



MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Vicar's Message

Outpouring of God's Love and Overcoming Challenges with Faith

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

Greetings to you all in the name of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Opportunities for Reflection and Renewal.

As October brings vibrant colors to Melbourne's gardens and streets, let's step into the beauty of spring, embracing the warmth of God's love. Just as the city comes alive with possibility, may our faith and community flourish. Let's appreciate the gentle breezes, sunshine, and joy surrounding us. May this season bring us closer to God and to each other.

In the midst of changing weather patterns and crises, let's hold on to hope and faith.

May God's love guide us through challenges, bringing comfort, strength, and renewal. As we journey together, may we find solace in prayer, support in community, and peace in God's presence. Wishing you all a blessed springtime, filled with joy, love, and spiritual growth.

Open Hearts to God.

As we reflect on our faith journey, let's open our hearts to God, just like the wattle blossoms reveal their golden treasures. In **2 Corinthians 6:11-13**, Paul's words remind us to speak freely and open our hearts to God and each other. Like many in our church members faced challenges - illness, loss, and personal struggles. Yet, in faith, they have found comfort and strength. Let's trust in God's sovereignty, seek comfort in prayer, and support one another. May God's love and peace transform us, just as the wattle's vibrant colors transform the landscape.

Opportunities for Growth.

Our upcoming Senior Sunday School Camp 2025, taking place from October 3rd-5th at Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp, promises to be a great blessing for our students! We are excited for this experience to bring joy, spiritual growth, and lasting memories. Let's pray for God's guidance and blessing as we prepare for this wonderful event.

Outstretched Hands in Fellowship.

Join the area prayer meetings to experience the warmth of fellowship and the tranquility of peace. Let's come together regularly to seek God's guidance, deepen our faith through shared reflections, and build stronger bonds within our parish community. Additionally, we encourage participation in various parish organizations and meetings, where we can serve, learn, and grow together. May these gatherings be a source of comfort in times of sorrow, strength in moments of weakness, and inspiration for our daily lives, filling us with love, hope, and heartfelt prayer.

Our Parish Day & Family Sunday.

Join us on Sunday, the 26th, as we celebrate Parish Day with special guest Sandy Boyce, Executive Officer of the Victorian Council of Churches! We will come together as families, partake in Holy Communion, and support our community initiatives through our One Day Collection. Let's rededicate our families to God's love and service, striving to be model families rooted in faith, love, and values. May this day bring blessings, renewal, and spiritual growth to each family. Everyone is welcome, so mark your calendars and let's worship together.

Offering Our Hearts to God

As we journey together in faith, let us hold on to hope, love, and prayer. May God bless our parish family and guide us to shine His light with love, hope, and kindness. May we be a beacon of light and inspiration to all, living out our faith with courage, compassion, and kindness.

Outpouring of Gratitude

Our hearts are overflowing with thanks as we look back on the past five months in

Melbourne. We have navigated some tough times, but the love and support we have received have been incredible. From our mobile being miraculously returned after being stolen to overcoming COVID and flu, God's grace has been with us every step of the way. A huge thank you to our dear parishioners who showed up, prayed with us, and offered a helping hand. Your kindness and compassion meant the world to us. We are so grateful for God's love shining through each of you.

Overflow of God's Mercies.

May the beauty of spring remind us of God's love and presence in our lives, filling us with hope, love, and peace. May our parish community grow in faith and unity, shining God's light in Melbourne and beyond. May we find strength in our values, hope in His promises, and joy in our shared journey, with our lives being a testament to His love, guiding us with purpose, value, and hope.

May God bless you all.

With Love and Prayers,

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Lectionary

Our church lectionary guides us through meaningful themes this month. Through these meditations, may we deepen our faith and live as a model community, proclaiming God's love and grace.

