission who was the guest speaker of the Parel CNI Church for the Holy week was also present in the retreat.

**Passion Recital:** Our church choir participated in the Passion Recital jointly organized by the Christos Marthoma Church, Mulund and Parel St. Mary the Virgin Church. Our presentation was excellent. Thanks to Mr. Thomas R. George for training our choir. Choir member's of Marthoma Churches of Mulund, and Wagle Estate and CNI Churches of Sanpada and Parel participated in this Passion Recital.

### Upcoming Programmes

**Students Sunday:** June 02, Sunday is Students Sunday. It is definitely not easy to be a good student. It demands lots of hard work and dedication. Each day, each effort will bring you closer to your goals. The Church wishes all the best to our students. Our children will lead the Students Sunday Service. Rev. Sajeev Varughese Koshy achen, the Vicar of St. Thomas Marthoma Church Kharghar will be our guest speaker.

**Sunday School Retreat:** We will be having Sunday School Students- Teachers Retreat on 05th June, 2019. The Sanpada and Panvel Sunday School Students and Teachers are requested to attend the retreat without fail. The venue and schedule will be informed later.

### Other Notes

**Mumbai- Pune Union:** Rev. Sam Raju achen was selected as the new Chairman of Mumbai-Pune Union of Churches. Mr. Ivan Issac is continuing in the office of Union Secretary, for the second term. The Sanpada church offers her prayer and sincere support for the Union office bearers.

**Clergy Transfer:** The following transfer has been reported in Mumbai churches. Rev. Samji K Sam (Parel- Mundiypally), Rev. Sam Raju (Vakkola- Parel), Rev. Rejeev Sugu (Karinilam- Vakkola), Rev. Sam N. Joshua (Vasai- Kalyan), Rev. Johncy Varghese (Kalyan- Vasai), Rev. Byju Eapen (Jabal Ali- Borivili), Rev. Ashish Idiculla (Borivili- Ponkunnam). The Sanpada church wishes and pray that let new assignments of all these achen's favours the members of the respective churches and Mumbai- Pune Union and His Church at large.

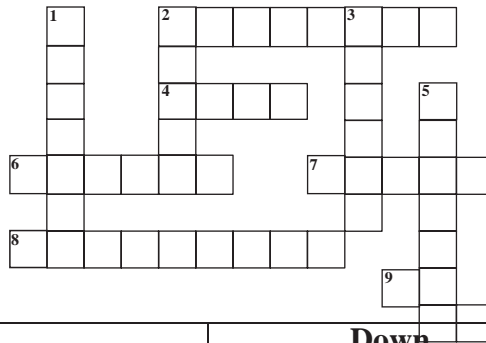
**Annual Reports and Accounts:** All organizations shall be ready with their annual reports and accounts passed in their respective general body meetings and submit their respective reports as early as possible. An election for the current year can also be conducted.

**Shalom Mission:** The foundation stone laying ceremony of the Shalom Mission project office and caretaker’s house was conducted on April 13th 2019. Sixty people gathered for the occasion. Our representatives took part in the service. We wish let the Shalom Mission prosper the day’s to come. Wishes to Rev. Sam N Joshua achen, the missionary in charge

## People in the Bible

1 Samuel

Children's Corner  
Crossword Puzzle



Across	Down
2 David’s best friend	1 Stood over nine feet tall
4 First king of Israel	2 Shepherd from Bethlehem; his youngest son became king of Israel
6 Last judge of Israel	3 Mother of the prophet Samuel
7 A man after God’s own heart	5 Brought food and supplies to David in the wilderness
8 Gave David the showbread to eat	
9 Fell off his seat backwards and broke his neck	

Prepared by: Mr. Sajan J George

N.B : Children submit your answer on or before June 16 Sunday. You will get a surprize gift.

## Thanks

The May-Jun issue of Jubilee Voice is sponsored by Mrs. Annamma John (Mercy), CBD Belapur in loving memory of her dear husband Late. Mr. John P. Mathew who expired on 19th May 2017. Prayer for the bereaved family members.



