

## PARISH NEWS

**DOCESE 50 YEARS CELEBRATION:** The Diocese of Jabalpur is celebrating 50 Years of glorious existence. On this occasion the Diocese of Jabalpur is publishing a Souvenir. There is a section for family greetings. The cost of family greetings is Rs/- 10000/- if anybody is interested they can contact us. The last date is 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020.

**VOTE OF THANKS:** We along with the members of the Pastorate committee would like to thank God for his blessings bestowed on our Church on the occasion of Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday.

I would also like to thank our Parishioners and our Youth Fellowship members for their kind support and contribution.

We would like to thank Mr. Raphael Thangadurai for sponsoring the Vadas, Mr. David Thangadurai for sponsoring the Idlis, Mr. Sanjay Martin for sponsoring the Puha, Mr. Joseph Lazarus for sponsoring the Sandwich, Mrs. Ali for Sponsoring the Cakes, and Ms. Shristi Sathe for sponsoring the Cup Cakes.

We would also like to thank Mr. David Masih, Mr. Alfred Patrick, Mr. Vinay Lal, Mr. Sanjay Martin Mrs. L. M. Sathe for providing fruits for the fruit hamper. Also a special thanks to Youth Fellowship members for sponsoring the eatable hamper.

Thank you and God bless you.

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 we shall be observing Youth Sunday, the entire worship Service will be led by our Youth Fellowship members.

**LED BOARD:** We have replaced our Church Board with a new LED Board as the old one was not visible.

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** We will be ordering Our Daily Bread for 2021 if anyone wants to buy Our Daily Bread, please place your order to Rev Subha.

**SUBSCRIPTION:** Dear Parishioners, all those who wish to pay their Subscription / Thanksgiving / Church offerings can pay through online.

The detail of our Church account is as follows.

**Name of the A/c :** Christ Church Cathedral  
**Account No :** 164701000000436  
**IFSC Code :** IOBA0001647  
**Branch :** North Civil Lines, Jabalpur Branch

Please write your name in remarks column while transferring the funds.

For any queries please contact  
Mr. Joseph Lazarus (Treasurer)  
9755593971

**OBITUARY:** Mr. Don Clement fell asleep in Christ on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. May his soul rest in peace.

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, (C.N.I), JABALPUR



(Est. 1844)



Church Service- 8:30 am

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### CHURCH CALENDER FOR OCTOBER - 2020

4 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020	HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE
11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020	YOUTH SUNDAY
18 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020	TWENTY – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Presbyter's Message

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

God is our creator and has given us all the various things in our life including our life itself. Everyday we wake up in the morning to live another day due to His grace. This life on Earth is precious as it is the only region where spiritual practice can be done to attain the ultimate purpose of life. When any person does something for us we feel gratitude. However most of us are not used to expressing gratitude to God for all the things He has given us. Expressing gratefulness to God for all the various things He does for us is called

gratitude in spiritual practice. The ability to live in this feeling of gratitude is an important and intrinsic part of a seeker's spiritual journey. The reality is that while most people accept God as their Creator, they do not feel the need to express gratitude to God. This is mainly because they think that all the things that happen in their lives, or at least most of the mundane things in their lives – good or bad, happen of their own volition. It is only in extraordinary turnarounds after intense prayer like a miraculous cure of a very sick child suffering from an incurable illness that one would think of paying gratitude to God. However even here memories of being helped by God in such a dramatic way are short-lived and as time goes by a person goes back to his same old ways until the next big issue strikes him where he begins to pray for divine intervention.

Gratitude expressed only in words is superficial gratitude. In the initial stages of one's spiritual practice, one has to make an effort even to think of words to express gratitude to God. Still for our spiritual progress, it is important that we do make the effort to inculcate the habit of paying gratitude in us.

At this initial stage, paying of gratitude comes from the heart mainly when we can very clearly see divine intervention in our lives. This may be in the case of a loved one getting miraculously cured after doctors have given up hope or a long-standing problem suddenly getting alleviated after intense prayer. In almost all other cases, we pay gratitude for the various things in our life and even for our life itself at a superficial or intellectual level.