05 OCT	വ്യത്യസ്ത കഴിവുകൾ ഉള്ളവരുടെ ദിനം വ്യത്യസ്തതകളെ ആഘോഷിക്കുക; Day of the Differently Abled – Honour the Difference	<div>Lessons</div> <div>Exod 4:1-17</div> <div>Acts 9:32-35</div> <div>Epistle Gospel</div> <div>Acts 3:1-10</div> <div>John 5:2-9</div> <div>Evening</div> <div>Isa 35:1-10</div> <div>Reading</div> <div>Acts 14:1-10</div>
12 OCT	തറുവാണു എന്നർത്ത്: താരൂതം പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു; Youth Sunday: Youth in Christ style	<div>Lessons</div> <div>Dan 6:1-10</div> <div>Acts 6:1-6</div> <div>Epistle Gospel</div> <div>1Tim 4:7-16</div> <div>Matt 19:16-22</div> <div>Evening</div> <div>Dan 1:11-17</div> <div>Reading</div> <div>1Pet 3:13-18</div>
19 OCT	സന്നദ്ധ സുവിശേഷകരുടെ സംഘടനയുടെ ദിനം; Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day- People of God: Conveyors of God's love	<div>Lessons</div> <div>Jer 1:1-10</div> <div>2Cor 4:1-6</div> <div>Epistle Gospel</div> <div>1John 4:7-12</div> <div>Luke 10:25-37</div> <div>Evening</div> <div>Isa 49:1-6</div> <div>Reading</div> <div>Acts 16:19-34</div>
26 OCT	ക്രിസ്തീയ കുടുംബ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാ ദിനം - കുടുംബം; നിർവ്വഹണ സ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ദിനം; Christian Family Dedication Sunday – Family: Place of pure love	<div>Lessons</div> <div>Job 1:1-5</div> <div>Acts 10:1-8</div> <div>Epistle Gospel</div> <div>1John 2:7-11</div> <div>Mark 3:31-35</div> <div>Evening</div> <div>Gen 45:1-15</div> <div>Reading</div> <div>Luke 19:1-10</div>

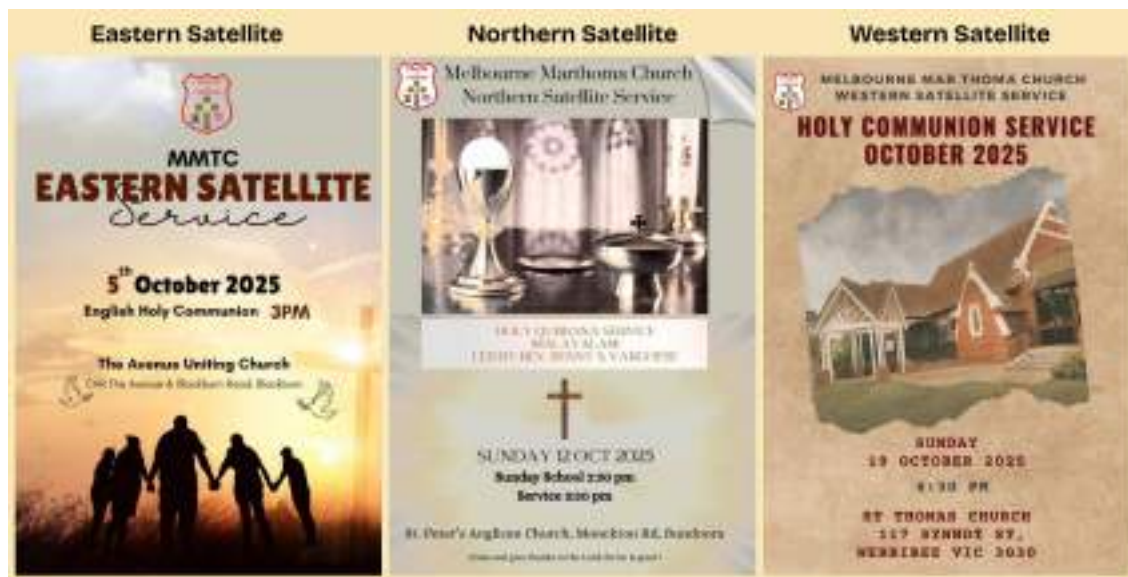
Services and Events

SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2025		
03-Oct-25	Friday	Sunday School Senior Camp 3rd, 4th, 5th
04-Oct-25	Saturday	North A Prayer @430pm
		South Prayer @7pm
05-Oct-25	Sunday	Malayalam Divine Service @8:30 am
		MMTC EAST Satellite Service Blackburn Eng Holy Qurbana @ 3:00pm
11-Oct-25	Saturday	North West Prayer @430pm
		North B Prayer @7pm
12-Oct-25	Sunday	Eng Holy Qurbana @8.30am VCE Dedication
		MMTC NORTH Satellite Service @3.30pm
18-Oct-25	Saturday	Karunya Edavaka Mission P&W, English Holy Communion @ 4:30pm
19-Oct-25	Sunday	Mal. Holy Qurbana @8:30am
		KARUNYA Edavaka Mission Sunday
25-Oct-25	Saturday	Executive Committee Meeting #2, @1045am -12.45pm
		MMTC WEST Satellite Service @4:30pm
26-Oct-25	Sunday	Central A Prayer @4:30pm
		Central B Prayer @7:00pm
26-Oct-25	Sunday	Eng. Holy Qurbana @8:00am
		Parish Day, Family Sunday & One Day Income Offertory (10:30-12:30)
		Online prayer for VCE students @8pm

* Changes to the services and events schedule will be intimated closer to the date of each service/ event.

