



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

## *Presbyter's Message*

Greetings In the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Repentance, Hope for new life - Joel 2:13

Ash Wednesday is on 25th February. We are entering into the 40 days of Lenten season

The plague had set and Israel was devastated by the locusts to the extent of emptiness in the lives of the people that they could not even offer anything in the temple. The prophet Joel exhorts the people that the return to abundance in the Lord would not only call for a religious revival but also a true conversion of the people.

Even as the spiritual vacuum of the people reminded them of the need for repentance, this Lenten season should help us to examine the vacuum within us caused perhaps due to broken relationship between the members of the family, Church and societies. Prejudices and selfishness has stopped us from experiencing the positive side of living together in harmony. Remembering the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ would be the most appropriate period not only to experience Christ but also the genuineness of the repentance rooted and grounded in Christ, which would in turn equip us individually and collectively to experience the resurrection life which is in store for us.

The passion of our Lord was a historical reality. A genuine conversion or transformation is expected in the lives of every believing and professing Christian during this period so that depravity and spiritual vacuum would give way to fullness and spiritual strength.

As the academic year is coming to an end, our children are getting ready for their final exams and board exams. Let us uphold them in our daily prayer.

May God Bless each one of us

*Jacob Achen*  
25-02-2009

### REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Intercessory Prayer:	Every Tuesday - 07:30 pm, at Parsonage
Ladies' Fellowship:	Friday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> – 08:45 am at Diwaniya
Youth Fellowship:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday – 03:30 pm
Choir Practice:	Every Wednesday - 07:30 pm, at UIS, Abbasiya
Sunday School:	Every Friday - 05:30 pm
Cottage Prayer:	Every Thursday - 07:30 pm

### COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
05 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Suresh Thomas Mob: 66457268	-----
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Renny Johnson Jacob Mob: 66182331 / 66123989	Mr. Shino Philip Mob: 97520984
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Biju George Paul Mob: 99756530	Mr. John Mathew (Haris) Mob: 66751725
26 <sup>th</sup>	-----	Mr. George P. Varghese Mob: 66445192

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Healing Ministry Day	On 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2009. Dr. Thomas Varghese will be sharing the word of God
Guest Evangelist	Sermon by Mrs. Sampat Varghese, Thiruvalla, Kerala on 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2009.
Bible Day	Special cover collection will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2009.
Send off for Students	Class XII students will be given the send off during the Church Service on 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2009
Wedding:	<b>Sunil</b> (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. George P. Varghese) married to <b>Bindu</b> on 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008
New Arrival:	Baby boy & girl (Twins) born to Mrs. & Mr. Ashy Philip Koshy (USA) on 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2008. Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for His blessing.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Harold Mathew John, Olessa  
Mr. Cejo Johnson, Oachira  
Mr. Siju Thomas, Kollakadavu

Hearty welcome to the new members.

**SPECIAL FUND RAISING:** Congregation members are requested to donate to the fund being raised to support Mr. Jacob Rajeev & Family (member of St. George Universal Syrian Church, Kuwait) whose apartment in Abbasiya was fire gutted during January 2009. Please hand over your donations to the Treasurer.

**YUVASANGAMAM 2009:** KECF is organizing a youth meet on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 which will be held at the United Indian School, Abbasiya. The morning session (9AM to 1PM) comprises a spiritual seminar with eminent speakers leading the event. The programme for the day is concluded in the evening with variety entertainments, where our Youth Movement also is staging a show. Your valuable presence is solicited.

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2009

*May God keep you in His loving care, for you to reflect His love in all you do.*