## Sunday Scripture Lessons for May 2019

### 2019 May 05, Sunday Second Sunday after Easter Witnesses to Christ's Resurrection

Acts of the Apostles. 3: 11- 18  
1 Corinthians. 15: 1- 11

Psalms. 126  
John. 21: 1- 14

### 2019 May 12, Sunday Third Sunday after Easter The Good Shepherd

Acts of the Apostles. 9: 32- 43  
Revelation. 7: 9- 17

Psalms. 100  
John. 10: 22- 30

### 2019 May 19, Sunday Fourth Sunday after Easter Our Redemption in Christ

Acts of the Apostles. 14: 21- 27  
Revelation. 21: 22- 27

Psalms. 96  
John. 15: 1- 11

### 2019 May 26, Sunday Fifth Sunday after Easter The Spirit of Love and Truth in the Church

Acts of the Apostles. 15. 22- 31  
Revelation. 22: 1- 5

Psalms. 67  
John. 15: 26- 16:7

### 2019 June 02, Sunday Sixth Sunday after Easter Students Sunday Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom

1 Kings 3: 3- 14  
1 John 5: 13-21

Psalms. 14  
Luke. 10: 21- 24

**2019 June 09, Sunday  
Pentecost Sunday  
The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

Isaiah. 44: 1- 5

Acts of the Apostles. 2: 1- 11

Psalm. 139

John 20: 19- 23

**2019 June 16, Sunday  
Trinity Sunday: Sunday after Pentecost  
God the Holy Trinity**

1 Kings. 8: 22- 29

Romans. 8: 1- 11

Psalm. 93

John. 14: 8- 17

**2019 June 23, Sunday  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
The Difference between World Values and God Values**

Amos. 6: 1- 8

Romans. 11: 33- 12: 2

Psalm. 94

Luke. 6: 17- 26

**2019 June 30, Sunday  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
The Victory of Good over Evil**

1 Samuel. 24: 8- 22

Romans. 12: 9- 21

Psalm. 13

Luke. 6: 27- 36

Science Corner

**World Environment Day (WED)**

Is celebrated on the 5th of June every year, and is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment. First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. WED has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually. The theme for 2018 was "Beat Plastic Pollution". The host nation is India. By choosing this Theme, it is aimed that people may strive to change their everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution. People should be free from the over-reliance on single-use or disposables, as they have severe environmental consequences. We should liberate our natural places, our wildlife - and our own health from plastics. Indian government pledged to eliminate all single use of plastic in India by 2022. Therefore, let us avoid plastic carry bags and disposables to save the earth. This year the theme is "Air Pollution", and this urge the governments, industry, communities and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and improve air quality in cities and regions across the world.

## Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory – Sanpada

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson
05.05.19	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Nirmala John	Mrs. Sarah B. George
12.05.19	Mr. V. M. Y. John	Mrs. Teena Josey	Miss. Nimitha Liz Alex
19.05.19	Mr. S. J. Winford	Mrs. Lini Paul	Mr. Kevin Ninan Mathew
26.05.19	Mr. Sajan J George	Mrs. Sosa Kurien	Miss. Gitu Rijo Cherian
02.06.19	Mr. Dan Koshy George	Miss. Lisa Tharian	Miss. Aneeta Rose Paul
09.06.19	Mr. K. O. John	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Miss. Felisa Lee Mathews
16.06.19	Mr. Biju C. Alex	Mrs. Molly B. George	Mr. Sudheip Samuel Alex
23.06.19	Mr. T. G. Kurien	Mrs. Siby Bobby	Miss. Aneeta Ann John
30.06.19	Mr. Mathews Philp	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	Mr. Jim Joseph Kurien

