

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We would request all the Parents to send their children to Sunday school for their Spiritual growth and development. The Sunday School Classes starts along with Church Worship Service.

REPUBLIC DAY: On 26th January (Thursday) we observed Republic Day in our Church. We unfurled our National Flag. We had a special Service at 7:30 am and we prayed for our Nation.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING: During the Lenten season we shall be having our Cottage Prayer Meeting in our Parishioners house. All those who wish to have the Cottage Prayer Meetings can give their consent as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: All those parents who wish to confirm their children can give their names to Rev. Bruce Thangadurai as soon as possible.

ENVELOP THANKSGIVING: Thanksgiving envelopes are kept at the last pew of our Church. You are requested to use these envelopes for special thanksgiving occasions. (Birthday, Wedding Anniversaries, any other Joyous occasion)

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE –2023

We will commence the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Special Holy Communion Service on Wednesday the 22nd of February 2023 at 7:30 am in the morning and 6:30 pm in the evening.

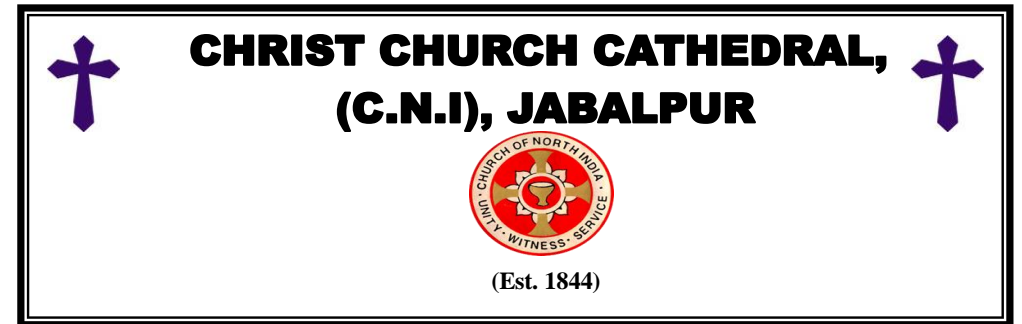
Every Wednesday we will be having our Lenten Service in the Church from 6:30 pm onwards.

DAY	DATE	PREACHER	LEADER
Ash Wednesday	22-02-2023	Rev. Sumit Baroi	Rev. Subha
Wed (Lent-1)	01-03-2023	Mr. P. Palmer	Mr. Kevin
Wed (Lent-2)	08-03-2023	Col. V. Daniel	Ms. E. Martin
Wed (Lent-3)	15-03-2023	Mr. Meshach	Ms. Srishti
Wed (Lent-4)	22-03-2023	Mr. Samarth	Ms. Praisyy
Wed (Lent-5)	29-03-2023	Mrs. L. M. Sathe	Mr. Mayank
Wednesday before Easter	05-04-2023	Mrs. J. Parihar	Ms. Alisha

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS SHEDULE 2023 (Time: 6:30pm)

Dear Parishioners, during the Lenten Season we shall be having our Cottage Prayer Meetings in our Parishioners house.

DAY	DATE	PARISHIONER NAME
Wednesday	22-02-2023	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Thursday	23-02-2023	Rev. Bruce Thangadurai
Friday	24-02-2023	Mr. David Masih
Saturday	25-02-2023	Mr. Denis Patrick
Sunday	26-02-2023	Mrs. E. Chinnaswamy
Monday	27-02-2023	Mr. Emmanuel Park
Tuesday	28-02-2023	Mrs. Stella Leslie Arthur



Church Service- 8:30 am

Rev. Bruce Thangadurai
Hon. Presbyter-in-charge
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Sunday School- 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY – 2023

5 TH FEBRUARY	2023	NINETH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
12 TH FEBRUARY	2023	EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
19 TH FEBRUARY	2023	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
22 ND FEBRUARY	2023	ASH WEDNESDAY
26 TH FEBRUARY	2023	SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (LENT-1)

Dear Parishioners,

Greeting to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On 22nd February we begin the season of Lent. It is a holy season wherein we prepare ourselves by almsgiving, prayer and fasting for the great celebration of the Christian faith – the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday gets its name because of the imposition of Ashes on the foreheads of the believers. Ashes symbolize two things – mourning and mortality.

