



St. Peter's C.S.I. Congregation, Kuwait

Presbyter's Message

Dear brothers and sisters

The excruciating pain of the cross was over. An unusual calm prevailed everywhere. The little flock of disciples locked themselves in a room for fear of the Jews. Our Lord entered the closed doors with the message of peace. They thought the closed door is peace, but Jesus said "I am the peace".

Peace Jesus shared with the disciples was costly because it was made out of the peril of the cross. The wounds are the source of the peace. We hear about the peace keeping forces deployed in troubled Zones. Peace keepers often turn to be peace breakers. Peace cannot be brought about by weapons. Social force is the way for peace. Jesus said, "*Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called Sons of God*".

The peace of Jesus is the outcome of His compassion for us. This peace is available to all who walk with Jesus and to all who believe in Him.

Walking with Jesus: Luke 24:13-35

- a) **Unseeing eyes:** As Cleopas and his companion walked with heavy hearts, the risen Christ walked with them; but they failed to recognize him. Surely this happens with all of us. We are distressed, confused or lonely and we fail to recognize that the one who can dispel the darkness is right there beside us. At times of grief and disappointment, be assured that the risen Christ himself is near to remove the darkness of our life.
- b) **Open eyes:** Suddenly as Jesus broke the bread, their eyes were opened. The events that had taken place, including the bitter agony, all began to make in the light of scripture.
- c) **Christ is the living companion:** Christ is the living companion to all those who believe in Him. Do you really experience the reality of his presence in daily life? We can walk and talk with him at home, at work, alone, in a crowd, in joy and in pain. May you also know His presence to guide, restrain and encourage and empower you each day. *Easter* means experiencing Christ in our daily life. The risen Lord gives us life.

Seven children from our congregation are leaving Kuwait for their higher studies. Let us pray that the Lord will give them wisdom and understanding to face the true realities in life.

Wish you all a happy Easter. May God bless you all.

Jacob Achen
17-03-2009

REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Lenten Prayer:	On 6 th , 7 th , 8 th April 2009 at 7:30 pm, at NECK
Ladies' Fellowship:	Friday, April 17 th – 08:45 am at Diwaniya, NECK.
Youth Fellowship:	1 st & 3 rd Friday – 3:30 pm
Choir Practice:	Every Wednesday 7:30 pm, at UIS, Abbassiya
Sunday School:	Every Friday 5:30 pm
Ladies & Gents Meeting :	Every Friday 5:30 pm at the Activity Hall # 3, NECK.
Cottage Prayer:	Every Thursday 07:30 pm

COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
02 nd		Mr. Sabu Joseph K. Mob: 97839489 Res: 24340731
9 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
16 th		
23 rd	Mr. Bijosh Thomas Chacko Mob: 99279385	Mr. Mathew P. John (Riggai) Mob: 66474810 Res: 24890846
30 th		Mr. Vinod Kurien Mob: 66832848 Res: 24316376

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Lenten Services: On 6th, 7th, 8th of April, 2009 at the Activity Hall, NECK premises.

Confirmation Service: The confirmation service for the eligible children will be held on 12th April, 2009 during the Easter Holy Communion service. **Bishop Rt. Rev. Thomas Samuel** will be confirming the children. Please keep this in your prayers.

Wedding: Mr. Cejo Johnson is married to Ms. Lincy on 2nd March, 2009.
"Congratulations and Best wishes for a happy and blessed married life"

Annual Subscription: Kindly pay the subscription dues on or before 31st March, 2009

CONDOLENCE:

We deeply mourn the sudden demise of **Mr. Thomas John**, father of Mr. Thomas John (Moni) on 25th March 2009. *May his soul rest in peace. Please uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers*

NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Deepak Philip Thomas, Punnakkadu
A hearty welcome to you.

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL 2009

The Following members of our Congregation are celebrating their birthdays during this month. I request all of you to come forward for special prayers and blessing during the weekly worship service.

*Every year is another year
filled with the special joys
you bring
just by being yourself.
God Bless !*