Date	Peace	Elements
05.05.19	Mr. & Mrs. John Samuel	Mr. & Mrs. K. O. John
12.05.19	Mrs. & Mrs. M. George Joseph	Mr. & Mrs. John Issac
26.05.19	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph	Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Abraham
02.06.19	Mr. Alex Monzy Tharian & Miss. Aleena Mariam Philip	Mr. Kevin Ninan Mathew & Miss. Nimitha Liz Alex
09.06.19	Mr & Mrs. Monzy Tharian V	Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Y. John
23.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. Tharian George	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas
30.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen	Mr. & Mrs. Bino Oommen

Date	Offertory	Offertory
05.05.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby
12.05.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Lisa Tharian
19.05.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Ryan Philip Mathew
26.05.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Grace Abraham
02.06.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Aman Shaji
09.06.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Josh Mathew George
16.06.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Reyaan Roshin
23.06.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Kevin Fernyl Philips
30.06.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Niya Josey

## Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory – Panvel

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>
05.05.19	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Bindu John	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok
12.05.19	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Mariam Simon	Mast. Joel Issac John
19.05.19	Mr. David James	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Miss. Stephy John
26.05.19	Mr. K. K. Johnson	Mr. Elvin Isaac Jacob	Miss. Pearl Pise
02.06.19	Miss. Joanna Sarah John	Miss. Anaina Babu	Mr. Jeffy John Sam
09.06.19	Mr. Sam Thomas	Mrs. Liji Babu	Miss. Leah Johnson
16.06.19	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mr. Elvin Issac Jacob
23.06.19	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Mrs. Hephziba David	Miss. Joanna Sarah John
30.06.19	Mr. Sabu Varghese	Mrs. Dency Binil	Mrs. Bindhu Mary Kuriakose

<b>Date</b>	<b>Peace</b>	<b>Elements</b>
05.05.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Mr. Ashok Abraham
19.05.19	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr. David James
26.05.19	Mr. & Mrs. K. Babu	Mr. Vipin Varghese
02.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. David James	Mr. Simon Philip
16.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Johnson	Mr. Sam Thomas
23.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sunny Abraham	Mr. K. Babu
30.06.19	Mr. & Mrs. Binil Mathai	Mr. K. K. Johnson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Offertory</b>
05.05.19	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok	Miss. Anaina Babu
12.05.19	Mr. Jeffy John	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok
19.05.19	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok	Miss. Hephziba David
26.05.19	Miss Peral Pise	Mast. Reyan Paul Simon
02.06.19	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok
09.06.19	Miss. Anaina Babu	Miss. Ashlyn Anoop Cherian
16.06.19	Miss. Pearl Pise	Mast. Kevin Johnson
23.06.19	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Miss. Ruby Maria Pise
30.06.19	Miss. Hphziba David	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby

**BIRTHDAYS- MAY 2019****Birthday Wishes**

**The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.**

**(Numbers 6: 24-26)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
02-May	Mrs. Teena Josey	Ulwe	88989 57415
03-May	Miss. Sarah B. George	Kopar Khairane	98330 84589
04-May	Mrs. Elizabeth Cherian	Vashi	98213 84498
06-May	Mrs. Beena Hans Thomas	Airoli	98212 14204
08-May	Mr. John Samuel	Kopar Khairane	98331 61641
09-May	Mr. Biju Abraham Verghese	Nerul	96195 96770
11-May	Mrs. Lini Paul	Kharghar	93229 01795
11-May	Mast. Elvin Issac Jacob	Panvel	99303 64952
15-May	Mr. K. Babu	Old Panvel	98193 27616
16-May	Mrs. Soji Cherian	Adai	99300 30552
17-May	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Panvel	72080 06920
18-May	Mrs. Nirmala John	Kopar Khairane	96191 31201
23-May	Mast. Reyan Paul Simon	Panvel	84258 92255
23-May	Mrs. Jessin Sony	Sanpada	98952 89096
24-May	Mr. Roshin James	CBD Belapur	93209 90672
26-May	Miss. Anaina Babu	Old Panvel	98693 75542
29-May	Mrs. Saramma David	CBD Belapur	98338 29535
30-May	Mr. David James	Kharghar	99693 14125