As we immerse ourselves more and more into spiritual practice we open up a whole new world that was up to now veiled from us. We get spiritual experiences and these spiritual experiences are God's way of talking to us. There are myriad small pleasant coincidences in our lives where we slowly but surely feel God's guiding hand in our lives. Gratitude begins to build for even the smaller events in our life and the constant divine help and encouragement we are receiving in our spiritual practice. When we feel gratitude and express gratitude repeatedly throughout the course of the day, one gradually develops the **spiritual emotion of gratitude**. Thus in this state, gratitude is present and is reflected in every action, movement and thought.

A seeker begins by effortful expression of gratitude. However over a period of time by repeatedly expressing gratitude and also through spiritual growth he develops the spiritual emotion of gratitude. Once this state is attained, as one constantly realizes that 'God is the Doer, I am nobody', his subtle-ego starts reducing. He starts appreciating his limitations and lack of capacity. Hence in any difficult situation he humbly surrenders before God and only then does any action. This is called 'surrender to God'. When a person starts surrendering to God not only in difficult situations but even in small-small incidents in day to day life, his spiritual emotion of surrender increases. God promptly fulfils prayers made with spiritual emotion . A seeker having spiritual emotion of gratitude and surrender is always close to God. God bestows everything that is required, i.e. spiritual experiences, guidance and knowledge to such a seeker even without asking.

Therefore let us be grateful to God and express our gratitude to Him.

## BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

2. Shaokat Ali
3. Emmanuel Thangadurai
4. Vikas Jonathan, Piyush Paul Singh,
5. Vinay Raj Elias, Edward Palmer, Graham Craig Russell
6. Michelle Lynn Russell
7. Aahima Bernard , Sandra Russell
8. Wayne Kenneth Jones
9. Maj Bhaskar Shinde, Dr. John Premjeet Page, Shirisha Noel, Skylette Singh
11. Virender Paul Lal, Ivana Ronald,
12. Vince Samuel
14. Donald Peters, Desmond Taylor, Zaina Charles
15. Ashish Chelvam, Aaron Rufus Thangadurai, Pushpa Thangadurai
16. Ashish Chelvam
17. Christopher Palmer, Luvy Sathe, Isaac Thangadurai
19. Hazel Lal, Matilda Jones, Douglas Russell, Rahul Rodgers
21. Florance Nicolson
22. Romola Simon, Stanley Jones, Avani Vinita Bernard
24. Dr. E .C. Daniel, Vandana Paul
25. Yowan Thangadurai, Esther Anna Mary, Rev. Subha Venkataram
26. J. D. Elias, Christina Mitra
27. Harshalatha Peter
28. Aashish Bernard, Regina Kane
29. Rev. B. J. V. Raj Kumar, Kevin Matthew, Mrs. Mangla Ellis, Mrs. Nomita Bagh
31. Master Arnold Chauragade, Sanket Charles

*Wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings.*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Mr. Rakesh Rao & Kajal Rao
7. Vineet & Pratibha Jemes
10. Llewellyan & Edith Clements
15. Raphael & Janet Thangadurai
16. Mr. Stanley & Ruby Jones
17. Mr. Nikhil & Mrs. Ened Soniya Lall
18. Edward & Michelle William, Vinay & Jackqline Elias
21. Dr. Moni & Tajinder Thomas
22. Mr. Solomon & Mrs. Hannah Thangadurai
23. Mr. David & Mrs. Deepika Thangadurai
25. Reuben & Elma Joseph, Michael & Rosy Thangaduari
26. Rev. Joel & Maria Patrick, Mr. Vincent & Mrs. Mary Joseph
27. Rev. Arvind Peter & Harsha Peter
29. Bishop Prem Chand & Mrs. Nora Singh
30. Anoop & June Choudharie

*We wish the Couple Happy Long Married Life with God's*

*Choicest Blessings*