

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

1. Bernadine, Alfred Clement, Patrick
2. Dorothy Thangadurai, Srishti Sannah Sathe
6. Norman Kane, Praisey Alishiba Patrick, Mrs Caroline Thangadurai
7. Melody Gaekwad, Maj. Caleb Thangadurai, Namitrani Bagh
8. Kishor Peters, Jai Moses Arland
9. Jaideep Sathe, Arin Cak,
10. Janice Lal,
11. Philip Palmer, Niharika Cak
13. Mrs. 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, Mrs. Nora Singh, Harshala Rathod
25. 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. Maj Bhasker & Niharika Shinde
14. Dr. Alfred Chien Ho Liao & Dr. Jayshree Ruth Liao,
Mr. Jason & Bernice Langan
17. B.D. & Kiran Sahu
18. Shaun Raymer & Deanna Raymer
25. Kishore & Kantarani Peter
27. Mr. Sherman & Mrs. Bernadine Park Gunnion

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

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE –2022

We will commence the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Special Holy Communion Service on Wednesday the 2nd of March 2022 at 7:30 am in the morning and 6:30 pm in the evening. Every Wednesday we will be having our Lenten Service from 6:30 pm as follow:

Day	Date	Preacher	Leader
Lent – 1	9-3-2022	Mr. Philip Palmer	Mr. Mayank Cak
Lent – 2	16-3-2022	Mr. Meshach	Ms. Eden Martin
Lent – 3	23-3-2022	Mr. Naveen Cak	Ms. Jessica Gee
Lent – 4	30-3-2022	Mrs. L. M. Sathe	Mr. Srishti Sathe
Lent – 5	6-4-2022	Mrs. Jennifer Parihar	Ms. Johanna Thangadurai
Wednesday before Easter	13-4-2022	Mr. Dennis Patrick	Mr. James Thangadurai

OBITUARY: Ms. Belinda D' Rozario fell asleep in Christ on the 7th January 2022. May her soul rest in peace.



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CHURCH CALENDER FOR FEBRUARY – 2022

6 TH FEBRUARY	2022	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
13 TH FEBRUARY	2022	NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
20 TH FEBRUARY	2022	EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
27 TH FEBRUARY	2022	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFOPRE EASTER

Dear Parishioners,

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

Everyone worries about something. You might not think so, but it is true.

Even the best of us ... and certainly the rest of us ... have worries and concerns. For most of us, the worries are closer to home. There is sickness. There is mental pressure and stress. There are family problems. There are job problems. There are difficulties we have with other people.

And for most people, it's not just one thing. It's many things wrapped up together. It's a job, school, money, work, health, bills to pay, husbands, wife, the in-laws, the kids, and on and on it goes. Any one thing we could handle or even two things, but when we get three or four together, our knees start to buckle.

The poet Robert Frost (1874–1963) wrote, "The reason why worry kills more people than work is because more people worry than work." For many people, worry has become so ingrained in their personalities that once the old worries are gone they search for new ones. They've become dependent on worry as a lens through which to view life, and they've forgotten any other way to live.

What is worry? The word itself comes from the Old English *wyrgean*, which means to strangle or to seize by the throat. Let me give you a simple definition. Worry is excessive concern over the affairs of life.

Worry is a sin for two reasons: First, because it displaces God in our life. When we commit the sin of worry, we are living as though God did not exist. And we are living as though we alone can solve our problems.

Second, because it distracts us from the things that really matter in life. As long as we are worrying, we can't do anything else. We are strangled by worry.

But how can we tell when the legitimate concerns of life have become sinful worries? Here are three practical guidelines. We are probably well into worry ...

1. When the thing we are concerned about is the first thing we think about in the morning and the last thing we think about at night.
2. When we find ourself thinking about it during every spare moment.
3. When we find ourself bringing it up in every conversation we have.

Seen in that light, most of us worry a lot more than we would like to admit!

But Jesus said, Don't worry. Don't be anxious about the affairs of life. Don't let your legitimate concern turn into sinful worry.

The society in which we live today always inculcates negativism in us specially the media. The news channels on television are a good insight and reflection on how the society perceives things around them. Society today needs to appreciate the world which is full of signs which point to the goodness and the providence of God.