*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.*

Date	Name		Date	Name		
1	Mr. Anil Mathew Varghese			David George Mathew	S/o Mr Thomas Mathew	
2	Delcy Leya Philipose	D/o Mr. Mammen Philipose	15	Mr. Harold Mathew John		
	Mr. Joseph Mathew			Rosle Elsa Thomas	D/o Mr. K. E. Thomas	
	Sanjay Mathew	S/o Mr. K.M. Mathew		Regien T Raju	S/o Mr .Raju Varghese K	
	Mrs. Suja Sugu	W/o Mr. Sugu Kuruvila		Mr Joseph John		
3	Mrs. Anna Shanti Varghese	W/o Mr.George P Varghese	16	Mr Neil Johns		
	Mrs. Annie Kuruvila	W/o Mr. Kuruvila Cherian		Emil George Varghese	S/o Mr. George P Varghese	
	Sinjith Kurien Mathew	S/o Mr. Kurien T Mathew	17	Pradeep Chacko George	S/o Mr.George P. Chacko	
4	Mr. Jacob W N		18	Jisha Alice Varghese	D/o Mr.Varghese Issac	
	Mrs. Susan Rony Mathew	W/o Mr. Rony Mathew		Sneha Kurien	D/o Mr. Kurien C Mathew	
5	Mr. Mathew Skariah		19	Nimisha Susan Sugu	D/o Mr. Sugu Kuruvila	
	Chenille Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob John K		Mrs Betti Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Mathew	
	Mr. Binu Jacob		20	Mrs Annie Abraham	W/o Mr. Abraham Thomas	
6	Mrs. Susan Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Kurien	21	Mr Zacharia Mathew		
	Mrs. Susan Kurien	W/o Mr. Kurien C Mathew	22	AshwinThomas	S/o Mr. Suresh Thomas	
7	Anish Selin Nelson	S/o Mr. Selin Nelson	23	Mrs Manija Vinod	W/o Mr. Vinod Kurien	
	Jejo Abraham Jacob	S/o Mr. P A Jacob		22	Robin Jesu Thomas	S/o Mr. K E Thomas
	Sam Mathew	S/o Mr. Kurien Mathew		23	Dodson Thomas	S/o Late Mr. K.C.Thomas
	Mark Thomas	S/o Mr. Thomas T Thomas			George V.George	S/o Dr. George Varkey
	Mr. Santhosh Jacob				Mrs Ashly Chandy	W/o Mr. Chandy Abraham
8	Mr. Cherian A Paul		Mrs Asha Leena Thomas	W/o Mr. Zachariah Varkey		
	Mr. Biji Jacob Cherian		Mrs Saramma John	W/o Mr. John K Sam		
9	Mr. Thomas T Thomas		24	Mrs Geemol Abraham	W/o Mr. Abraham Mathew	
10	Mrs. Achamma Mathew			Jacob George Oommen	S/o Mr. George Oommen	
	Thejus Samuel Joshua	S/o Mr. K. J. Samuel		Mr. Philip M.Philip		
	Mr. Fenny Joseph			Mr. Thomas John (Biju)		
11	Mrs. Saramma Jacob		25	Royce Varghese Koshy	S/o Mr. Varghese .K Koshy	
13	Carlo Robin Jacob	D/o Mr. Robinson Jacob	26	Joanne Thomas	D/o Mr. Philip Thomas	
14	Dan John Mathew	S/o Mr. Babu Mathew	27	Mrs. Renjini John	W/o Mr. Alex John Alexander	
	Lenoy Joe Jacob	S/o Mr. P A Jacob		Mr Saji Abraham K		
	Mr. Kurien C Mathew		Sindhu Soman John	D/o Mr. Soman John		
	Mathew Mammen Varghese	S/o Mr. Mammen Varghese	28	Mr. Nebu Joseph P		
	Mr. Roy Varghese Paul			Mrs Susan V.Oommen		
	Mrs. Seena Biju George	W/o Mr. Biju Geoge Paul				

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY 2009

Date	Name	Date	Name
2nd	Mrs & Mr. Joseph Varkki T	14th	Mrs & Mr. Abraham Jini Jacob
5th	Mrs & Mr. K.K. Koshy	15th	Mrs. & Mr. Zachariah Varkey
7th	Mrs & Mr. Oommen P. Mathew	18th	Mrs & Mr. Sabu Johnson
	Mrs & Mr Samuel K Joshua		Mrs. & Dr. Suresh Samuel Reddy
12th	Mrs & Mr. W.N. Jacob	19th	Mrs & Mr. Charley Jacob
	Mrs & Mr. Thomas Kurian	21st	Mrs & Mr. K.M. Mathew ( Sunny)
	Mrs & Mr. Baker Fenn J.	28th	Mrs & Mr. David Cherian

*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.*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
7 Sat	7:15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church &amp; Ph.</i>	Healing: Wholeness in Christ	Healing Ministry Day
13 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	Piety	-
14 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church &amp; Ph</i>	Praise	8th week before Easter
21 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church &amp; Ph.</i>	Celebrating reconciliation with God and creation	7th week before Easter
27 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	Cleansing Power of Christ	-
28 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion (English Service)</i>	<i>Church &amp; Ph.</i>	The Cross: the sign of hope	6th week before Easter

## LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Gospel
7 Sat	II Kings:20:1-11	Psalm:63	Rev:22:1-5	John: 9:1-7
13 Fri	Jere:17:1-7	Psalm:138	Rom:7:13-25	Mark: 7:14-23
14 Sat	1 Sam:2:1-8	Psalm:40:1-10	Colo:2:1-7	Luke:17:11-19
21 Sat	Gen:33:1-17	Psalm:34	Rom:5:1-11	Luke: 19:1-10
27 Fri	Zechariah:13:1-9	Psalm:130	1 John:1:5-10	Mark: 1:40-45
28 Sat	Isaiah:58:1-8	Psalm:130	Cori:9:19-27	Mark: 8:34-38

### **"Love"**

There was a blind girl who hated herself because of her blindness. Not only did she hate herself but she hated everyone else, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her and then she could see everything, including her boyfriend.

Her boyfriend asked her, "now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him.

Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her that simply said. "Just take care of my eyes dear."