Please contact the Assistant Secretary if you wish to contribute Altar Flowers

Satellite Services



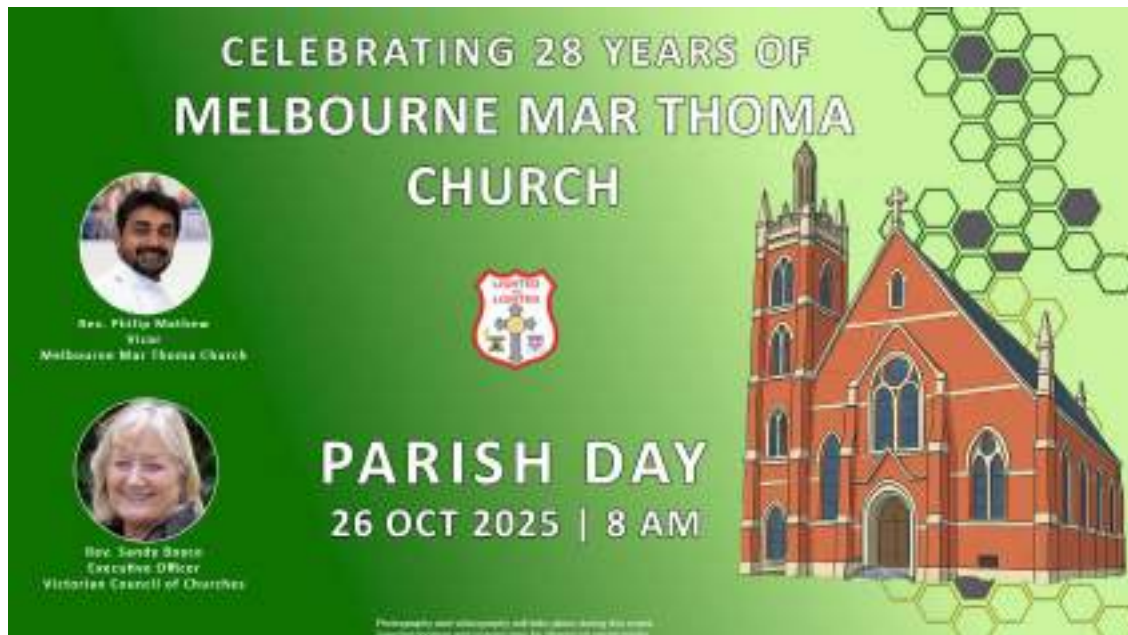
Karunya HC Service



Prayer Meetings

Prayer Zone	Date & Time	Venue	Hosted by
South	4 Oct, Saturday 7.00PM	34 Jerilderie Dr, Berwick VIC 3806	Binsu & Ansu
North A	4 Oct, Saturday 4.30PM	290 Marathon Boulevard, Craigieburn, VIC 3064	Rejoy & Merrill
North West	11 Oct, Saturday 4.30PM	6 Roosevelt Way, Point Cook VIC 3030	Vijay & Kiran
North B	11 Oct, Saturday 7.00PM	75 Montville St, Doreen, VIC	Martin & Rigju
Central A	25 Oct, Saturday 4.30PM	1 Alluvium Way, Mount Waverley, VIC 3149	Josefin & Heitor
Central B	25 Oct, Saturday 7.00PM	456 Mountain Highway, Warfima VIC 3152	John & Lincy

Parish Day 2025



Our 28th Parish Day will be on 26 Oct. 2025
(MMTC formed 1st Nov, 1997)

We will Celebrate Family Sunday, One Day Income Offertory
&
Prayer group wise programs

When: Sunday 26 Oct. 2025 at 8 AM

Onam Fiesta 2025



Melbourne Marthoma Church organized Onam Fiesta on Saturday, 13 Sept 2025 at St Matthew's Parish Hall, Fawkner. Acting Speaker and Victorian Parliamentarian Lauren Kathage MP was the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Jibin Sabu, Vicar of St. George Indian Orthodox Church, attended as the special guest. Kathage inaugurated the celebrations by lighting the lamp, followed by the Onam message delivered by Rev. Fr. Jibin Sabu.