Date	Name	
1	Mrs. Rebecca George	W/o Mr. George Kuruvilla
	Kurien Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob Kurien
	Ms. Tessa Lilly Chrisostem	D/o Mr. Mathew Chrisostem
3	Ms. Deepa Mariam Itty	D/o Mr. Itty Mammen
4	Mr. C.J. Babu	
	Noel Abel Sabu Joseph	S/o Mr. Sabu K. Joseph
	Robin Roy	S/o Mrs. Saramma Roy
	Ms. Miria Johnson	D/o Mr. Johnson Varghese
5	Mrs. Suma Thomas	W/o Mr. Philip Thomas
	Mr. Abraham Thomas	
6	Ms. Tiya Susan Ajith	D/o Mr. Ajith Mathew
7	Mrs. Joyce Samuel	W/o Mr. Paul C Samuel
	Joshua Thomas	S/o Mr. Philip Thomas
	Ms. Reshma Philip	D/o Mr. K.M. Philip
	Ms. Neha Elizabeth Biji	D/o Mr. Biji Jacob Cherian
8	Nikith Abraham Thomas	S/o Mr. Abraham Timi Thomas
	Mr. Kurien T. Mathew	
	Ms. Anu Shaji Johnson	D/o Mr. Shaji Johnson
	Mr. John Chacko	
9	Mr. Sunil John Thomas	
10	Mrs. Lilly Jacob	W/o Mr. P.A. Jacob

Date	Name	
12	Mr. K.J. Samuel	
13	Dr. Koshy Varghese (Moncy)	
14	Mrs. Anila Jacob	W/o Mr. Eapen John
15	Mr. Babu Mathew Edakadam	
17	Mrs. Simi Sarah Joseph	W/o Mr. Joseph Abraham
20	Mr. John Abraham	
	Mr. Akash John Thomas	
	Mr. Immanuel Varghese	
21	Mrs. Susheela Sam	W/o Mr. Sam T. Kuruvilla
	Mr. Arun Davidson	
22	Ajay T. Thomas	S/o Mr. K.I. Thomas
24	Lijo Cherian Johnson	S/o Mr. P.C. Johnson
	Ms. Rebecca Mariam V.	D/o Mr. Varghese Abraham
	Ms. Anisha Mariam Sugu	D/o Mr. Sugu Kuruvilla
26	Anish Peter Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob Peter
	Ms. Alida Mariam john	D/o Mr. John Kurien
27	Mrs. Sherin Jacon	W/o Mr. Filji Jacob
	Dr. George Varkey	
30	Jovin Mathew Vinod	S/o. Mr. Vinod Kurien

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL 2009

Date	Name
2 nd	Mrs. & Mr. George Oommen
3 rd	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Mathew
7 th	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob George
	Mrs. & Mr. Nebu Joseph P.
13 th	Mrs. & Mr. Samson Jacmool
	Mrs. & Mr. John Abraham
15 th	Mrs. & Mr. George P. Mathew
	Mrs. & Mr. Ruben Thomas Mathew
18 th	Mrs. & Mr. C.J. Babu
20 th	Mrs. & Mr. Binu Jacob
	Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Johnson
23 rd	Mrs. & Mr. Bijosh Thomas
28 th	Mrs. & Mr. M.M. John
30 th	Mrs. & Mr. Satheesh M.P.

*As you look back
with happiness and pride
upon the cherished years,
May every memory that you share
of dreams you've seen come true,
help make your day
a happy one for you.
God Bless !*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
4 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Jesus the sign of peace	2 nd Week before Easter (Fifth in Lent)
9 Thu	7.30 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Eucharist celebration of fellowship	1 st Week before Easter (Sixth in Lent)
10 Fri	9.15 am	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> The day of Redemption	1 st Week before Easter (Sixth in Lent)
11 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	1 st Week before Easter (Sixth in Lent)
12 Sun	8.00 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	<i>Easter</i> Christ's resurrection: celebration of hope	Easter Day
18 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Encounter with the Risen Christ	1 st Week After Easter
24 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	Mark: The Evangelist	2 nd Week After Easter
25 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Worship Service (English)</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Experience of the risen Lord	2 nd Week After Easter

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2009

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel
4 Sat	Zech. 9:9-12	Ps. 24	Eph. 2:11-22	John 12:12-19
9 Thu	Exo. 12:1-14	Ps. 116	1 Corin. 11:23-34	Matth. 26:20-30
10 Fri	Gen. 22:1-14	Ps. 22	1 Corin. 1:18-25	Matth. 27:27-56
11 Sat	Dan. 12:1-4	Ps. 4	1 Peter 4:12-19	Matth. 27:62-66
12 Sun	Eze. 37:1-14	Ps. 16	1 Corin. 15:1-20	Luke 24:1-12
18 Sat	Job 19:1-29	Ps. 48	Acts 9:1-19	Luke 24:13-35
24 Fri	Hosea 6:1-6	Ps. 119:1-8	2 Tim. 4:1-11	Luke 12:4-12
25 Sat	Job 5:8-19	Ps. 93	Rev. 1:4-8	John 21:1-14

Lighter Mood – Effective Communication

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: '*I am blind, please help.*' There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, '*Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?*'

The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.'

What he had written was: 'Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it.' Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing?

Of course both signs told people the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative and innovative. Think differently and positively.