



MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH
OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

BE A WITNESS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Vicar Message

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".

Acts 1:8

May the name of Almighty God be exalted.

In September, we celebrated Sevika Sangham Day and Senior Citizens Day, with the service led by these organizations. Mr. A.P. Samuel, Mr. Thomas Vadil, Mr. P.M. John, and Mrs. Saramma John, who have crossed 90 years, were honored for their leadership and dedication. A stress management session led by Dr. Kuruvilla George, organized by the Sevika Sangham, was highly informative. The Onam celebration was a vibrant, self-funded event, showcasing colourful performances and the hard work of many parishioners. The presence of Bishop Genieve Blackwell and Mayor Carli Lange further strengthened our ties with the local community. The Senior Citizens Fellowship, though the newest organization in our church, has been active in many parishes. This reminds us of the sacrificial efforts of our forebears in the formation and growth of our parishes.

The first executive committee of our parish, held in September, organized the annual calendar for 2024-25. The next notable event is our Parish Convention and Parish Day celebration, scheduled for the 25th, 26th, and 27th of October. Rev. Fr. Jacob Joseph will be our convention speaker, and Rev. Dr. Drew Mellor will be our chief guest for Parish Day. As we complete 27 years as a parish in Melbourne, we gratefully acknowledge the guidance of Late Lamented Bishop Thomas Mar Athanasius, other Metropolitans, bishops, priests, lay leaders, and committed believers. I urge everyone to dedicate these days for prayer, as prayer has the power to make everything possible.

As a result of our general body discussion, a new satellite service has been organized in the northern suburb on the second Sundays of every month, following the direction of the executive committee. I request your prayerful participation in this initiative. Let us take inspiration from the southeastern satellite service, which has gracefully completed one year in Blackburn. We must encourage new migrant families to participate and see this as part of our missionary work, remembering that every Marthomite is a witness to the kingdom of God—every Marthomite is an evangelist.

October third Sunday will be our Karunya Sunday. Your participation in the Karunya offertory will strengthen our mission to support those in need both within and outside our parish. On the same day, Sevika Sangham is organizing a fundraising food sale with delicious dishes, continuing their compassionate work towards our mission and those who are suffering. I also request your prayers for the success and blessings of our senior Sunday school camp from the 4th to 6th of October.

A warm welcome to our new members: Meby Susan John, Harriet Mathew, Prinson & Sinju and Toline & Ligy. May their journey with us be abundantly blessed as they become part of our community.

We offer our heartfelt prayers for the bereaved families of Abhilash & Savitha, and Biju & Saly, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Our thoughts and support are with them during this difficult time. We also stand in prayer with families facing difficult challenges, especially those dealing with serious illnesses. We ask that the healing hand of our Lord Jesus Christ surround them with comfort, strength, and peace, guiding them through their trials with hope and faith. Additionally, we join in the joy and celebration of families blessed with the arrival of newborns. May the Lord's blessings be upon these little ones, granting them health, happiness, and a life filled with His grace.

As we reflect on our mission and responsibilities, we are reminded of Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". This verse calls each of us to be a witness to God's kingdom, not only in our words but in our daily actions.

As we move forward in October, let us dedicate ourselves to this calling. Whether through our support of Karunya Sunday, or the senior Sunday school camp, or the new satellite services, let us be vessels of God's love and compassion. Every opportunity we have, every event we engage in, is a chance to live out our faith. Let us carry this responsibility with prayer, humility, and unwavering commitment, being true evangelists of the kingdom of God in every corner of our lives.

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'A Pastor'

No one knows
What a Pastor hears,
What he sees,
The secrets he must keep,
The temptations he encounters,
The tears he sheds,
The sorrow he endures,
The loneliness he manages,
The bitterness he experiences,
The Lies levelled against him
by some of the people he serves!
How he accommodates those
who pretend they love him
but behind, they try to destroy him.
How he tries to live more than a human,
The lack he suffers,
The discrimination he must not react to,
The accusations he has to mute at,
The expectations he strives to cope with,
Even a fellow Pastor does not know
what the other goes through.
A Pastor & the Pastorhood is what no one
can fully understand or comprehend!
The Pastorhood is "A Mystery"!
The Pastor is a mystery too!
A mystery is an incomprehensible intelligibility!