The celebrations began with a prayer led by Rev. Philip Mathew, Vicar of Melbourne Marthoma Church. Church Secretary Alex Sen Varghese welcomed the guests and participants. Onam Fiesta convenor Saiju Simon expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event.

A beautiful two-meter-wide floral arrangement evoked the true spirit of Onam. The day featured vibrant cultural performances including processions, traditional dances, plays, songs, Chenda Melam, and Vanchipattu.

By Saiju Simon, on behalf of Executive Committee

Sunday School

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" **Matthew 19:14**

IMPORTANT DATES

05 October: Term 3 holidays

12 October: Regular Classes at Parkville (10:30 am) & Northern Satellite Service (2:30 pm)

19 October: Close of the SS academic year – Annual Exam

Senior Students Camp: This year's Senior Students (G6 – G12) camp will be held at Mount Evelyn Discovery Campon October 3, 4 and 5. Registrations are now closed.

Year 12 Graduation: VCE Students Dedication and Sunday School Y12 Sunday School Graduation will be held during the HC service on Oct 12th.

Annual Exam Sunday School Annual Exam for the year will be held on Oct 19th at Parkville, immediately after the first HC service.

World Sunday School Day: This Year's World Sunday School Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 2nd.



FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL SESSION

A special session of all the dads in the parish was held on Sep 7th.

Youth

EVENTS

Youth Night (Bible Study)

Date and time: Thursday 9th October 7PM

Location: Residence of Geku and Bindhu

Youth Food Sale

The youth will be having a food sale on the 19th of October after holy communion service to raise funds for youth camp. Any support would be greatly appreciated

Date and time: Sunday 19th October, after the 8:30am holy communion service

Location: Melbourne Mar Thoma Church


Youth Social Hike

Date and time: Saturday 25th October 10AM

Location: Kokoda Track Memorial Walk (TBC)

ANNOUNCEMENT

National Marthoma Youth Camp is officially happening in Melbourne this December 5th - 8th

- Camp registrations have launched 
- Link to register:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1457249>

YOUTH WORKING BEES

Working Bee services are available till the end of November 2025 to fundraise for Youth Camp.

If you require any assistance with chores around your house, please contact Noel Abraham on [0490 798 367](tel:0490798367) or Rachael Mathews [0499 110 379](tel:0499110379).

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our various sales, and for contributing in so many meaningful ways towards making our youth camp possible.

Working bee highlights!

Gardening



Car washing



Interior detailing



Contact Noel: 0490798367
if you'd like to host a working bee!

Sevigha Sanghom

Food Bank Drive

Food bank drive for Food Bank Victoria on **Sundays, 12th and 19th October** (Details to follow)

Chain Prayer

Monthly online chain prayer on first **Friday, 3rd October**.

Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayers (online) on **Tuesdays, 14th and 28th of Oct** at 8 pm.

Meeting & Bible Study

Sevika Sanghom meeting and Bible study on first **Sunday, 5th Oct**, at the Main Hall, immediately after the first church service.

Church News

Church Website

Our Website is now updated with "October Services & events". Please visit regularly to stay informed.

You can now also give your Offertory & Thanksgiving contributions through the MMTC QR Code or by donating directly via our website: <https://www.melbournemarthomachurch.org.au/>



Mobile Directory App

MMTC Mobile App Launching soon!

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of the **MMTC Mobile App** – designed to keep us all connected, informed & inspired, wherever we are!

All Services, Events & News at your fingertips.

Please submit your details & photo,(via webform). We will set up your private access and personalize your experience.

Please click below and submit your details today.



MMTC New Mobile App Data Form

STEFM PRESENTS



SOLO SINGING *competition*



25
OCT

9:00 AM
REGISTRATIONS OPEN
AT 08:30AM

ST GEORGE JACOBITE CHURCH
419 CENTRE DANDENONG
RD, HEATHERTON VIC 3202

Last date of registration: 10 Oct by 5:00 PM

Register via email: secretarymarthomachurch@gmail.com & vicarimmo@gmail.com

Qualifying selection: 12th Oct after service @ MMTC

STEFM SOLO COMPETITIONS

STEFM will be having the Solo Singing Competition

Where: St. George Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, 419 Centre Dandenong Rd, Heatherton VIC 3202

When: 25th October '25

Time: 9am start (8:30 registrations)

