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From the Vicar's desk.....

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we step into a new month - a season rich with spiritual promise and practical purpose - may the peace of our Lord fill our hearts with joy. Our journey ahead is marked by two sacred moments: the blossoming of faith in **Vacation Bible School** and the solemn reflection of **Passion Week**.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Sowing Seeds of Faith

Vacation Bible School nurtures the tender souls of our children. This is a time of joyous learning, where the seeds of God's Word are planted, and faith takes root. This year, under the guiding theme "**Jesus: The Life Architect**", our young ones will discover how to build their lives upon the steadfast foundation of Christ's teachings. Just as a master architect crafts a dwelling with precision and care, Jesus shapes our lives with divine purpose.

As parents and as a united Church community, let us embrace this opportunity to support our children's spiritual growth. May our prayers and encouragement serve as a beacon, guiding them along their path. Let us also hold our dedicated teachers and volunteers in our hearts, praying that the Holy Spirit may illuminate their way as they lead our little ones in faith.

We are grateful to **Rev. Jobin Thomas James** for leading our VBS this year. His dedication and enthusiasm will help our children know their Creator more closely. My sincere thanks to Achen and all those who are laboring for the success of VBS. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who have generously sponsored this initiative.

Passion Week: A Journey of Love and Redemption

As we draw near to Passion Week, let us prepare our hearts to walk alongside Christ in His ultimate act of love. From the triumphant entry of **Hosanna Sunday** to the glorious resurrection of **Easter** morning, we are invited to witness the profound mystery of God's redemptive plan. Let us meditate on the humility of the **Last Supper**, the agony of **Gethsemane**, and the sacrifice of the **Cross**, allowing these sacred moments to renew our commitment to Christ.

May we not be mere spectators but active participants in Christ's suffering and triumph, aligning our lives with His divine purpose. Let us embrace the special services and meditations of this Holy Week, setting aside time for prayer, fasting, and reflection. As a church, may we journey together to the foot of the Cross and rise in the victorious hope of Easter.

I urge all our parish members to participate in the Passion Week services. Let this be a time of rededication, strengthening our faith, and becoming true witnesses of the resurrection.

Stewardship and the New Financial Year

As we step into a new financial year, let us remember that we are stewards of God's abundant grace. Our time, talents, and resources are gifts entrusted to us for His glory. Let us approach this year with renewed dedication, seeking to honour God in every aspect of our lives.

As per our tradition and practice, the **new Trustees** will take charge from April 1st. I pray that God may strengthen them in their responsibilities. I encourage all parish members to support them as they labor for the growth and development of our parish.

May God's abundant blessings fill our lives as we strive to grow in His love and truth. May His peace reside in our hearts, and may this season strengthen our unity as a community of believers.

In His loving service,

Veeramala Achen

WORSHIP TIMINGS - APRIL	YUVAJANA SAKHYAM
At 8 AM – Malayalam Service At 8 AM – 4th Sunday only English Holy Qurbana	Every Sunday at Church after Holy Communion Service
YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (YFF) Every Sunday Parent Networking Meeting after service.	SUNDAY SCHOOL All Sundays after Holy Communion Service
SEVIKA SANGHAM	EDAVAKA MISSION
Fasting Prayer/ Bible Study on Fridays at 10.30 am via Zoom Platform.	Bible Study on Fridays at 7.00 pm via Zoom Platform.

- **Worship Arrangements on Sundays, Special Offertory & Bible Portion**

DATE	PRAYER GROUP/ ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS	THEME/ SPECIAL OFFERTORY /BIBLE PORTION
6 April	UD Nagar	Malayalam - 8 AM	Jesus Christ who gives new vision to life (36th Sunday of the Lent) Lesson 1: Ezek 37:1-14/ Lesson 2: Acts 9:10-18 Epistle: Phil 3:7-16/ Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
13 April	CVR Nagar	Malayalam - 8 AM	Hosanna – The cry for salvation: The coming of the Messiah; Theological Seminary Day. Lesson 1: Zech 9:9-17/ Lesson 2: Rom 11:16-24 Epistle: Col 1:10-14/ Gospel: Matt 21:1-17
20 April	MD Pura	Malayalam - 8 AM	Easter – The Resurrection that gives hope of new life. Lesson 1: Isa 60:1-22/ Lesson 2: 1Cor 15:1-19 Epistle: 1Thess 4:13-18/ Gospel: Luke 24:1-12
27 April	Yuvajana Sakhyam/ YFF	English – 8 AM	New Sunday: Assurance of faith beyond sight (First Sunday after Easter) Lesson 1: Gen 32:22-32/ Lesson 2: Acts 26:8-18 Epistle: Col 3:1-8/ Gospel: John 20:19-29

- **Area Prayer, April – 2025**

DATE	DAY	AREA	TIME	NAME Mr./Mrs.	CONTACT #
6 April	Sunday	RM Nagar A	6 PM	-	-
13 April	Sunday	UD Nagar MD Pura	4 PM 6 PM	-	-
20 April	Sunday	CVR Nagar	6 PM	-	-
27 April	Sunday	RM Nagar B	6 PM	Philipose Oommen	

- **Important Events of this Month, April – 2025**

DATE	DAY	EVENT
1 – 16 April		Lent Service at Church except Sunday at 7 PM
4 April	Friday	Lent Prayer at the residence of Mr. Simon Varghese at 7 PM
13 April	Sunday	Hosanna (Palm) Sunday Holy Qurbana Service at 8 AM
17 April	Thursday	Maundy Thursday Holy Qurbana at 6.30 PM
18 April	Friday	Good Friday Service at 9:00 AM onwards. Recesa collection. Good Friday offertory for Hoskote Shanti Mandiram
20 April	Sunday	Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service and Easter Service at 6:30 AM

May Almighty God Bless Us All During This Lent Season.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER IN ADVANCE

- **NOTE – BIRTHDAY, WEDDING & SPECIAL THANKS OFFERTORY COVERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BOX WHICH IS PLACED IN THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH.**
- **You can give your Offertory, Tithe, Subscription, Harvest Festival Donations and Generous – Gifts, Promises of Renovation Project online directly to The Federal Bank with intimation to Trustees.**

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