

CONGRATULATIONS

We wholeheartedly congratulate our new Moderator , **The Most Rev. Dr. J. W. Glastone** (Bishop of South Kerala) and pray that the Lord would strengthen him to faithfully fulfill the ministry entrusted to him.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday March 1st will be celebrated as women's day, when the women of the Church will lead the Church services .All women are cordially invited to take active participation along with all members of your family. Women's Fellowship moneybox collection will be offered at this occasion. Those who have not yet received the money box may please bring your contribution in sealed envelopes with your name written on it with the inscription " Women's Fellowship Money Box Collection 2007 - 08". The money thus collected will be utilized for sustaining the poor and needy women of your Churches in Kerala.
Your prayerful presence is solicited

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The confirmation classes will be starting towards the end of the passion week and Bishop Rt Rev Dr K G Daniel will take the first class. Parents of the eligible candidates (children who completed 13 years of age) are requested to contact the Achen

SEND OFF FOR OUT GOING STUDENTS

A send off will be given to all the outgoing students of our church on 16th February Saturday, immediately after the Service. Please inform the Vicar if any students other than those who appearing for +2 Public Exam are leaving Kuwait this year for good.

LENTEN PRAYER

We thank you father, for those days in the desert when, through prayer and fasting, Jesus discovered your will for his life and overcome the temptations of the Evil one. Help us, during days of lent, to come close to you and to listen to your voice. Give us strength to overcome the temptation to please ourselves and live life without you. Teach us your way. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Feb 2 –Sat 7:30 pm Church & Parish Hall	Presentation of Christ 1Sam 1:19-28 ,Rom 11:33-12:2 Ps 118: 19-29 Luke 2: 22-40
Feb 8 – Fri 8:45 pm Diwaniya	6 th Week Before Easter Piety Mica 6: 6-8 , Roman 12 : 14-21 Ps 143 : 1-10 , Luke 18 :9 - 14
Feb 9 – Sat 7:15 pm Church & Parish Hall	6 th Week Before Easter The Power of Christ's Holiness <i>Holy Communion</i> Zech 13 : 1-9, 1 John 1:5-10 Ps 130 , Mark 1: 40 - 45
Feb 16 – Sat 7:15 pm Church & Parish Hall	5 th Week Before Easter HEALING MINISTRY DAY Faith in Christ Send off for outgoing students <i>Holy Communion in English</i> 1King 17: 17-24, Col 1:1-12 Ps 34 : 1-15, Mark 9: 14-29
Feb 22 – Fri 8:45 am Diwaniya	4 th Week Before Easter Worshipping in Spirit and Truth <i>Holy Communion</i> Amos 5:18-27 , Phil 2:5-11 Ps : 96, Luke 11: 1-4
Feb 23 –Sat 7:15 pm Church & Parish Hall	4 th Week Before Easter Worshipping in Spirit and Truth (Worship service in English) Amos 5:18-27 , Phil 2:5-11 Ps : 96, Luke 11: 1-4

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the children who are appearing for the board exams.



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Parish Messenger February 2008

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the Holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ
The Cross and self discipline

February 6th is the Ash Wednesday. The lent begins. Does the very thought of it make our life look serious and renewed? It sheds light on our response to the cross and self discipline.

(a) Beware of your sin

Through the mouth of the prophet, Yahweh says, "tell my people of their sins"(Ish:58:1)The worship itself is blasphemous and false, hence the Lord does not delight in that. The so-called worship, piety and fasting are unacceptable in this sight. The prophet says beware of your sin.

(b) Reward for the righteous

Obedience brings blessings. The glorious light of the Lord will shed upon and protect those who lead a righteous living in the sight of the Lord, and they experience the healing touch of the master. Then the Lord will answer their prayers. Let us have an introspection during this Lenten season.

(c)Expectant waiting

Ps 130. The psalmist cries for help from the depths of despair. The cry of the penitent, waiting on the Lord with hope will not go in vain. come to the cross more closely

(d) Run the Race

1Cori:9:19-27,To run our race with discipline, so that we can get the victory. An athlete strips off many things to win a silver cup which is vulnerable whereas the believer receives a heavenly reward that never disappears

(e) Follow me

Without cross there is no crown. Jesus says "if any of you

wants to be my follower, you must put aside your own pleasures and shoulder your cross and follow me closely (Mt: 8:34) .A close journey with the master.

Jesus invites us to look at him more clearly and love him more dearly and follow him more closely. The beginning of the Lent calls for a "round about turn". A contrite heart and a real initiative to repent are the pre-requisites for Gods benevolence.

I understand that there are quite a few who regularly and faithfully take part in the worship services. But many do not regularly come to the Church. I know that some of our members are unable to attend the services because their work schedule is in clash with the service schedule. All others should make conscious effort to regularly attend the worship services. The Church as a worshipping community let us grow together in love, unity and service.

Harvest festival was held on 10th January 2008.I sincerely thank the conveners, stall leaders and all the members for the wholehearted co-operation and participation.

With love and prayers
Rev.Jacob T.Abraham

Vicar

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY -2008

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

27	Sindhu Soman John Mr Nebu Joseph P Mr Saji Abraham K D/o Mr Soman John
28	Mrs Susan V.Oommen

WEDDING ANNIVERSIES FEBRUARY -2008

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

NEWS & NOTES

FELLOWSHIP	VENUE
Intercessory Prayer	5 TH February Tuesday 7:30 pm at the parsonage
Ladies Fellowship	3 rd Friday 8:45 am at Diwaniya
Fasting Prayer	1 st Friday 8:45 am at Diwaniya
Youth Fellowship	Every 1 st and 3 rd Fridays 4.00 pm
Ladies & Gents Prayer	Friday 5.30 pm at the Activity Hall Room 3
Sunday School	Every Friday at 5.30 pm at the Church & Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Every Wednesday 7.30 pm at UIS Abassia
Lenten Service	Starting from 12 th February '08, all Tuesdays during the Lenten seasons, we will be having services at NECK. from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. All our members are requested to attend the service

OBITUARY

Very Rev K.C.Koshy , father of our member Mr. Reji Chandy Koshy expired on 1/1/2008 at Kumblampoika.

Mr M C Varghese Father in Law of our member Mr. Mathew K Cherian expired on 4/1/2008 at Trichi

NEW MEMBERS

1.Mr.Georgy John , Nedungadapally. Tel : 4456795

2 Mr. John Kurian & Mrs. Shinu John

Pannimattom (Kottayam) Tel. 5319547.

3.Mr. Renju Varghese Joseph , Sherin Kuriakose Punnaveli.
Tel. 7830745

We welcome the new members to the St Peter's C.S.I
Congregation.