- Submit your names to Secretary and Vicar before 5pm, 10th October 2025
- Max. 2 participants per event and per church; if more names, audition will be conducted on 12th October after service to shortlist participants
- Guidelines and registration forms are emailed upon request
- Registration forms must be signed by the Vicar before submission

All Musically talented from Grade 1 to Age 22 are encouraged to attend under categories

1. Sub Junior (G1, G2)
2. Junior (G3, G4, G5)
3. Intermediate (G6, G7, G8)
4. Senior (G9 - 22 yrs)

Words of Wisdom



Contribute to the MMTC Monthly Newsletter

If you would like to share articles, images, or prayer messages, please contact the Assistant Secretary. Your contributions are warmly welcomed and help us make the newsletter more engaging and meaningful for our church family.

Wedding Anniversary

OCTOBER
Mr. Abhay George Thomas, Mrs. Lee Ann Abraham
Mr. M. C. John, Mrs. Sosamma John
Mr. Surgie Thomas, Mrs. Geetha Susan Philip
Mr. Jacob Mathew, Mrs. Rebecca Poon
Mr. Shaiju Soman, Mrs. Shinju Shaiju
Mr. Thomas Mathew, Mrs. Rekha Sara Philip
Mr. Thomas Oommen C, Mrs. Shiny Susan John
Mr. Dennis Mathen Koshy, Mrs. Vidya Susan Jacob
Mr. David C Mathew, Mrs. Anju E David
Mr. Tom Thomas, Mrs. Emelieta Thomas
Mr. Cherian Thomas, Mrs. Leena Cherian
Mr. Samuel Varughese, Mrs. Mary Samuel
Mr. Alan Mathew Abraham, Mrs. Neetu Abraham
Mr. Joseph George, Mrs. Reina Eugene Cordeiro
Mr. Rejo Varghese John, Mrs. Kavitha
Mr. Daniel Thomas Valayil, Mrs. Blessey Daniel
Mr. Dale George, Mrs. Esther M Philip