SO ALL YOU CAN DO FOR HIM IS DO PRAY FOR HIM

(Poem-Source:*Roger Campbell Ministries.
October is named annually "Pastor Appreciation Month")

Lectionary

06 Oct	<p>വ്യാത്യസ്ത കഴിവുകൾ ഉള്ളവരുടെ ദിനം: നാം ദൈവസ്വരൂപത്തിൽ സൃഷ്ടിക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ (പന്തൽക്കൊസ്തിനു ശേഷം 21-ആം ഞായർ); Day of the Differently abled: All are created in the image of God (20th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #eee;">Lessons</td><td>Gen 1:24-31</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>2 Cor 12:1-10</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #eee;">Epistle</td><td>Phil 2:25-30</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #eee;">Gospel</td><td>Mark 3:1-5</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #eee;">Evening Readings</td><td>Exod 4:10-17</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Acts 9:32-35</td></tr> </table>	Lessons	Gen 1:24-31		2 Cor 12:1-10	Epistle	Phil 2:25-30	Gospel	Mark 3:1-5	Evening Readings	Exod 4:10-17		Acts 9:32-35
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October Services and Events

MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

4-6
Oct

- Sunday School Camp 4-6 Oct
- ENG HOLY QURBANA 9:00AM
AT SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP 6
OCT
MAL DIVINE SERV AT CHURCH @
8:30AM 6 OCT
ENG HOLY QURBANA 4:00PM
- The Ave Uniting Church Blackburn
 - Satellite Sunday School 3pm

13
Oct

ENG HOLY QURBANA 8:30AM
BY YOUTH
YOUTH SUNDAY
MAL HOLY QURBANA 3:00PM
NORTHERN SATELLITE SERVICE

19
Oct

KARUNYA MISSION PRAYER
4:30PM
YFF MEETING 6:00 PM

20
Oct

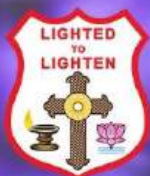
ENG HOLY QURBANA @7:30AM
LED BY KARUNYA
SEVIKA SANGHOM FOOD SALE
MAL HOLY QURBANA @11:00AM
LED BY KARUNYA EDAVAKA
MISSION
SUNDAY SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS

25-26
Oct

PARISH CONVENTION 7-8:30PM
25 OCT
PARISH CONVENTION 7-8:30
PM
26 OCT

27
Oct

MAL HOLY QURBANA 8:30AM
PARISH DAY & FAMILY SUNDAY
10:30AM



* Changes to any of the above schedule will be intimated closer to the date of each service.

Please contact Assistant Secretary if you wish to bring Altar Flowers

Onam Fiesta 2024

We thank God for a blessed Onam Fiesta 2024, and thank all those who participated and organised the event.

[Onam Fiesta 2024](#)

MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

Satellite

3PM SUNDAY SCHOOL

4PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Service

6 OCT 2024

AVENUE UNITING CHURCH

CRN BLACKBURN RD & THE AVENUE, BLACKBURN

Melbourne Marthoma Church

NORTHERN SATELLITE SERVICE

3 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Malayalam Holy Communion Service

13TH OCTOBER



St Peters Anglican Church

1 Monckton Rd, Bundoora Vic 3083



**MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH
PARISH CONVENTION
&
28TH PARISH DAY (FAMILY SUNDAY) 2024**

Renew In Christ
ROMANS 12:2

PARISH CONVENTION

 7:00 pm
25 & 26 OCTOBER 2024

**FAMILY SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION**

 8:30 am
27 OCTOBER 2024



**PARISH DAY MEETING &
FINAL DAY OF CONVENTION**

 10:45am
27 OCTOBER 2024

CONVENTION MESSAGE

Fr. Dr. Jacob Joseph
Lecturer in Theology & Mission
St Athanasius College
University of Divinity



PARISH DAY MESSAGE

MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH
149 Royal Parade, Parkville
VIC 3052

Rev. Dr. Drew Mellor
Senior Chaplain
Victoria Police

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2)

28th Parish Day & Family Sunday

Parish Day & Family Sunday of Melbourne Mar Thoma Church will be Celebrated on 27th October 2024.

Kindly respond to the EOI latest by 20th October 2024, 6:00pm to facilitate arrangements for catering.

Parish Day & Family Sunday EOI

Prayer Meetings

PRAYER ZONE	DATE	VENUE
North A	5th October, Saturday	159 Hilton Street, Glenroy
	4:30pm	Hosted by:
		Rejoy & Merrill
South	5th October, Saturday	1 Tyloid Square, Wantrina
	7:00pm	Hosted by:
		Roshan & Anpu
North West	12th October, Saturday	11 Butternut Way, Tameit
	4:30pm	Hosted By:
		Aby & Tincy
North B	12th October, Saturday	22 Nimble Street, Memda
	7:00pm	Hosted by:
		Santhosh & Lemya
Central A	26th October, Saturday	1 Alluvium Way, Mount Waverley
	4:30pm	Hosted by:
		Joselin & Neetu

Sunday School

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Sunday School schedule

6th October 2024:

- HC service at Senior Camp (Upper Plenty Conference Centre)
- No classes at Parkville
- Regular Classes at South Eastern Satellite Service - 3pm

13th October 2024:

- Regular classes after youth service in Parkville (VCE dedication and Year 12 graduation during service)

20th October 2024:

- Annual Exam

27th October 2024:

- No classes

South Eastern Satellite Service - Sunday School - Expression of Interest

Sunday School classes are held in Blackburn at **3pm prior to satellite service.**

We are continuing to invite expressions of interest in attending the Sunday School at South Eastern Suburbs Satellite service of the Melbourne Mar Thoma Church. Kindly use the link below to register and it helps us plan.