**Homage and Prayer for Sri Lanka**

Showing solidarity and paying homage to people killed in Sri Lanka bomb blast on Easter Sunday. Nearly 300 people were killed and some 500 injured across Sri Lanka as the result of six suicide bombings at churches and hotels on 21st. May. 2019, Easter Sunday. We pray over the atrocities that occurred in Sri Lanka this past weekend. We pray for the families of the almost 300 victims who died, we pray for the nearly 500 others who were injured and are now receiving treatment. You did not abandon your loved ones when the evil acts of men took their lives; You were with those at St. Sebastian's Church in Negombo, St. Anthony's Shrine, Zion Church, and the three hotels targeted. We know that You grieve even more than we are able to over what has happened. May the church members continue to find comfort in Your presence, Your sovereignty, and Your everlasting goodness and holiness despite the current evil in this world. May Your children find comfort in Your promise to return and rid evil from the world forever; we thank You that the sacrifice needed to have everlasting life with You in a world without evil has already been accomplished by Jesus on the cross. Please comfort those who are grieving, give peace to those who are afraid, and grant healing to those recovering. We pray that You would strengthen the Christian community in Sri Lanka; may those brothers and sisters in Christ come alongside one another in support and not fear to meet. May Your gospel spread truth and grace that is known only through You. We pray that more and more Sri Lankans would know Your love and spread Your Word. Amen

## BIRTHDAYS- JUNE 2019

### Birthday Wishes

**For you have possessed my reins: you have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that my soul knows right well.  
(Psalm. 139:13-14)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
01-Jun	Mr. T. C. Issac	Panvel	98190 65565
04-Jun	Miss. Angelina Joju	Sanpada	71653 64318
05-Jun	Adv. Chandy Kurien	Vashi	98212 75735
05-Jun	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok	Panvel	98923 86920
06-Jun	Miss. Jisby Ann Bose	Nerul	98202 14851
06-Jun	Mr. Abraham Kurian	Vashi	98203 66555
07-Jun	Miss. Felisa Lee Mathews	Kharghar	99695 71758
07-Jun	Mr. Mathew P. John	CBD Belapur	81089 06337
08-Jun	Mrs. Sweety Salomy Philips	Nerul	99207 66167
11-Jun	Mrs. Lillian Florence Stephens	Kopar Khairane	99204 99099
13-Jun	Mr. John Joseph	Kopar Khairane	96191 31201
15-Jun	Mrs. Kunjamma George	Nerul	98690 38440
16-Jun	Mr. John Mathai	Nerul	96568 36809
17-Jun	Mrs. Molly B. George	Kopar Khairane	98208 87004
17-Jun	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Kharghar	99674 50175
17-Jun	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Panvel	98923 86920
17-Jun	Mr. Anoop John Cherian	Kamothe	91673 69384
17-Jun	Mr. Sudheip Samuel Alex	Kalamboli	98953 04075
19-Jun	Mast. Jeremy Jacob	Vashi	97309 48858
21-Jun	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	Airoli	98330 82650
22-Jun	Mr. Simon Philip	Panvel	84258 92255
22-Jun	Mast. Jerome Kurian Sony	Sanpada	98952 89096
23-Jun	Mast. Kevin Frenyl Philips	Nerul	77383 80140
25-Jun	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Kharghar	98202 48239
26-Jun	Mr. Jim Joseph Kurian	Thane	99675 24520
29-Jun	Miss. Mable Sarah Abraham	Vashi	99690 12274

## WEDDING ANNIVERSERIES- MAY 2019

### Anniversary Greetings

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.  
(Ephesians 4:2)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
02-May	Mr. & Mrs. John Samuel	Kopar Khairane	98331 61641
07-May	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob William	Vashi	98920 59371
10-May	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon S. Samuel	Kharghar	98193 69402
10-May	Mr. & Mrs. M. George Joseph	Nerul	98698 45182
15-May	Mr. & Mrs. John Joseph	Kopar Khairane	96191 31201
20-May	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham	Panvel	98923 86920
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Uday Ninan	Vashi	92233 54039
27-May	Mr. & Mrs. Kurian Joseph	Thane	95949 78243
31-May	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph	Kharghar	99200 57762
31-May	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen	Ulwe	97680 10570