Birthdays

OCTOBER			
Mr George Giju Thomas	Giju & Moni	Mrs. Dona Elsa Royce	Bini & Dona
Mr Adam Easaw Philip	Anjan & Sheryl	Mr.Rohan Varghese	Rani & Shirley
Dr Mrs. Leela John	Pratap & Leela	Master.Paul Thomas	Bino & Jain
Mr Jacob Alexander	Jacob & Anina	Mrs. Rosamma Thomas Vadi	Thomachen & Rosamma
Master Aaron Cherian Sajeev	Sajeev & preethy	Master.Neil Abram John	BiJu & Jemini
Master Joshua George Thomas	Giju & Moni	Miss.Sharmal Anna Mammen	Saji & Reenu
Mrs.Annie John	John & Lulu	Master.Ethan J Martin	Martin & Rinja
Miss Ivana Thomas	Roshan & Anpu	Mrs.Thanu James	Vivek & Thanu
Mr Jithin Cherian	Jithin & Uncy	Master.Aiden K Martin	Martin & Rinja
Miss Joanna Eliza Jemini	Jemini & Jemi	Mr.Binsu Benny	Binsu & Anpu
Miss Erin Sara Shon	Shon & Anitha	Mr. Visal John	Visal & Tina
Mrs.Nisha Elizabeth George	Joji & Nisha	Miss. Rebecca Alex Mathews	Bino & Sneha
Ms Abigail Daniel	Daniel- Blessy	Master Jerome BiJu	BiJu & Lisa
Mr Ankit Koshy	Ankit	Mr. Benny Thomas	Benny & Regina
Miss Hannah Mariam Jacob	Bobby & Alina	Mr. George Thomas	George & Mary
Mr Joseph Philip	Jose & Sumum	Miss.Andrea Susan Thomas	Thomas & Rekha
Mrs Sheela George	Alex & Sheela	Miss. Aksha Mary Aby	Aby & Tincy
Mrs.Collin Mariya Jacob	Jean Jacob	Master Jordan Joseph	Jicky & Jerry
Miss.Rachal Richin	Richin & Annie	Mrs. Maneesha Jacob	Tony & Maneesha
Mr Jobby John Mathew	Jobby & Sheryl	Master.Aaditya Thomas Kunutharayil	Karol & Deepa
Mrs.Uji Augustine	Sony & Lily	Master.Zachary George Samuel	Rohit & Benita
Mr.Ashish Thomas Mathew	Ashish & Merril	Mr.Varghese John	Jones & Jessie
Mr Joji John	Joji & Rekha	Master.Navin S Shaju	Shaju & Shinju
Master.Johan Sharjan	Sharjan & Lincy	Master.Dion Abraham Phillips	Sajeev & Dona
Dr.Asha Mary Alex	Bobby & Asha	Master.Aashil John Kochathu	John & Vinita
Mr. Easo Thomas	Tommy & Ivy	Mr.Vinooth George Varughese	Vinooth & Manjari
Miss Abigail	Stani & Saumia	Dr.Rohit Varghese Samuel	Rohit & Benita
Miss Sara Susan Philip	Prince & Suby	Mr. Tony Thomas	Tony & Nisha
Mrs.Emily John	John & Reeba	Master.Noel C Abraham	Cecil & Leena
Miss.Annah Sarah Joshua	Annah	Mrs.Ann Mary Ninan	Ben & Ann
Mr. Roy Jacob	Roy & Mary	Ms.Raisel Ponnu Prinson	Prinson & Sinju
Mr Joel Kurian	Viju & Hyma	Mr.Nathan Abraham	Shaji & Susan
Master.Hardik Happy	Happy & Pinkie	Mr.Saju K Skaria	Saju & Roshan
Miss.Ashley Alexander	Alex & Sheela	Mr.Chris V Mathew	Chris V
Mrs.Lee Ann Abraham	Abhay & Lee Ann	Mrs.Joemol Thomas	Binsu & Joemol
Mrs.Seena Parappat	Navin & Seena	Mrs.Meera Mathew	Bonnie & Meera
Mr.Jino Cherian	Jino & Preethi	Mrs.Rinju Martin	Martin & Rinju
Miss.Lis Meriam Thomas	Lejo & Sneha	Master.Darren Jerin Abraham	Jerin & Geethi
Master.Ansagrah Tom Manoj	Manoj & Ann	Miss.Emily Shaj	Emily Shaj
Mr.Jermy Matthew Ninan	Jermy & Vinita	Miss.Anusha Rebecca Philip	Bonnie & Meera
Mr.Christard Thomas	Christard & Bini	Master.Ayden Eapen Tony	Tony & Preethy
Master.Aben Sony	Sony & Lily	Master.Elijah Senthil	Senthil & Bincy
Mr.Sailesh George Mathew	Sailesh & Arvina	Master.Joel Jacob	Jacob & Aksha
Mr.Stony Simon	Stani & Anuja	Master.Ravi Raji George	Raji & Neenu
Mr.Roshan Sam Thomas	Roshan & Anpu	Miss.Evelyn Elsa Thomas	Binsu & Joemol
Mr.Sajan Samuel	Sajan & Lini	Dr.Mrs.Benita S Samuel	Rohit & Benita
Master.Sanjay Parappat	Navin & Seena	Master.Kenneth Manoj Mathews	Manoj & Elizabeth
Mrs.Fincy Rachel Varughese	Linu & Fincy	Mrs.Elizabeth Zachariah	Jubel & Tara
Miss.Leah Kurian	Kurian & Sumitha	Master.David Daniel	Daniel- Blessy
Master.Dylan Cherian Bobby	Bobby & Annie	Miss.Angela Rebecca Thomas	Thomas & Rekha
Master.Jonathan Samuel Vinodh	Vinod & Reo	Mr.Ajan Joseph	Ajan & Manju
Mr.Jobin George	Jobin & Ranju	Miss.Persis Shibu Varghese	Shibu & Shiny
Master.Matt George	Sailesh & Arvina	Mrs.Chantelle Marie Mellor	Babu
Miss.Rebecca Sarah Mathew	Raja & Shirley	Mr.Iiso Abraham Philipose	Iiso & Ani
Master.Janeah Primu Philip	Primu & Rubi	Master.Jordan Joji John	Joji & Rekha
Master.Ethan Samuel Varghese	Shiju & Anju	Mr.Rony K Iype	Rony & Mekha
Mrs.Lincy Chacko	Justin & Jincy	Miss.Samantha Sunil	Sunil & Riya
Mrs.Jemini Elizabeth Thomas	BiJu & Jemini	Ms.JOVYEN ELISA JACOB	Noel & Jovelyn
Miss.Naomi Ann George	Joji & Nisha	Mr.Roshan David Koshy	Roshan & Rinku
Mr.Jeffin Thomas Manohar	Jeffin Manohar	Mrs.Anna Anushya Alex	Tony & Anushya

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Yours in Christ,

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