I am really amazed when sometimes I try to imagine some of the stories of the Old Testament Noah's ark how beautiful the ark must be how big 300 cubit in length 50 cubits width and 50 cubits height and then arranging for wood and bringing all the pairs of animals and birds amazing and then it rained for forty days and forty nights and after the flood God made a covenant with Noah the wonderful promise of a rainbow never to destroy the earth with water.

Look at the story of Jonah he was in the belly of the fish for three days unharmed he was thrown in the sea but God saved him today also every now and then we see Gods mighty works happening.

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But we human being still worry and worry and keep on worrying.. Consequently, Jesus provides two reasons why we shouldn't worry.

1. Worry is an exercise in futility (Matthew 6:25–30). Jesus promises to meet our needs because He cares for us. He begins this section with a negative command: **“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on” (6:25a).** The phrase “For this reason” ties back to 6:24.

Jesus' point is: If you can't serve God *and* money, then you can't worry about the material things that money can buy. The phrase “do not be worried” can be literally translated “stop worrying.” Jesus wants His followers to stop worrying over food, drink, and clothes because He will meet their basic material needs. If we are a worrying Christian, we are a sinning Christian. Worry is a hideous sin to God because it is an indictment against Him, a slap at His love. *So don't worry, be hopeful.*

Jesus now gives four reasons why you shouldn't worry.

God will ensure our survival.

God will meet our material needs.

God will grant our allotted days.

God will cover our external appearance.

2. Worry is a demonstration of faithlessness (6:31–34). Jesus says, **“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’”** In Jesus' day, the pagans pursued food, drink, and clothing because they didn't know God as a loving Father. They were tormented by anxiety because they believed their future was in the hands of Fate and Fortune. Jesus is saying that worry is practical atheism. When you and I worry, we are behaving just like unbelievers. We need not to worry because **“your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things” (6:32b).** When we worry, we are saying, “God, I don't really know about You. I'm not sure You are a caring God. I'm not sure You are a providing God. You are good for church on Sunday, but I'm not sure about You. So I've got to take care of this myself.” That is how we treat God and try not to trust him. We all need to believe that God will take care of us. *We need not worry, and be hopeful.*

In 6:34, Jesus hammers the death nail in worry. For the third and final time He says: **“So do not worry about tomorrow.”** Jesus then gives two reasons we should not worry.

First, **“tomorrow will care for itself” (6:34b).** The problem with worrying about tomorrow is we never run out of tomorrows. You must learn to live life one day at a time. God only gives us help we need for today. He doesn't give us tomorrow's help today. So don't worry about what we are going to do tomorrow, because when we get to tomorrow, God's grace will be there to meet us and give us what we need.

A second reason not to worry is: **“Each day has enough trouble of its own” (6:34c).** Jesus is saying something quite interesting: You won't sink under the burden of today's crisis, but tomorrow's agenda puts you over the weight limit. Tomorrow will have trouble.

Each day has enough trouble to keep you plenty busy. You take care of today and God will take care of tomorrow.

We should stop worrying because Worry misses the point of life, it is illogical, a waste of time, incompatible with faith, sub-Christian, a complete waste of time and contradicts common sense. Jesus says we need to change our priorities and our ambitions.

Our heavenly father is all gracious all loving and all merciful to forgive us our sin let us therefore look around the world and see the wonderful creation and the things that he has done for all of us let us be thankful for all that he has done for us and let us stop worrying and live a life pleasing in his sight.

May God bless us and give us grace to be always thankful unto him.

PARISH NEWS

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 (Wednesday) we observed Republic Day in our Church. We Unfurled our National Flag. We had a special Service from 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)

BAPTISM: Jemimah Joan Lazarus (daughter of Mr. Andrew & Mrs. Hina Lazarus) & Asher William Lazarus (son of Mr. Alvin & Mrs. Ronika Lazarus) were baptized on the 26th December 2021. We would like to congratulate the grandparents Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Olive Lazarus.

WEDDING BELLS: Jai Moses & Sharon were joined together in Holy Matrimony on 28th January 2022. May the Lord's Blessing be upon the newly wedded couple, and may the Lord be their guide all the days of their life.