## WEDDING ANNIVERSERIES- JUNE 2019

**Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude  
of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
02.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Johnson	Kharghar	98202 48239
03.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Johnson	Thaloja	98190 94637
07.Jun	Rev. & Mrs. N. C. David	CBD Belapur	98338 29535
08.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Monzy Tharian V	Palm Beach	96196 08750
11.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Anoop John Cherian	Kamothe	91673 69384
12.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Philip	Sanpada	86520 03722
17.Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Panvel	84258 92255
18.Jun	Dr. & Mrs. Varghese Cherian	Vashi	98213 84498

01. I was formed from the rib/side of Adam. Who am I?
02. I had a son, Isaac, in my old age. Who am I?
03. I was turned into a pillar of salt. Who am I?
04. I gave birth to Jacob's firstborn son, Reuben. Who am I?
05. I was the mother of twins, Jacob and Esau. Who am I?
06. I died during the birth of a son I named Ben-Oni. Who am I?
07. I protected the two spies in Jericho. Who am I?
08. I was the queen of Persia and refused to submit to my husband King Ahasuerus' request. Who am I?
09. I was a prophetess who led Israel. Who am I?
10. I dedicated my son Samuel to the Lord. Who am I?

### Women's Corner

11. I traveled with my mother-in-law Naomi to Bethlehem. Who am I?
12. I was the mother of Solomon. Who am I?
13. I found a Hebrew baby boy floating in a basket on the Nile. Who am I?
14. I was the daughter of Levi and the mother of Moses. Who am I?
15. I was the mother of Adonijah who tried to take the throne away from Solomon. Who am I?
16. I became Queen of Persia in place of Vashti. Who am I?
17. I am the sister of Aaron and Moses. Who am I?
18. I told my husband to curse God and die. Who am I?
19. I was the mother of Ishmael. Who am I?
20. I told people to call me Mara because I became bitter with God. Who am I?

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

This song is written by Thomas Chisholm (1923). It's inspiring to hear about hymns that were written in extraordinary circumstances — thunderstorms, shipwrecks, or life-shaking events. Still, not every great hymn was written in the throes of danger or the heights of exultation. In fact, one of the greatest, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," was written by an ordinary man in an ordinary situation in the ordinary ups and downs of life. Thomas Chisholm was a pastor for one year, but for most of his life, he worked as an insurance agent. He was born in humble means in Kentucky, struggled with health problems, and worked hard to make ends meet the rest of his life. He wrote, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness." This hymn of the ordinary Christian is about an extraordinary God. Rich or poor, we all can say, "All I have needed Thy hand hath provided." (Courtesy: sharefaith.com)

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## Mission Endeavors

The missionaries faced many problems in Maharashtra. It was difficult for them to adjust in the hot climate. There was opposition from the higher caste of Hindus. The Peshwa rule was so rigid and conservative that the people were not ready to change their attitude. So it was difficult for the Missionaries to work in such a rigid and conservative society. Missionaries work very hard kept good relation with native rulers. Missionaries learnt local language did social welfare work. They established schools, hospital, hostels for poor students, orphanage etc. The American Marathi Mission was the oldest American Mission in the Bombay Presidency. Its constituents were the congregational bodies of the United States and Canada, then official name of the Home Society was "The American Board of Commissioners for foreign Missions" whose headquarters were in Boston, Massachusetts. Its pioneer Missionaries went first to Calcutta. The East India company at that time in 1813 did not allow them to land in India, but in the same year Christian Missions to India were legalized by act of parliament and the pioneer of the American Marathi Mission were then allowed to carry on their work. However in 1813 Garden Hall through this Mission three Missionaries came they were the first Protestant Missionaries to Maharashtra. American Marathi mission were first to start Press and Publish Periodicals Magazine 'Dnyodaya' in 1842 through this magazine they used to promote mission work. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was influenced by missionaries. Through their influence he started first women school help poor and downtrodden peoples. In 1817 from England they sent first methodist. In 1818 Church Missionaries Society (C.M.S.) followed it. The Scottish missionary ( C.M.S.) Dr. John Willson was Bombay. He only started Willson High School then later on which is famous today also. Sir Stephen Hislop came in 1845 to Nagpur and started school and college. American Missionaries started sending Missionaries to Western Maharashtra. Among it Methodist Episcopal has done marvelous work in Bombay. Under the leadership of William Teller in 1870 many Methodist Churches were established in Bombay.