The first thing we all need to know is that Ashes symbolizes mourning.

In the OT, it was the custom of mourners to either sit on ashes or to smear themselves with ashes as a sign of mourning. When patriarch Job was afflicted severely, he went and sat in the midst of ashes as a penitent. After hearing the warning of the prophet Jonah, the King of Nineveh rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes as a sign of repentance (Jonah 3:6).

Prophet Jeremiah called his people to repentance in these words “O My people, put on sack cloth, and roll in ashes; make mourning as for an only child, most bitter lamentation.” (Jeremiah 6:26)

Second thing which we need to know is that Ashes symbolizes our mortality.

When God created Adam, the first human being, he created him from the dust (Gen 2:7). The creation of man from the dust of the earth teaches about the lowly origin of man.

Man’s origin had been from the dust of the earth upon which the wind blow, the flowers blossom, the beasts walk and the worms crawl out from. So means has been the origin of man.

Ashes also symbolizes man’s frailty.

After all our bodies are from the dust, and the particles of the earth are held together by the finger of God, and when God lets go off his grip upon us, we go back to the dust again.

Ashes, symbolize our final destiny.

All worldly things finally go back to their original form. The flowers blossom and send forth their fragrance, and then shrink and get mingled with the earth; the beasts grow and ferociously wander about the earth for a while, and finally die and get mingled with the mud. As it is with the flowers of the fields and the beasts of the earth, so is it with human beings.

The final destiny of our beautiful bodies about which we make such a fuss, is to the dust of the earth from which we once came.

The Wise Man very aptly said “For the fate of humans and the fate of the animals is the same; as one dies, so does the other. all go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.”(Ecclesiastes 3: 18-20)

On Ash Wednesday, as we smear ourselves with ashes, let it depict outwardly our inner disposition of mourning – mourning for our sins. As we repent, may we come to believe in the gospel of Christ. We are all sinners, there is no doubt about it. But we are not ‘despairing’ sinners, but ‘hoping’ sinners. Our hope is in Christ Jesus. The message that is given to us during this Lent is repent and believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Repentance and faith in Jesus are the conditions of our salvation from sins.

May God bless all of us so that we may all have a blessed Lenten Season.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

- 1 Bernadine, Alfred Clement, Patrick
2. Dorothy Thangadurai, Srishti Sannah Sathe
4. Anna Baroi
6. Norman Kane, Praisey Alishiba Patrick, Caroline Thangadurai
7. Melody Gaekwad, Maj. Caleb Thangadurai, Namitrani Bagh
8. Kishor Peters, Jai Moses Arland, Nidhi Clement
9. Jaideep Sathe, Arin Cak,
10. Janice Lal,
11. Philip Palmer, Niharika Cak, Jaden Reuel Joseph
13. Priya Masih
15. Shane Ashley Peter
17. Sunny Mathew, Rev. Samuel Shekhar
18. Eden Sonya Martin
19. Angelica Sharma
20. Wendy Nair
- 21 Janet Thangadurai
24. Clarence Simon, Nora Singh, Harshala Rathod
25. Dr. Aastha Sathe, Gloria Boro, Sonia Thangadurai
28. Susan Ezekiel

Wish you all very Happy Birthday with God’s Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4. Denis & Priti Patrick
7. Lt. Col. Bhasker & Niharika Shinde
14. Dr. Alfred Chien Ho Liao & Dr. Jayshree Ruth Liao, Jason & Bernice Langan
17. B.D. Sahu & Kiran Sahu
18. Shaun Raymer & Deanna Raymer
25. Kishore & Kantarani Peter
27. Sherman & Bernadine Gunnion

We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God’ Choicest Blessings

PARISH NEWS

ERBHS: Eastern Regional Board of Health Services Society, CNI invites application form for UG-Sponsorship 2023 for various Medical Courses. The last date of submission is on 15th April 2023.

BAPTISM: Serena Leslie Arthur daughter of Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Stella Arthur was baptized on the 1st January 2023. We would like to congratulate the parents and grandparents.