(Courtesy: A.M.Sutar, Christianity in Maharashtra in the 19th Century)



## Mission of the Church in the Indian Context

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) made many influential changes in the mission and ministry of the church globally. It gets involved in the realities of Christian life in this globe. It was bringing changes, at which the church was living out there, alive in the streets, considering and incorporating the elements of the cultural patterns of the people, opening new ventures for engaging with people of other faith. The following are the major changes the Second Vatican Council brought in Indian Churches.

1. Use of local Languages in liturgical practices and theological training. The Mass and all the sacraments are now spoken and celebrated in the Vernacular (the language of the country) instead of Latin. The priest now stands facing the people, with the Altar between them, during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass and the other sacraments have been simplified for easier understanding.
2. The Bible was opened for everybody. The catholic church has started collaborating with Protestant church in translation work. Catholic laity is encourage to read and study the bible.
3. The contextualization and contextual reading of the Bible came into being. The Church respects and fosters, qualities and talents of different cultures of people to express their faith. The Episcopal conferences, moreover the local ordinary, should make the necessary steps regarding the liturgical adaptations in the proper region and in the diocese proper.
4. The clergies got a chance to get proper theological training. Vatican council insists upon through this liturgical document on the Liturgical Reform, Simplification of the Rites, Language, Adaptation, and Popular Devotion. On the point of liturgy, the Roman Catholic Church does not impose any hard and strict rule to be followed in our liturgy; rather highly encourages the local churches to express their unity with the Catholic Church through the liturgical celebrations
5. The Church has moved towards a 'dialogical church'. Inter-religious and Interfaith dialogue initiatives were started.

6. The role of the Laity has increased. The apostolate of the laity has given priority in the church for the salvific mission of the Church, as people who are genuinely 'co-responsible' for the Church. Lay people now have a greater role in the celebration of the sacraments.

7. Increased democracy and autonomy in the church. Parish Advisory Councils and Finance Committees were to be established in each parish.

8. Inculturation of Indian church: Inculturation as a new way of being the symbols and the custom of a culture acquire new significance after second Vatican council. Inculturation affects all the aspects of the faith and life of the people that will lead to the emergence of a local Church. The faith and gospel, take root among people and find expression in indigenous way of thought, symbols, practices, etc.

9 Development of Ashrams: The Ashram movement, while focusing on Dialogue, abhors the very idea of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Indian symbols, bhajans etc. are used in Christian worship as well as Indian (yogic) methods. Through the ashrams, many of these spiritual assets... were introduced into the Church and into its theological expressions of faith and worship.

10. Charismatic Movement has started. Catholics were taking part in charismatic Masses, speaking in tongues, prophesying, singing and shouting side by side with Evangelical Protestants.

### **Wishes for Good Academics**

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in day out. Your success is measured by the strength of your desire, the size of your dream, and how you handle disappointment along the way. As all of our children of our church got their best results in CBSE and some of them still await (ICSE and State Board), the Church wishes good luck to all of them and let them find suitable courses further.

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**Second Death Anniversary  
Mr. John P Mathew  
19 May 2017**

**Jesus said to Martha, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." (John 11:25)**



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