[Register interest - Click here to register](#)



Senior Camp

This year's Sunday School Senior Camp for grade 7-12 was held at Upper Plenty Conference Centre on 4th-6th October.



Youth

YOUTH EVENTS THIS OCTOBER

YOUTH NIGHT

7pm- Oct 10th
Nicodemus' Growing Faith
28 Morotai Avenue, Ashburton

YOUTH SERVICE

8:30am- Oct 13th
Period of Life with Meaningful Vision
Parkville Church

YOUTH SOCIAL - TRIVIA NIGHT

7pm- Oct 24th
28 Morotai Avenue, Ashburton

If you have any questions or need further information reach out to any of our committee members.

Also check us out on our socials!



YFF



YFF NITE - OCT

Welcoming everyone for the 1st YFF fellowship of the year.



October 19th, 2024, 6 p.m.

@Melbourne Marthoma Church

149 Royal Parade, Parkville

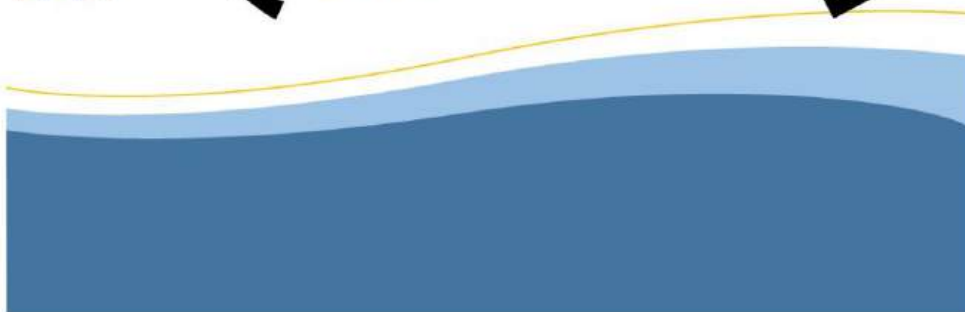


Rev. Shoji Varghese

Topic: "**Decoding- Symbols & Liturgy of Our Holy Communion**" making our worship more meaningful



• Fun filled interactive games & Dinner



Sevika Sangham



Sevika Sanghom Bible Discussion



Transformative Women in the Early Church

Focus: Lydia

October 13th, After Service

*followed by a quick session on Breast
Cancer Awareness*



SEVIKA SANGHAM EVENTS

DETAILS

Online intercessory prayer

8:00 pm on Thursdays

Bible Discussion at Parkville

13th October After Service

Focus: Lydia

"Transformative Women in the Early Church"

Food Sale at Parkville

20th October between services

Thankyou for attending Dr. Kuruvilla George's session on Stress Management organised by Sevika Sangham



WORDS OF WISDOM

AN INITIATIVE OF THE NORTH WEST PRAYER GROUP OF THE MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH



CONTENT COURTESY
DR. PRATAPJOHN PHILIP
MBBS, MD, FACRRM

Be proactive for health

Most chronic diseases are lifestyle related

Remember to get periodic blood tests by your GP and if abnormal keep monitoring

Cut down on sugar content in diet

Most cancers are preventable and if detected early are curable (smoking and lung cancer, overweight and breast and gastrointestinal cancer)

Remember to complete the National Bowel Check which comes in the post

All women can do self-cervical smear without help of Doctor

All women fifty and above call 132050 for Breast Screening

Exercise at least 3 times a week to double your heart rate (Brisk walking, jogging, treadmill, gym)

Maintain a healthy weight so as to keep BMI as 25

YOUR PERSONAL WELLBEING IS DEPENDENT ON YOU!!!

Birthdays

Mr. George Giju Thomas

Mrs. Annie John

Mr. Jacob Alexander

Master. Joshua George Thomas

Mr. Adam Easaw Philip

Dr Mrs. Leela John

Ms. Sharnel Anna Mammen

Master. Paul Thomas

Mrs. Rosamma Thomas Vadil

Master. Neil Abram John

Mr. Rohan Verghese

Master. Ethen J Martin

Master. Aaron Cherian Sajeev	Master. Aiden K Martin
Mr. Jithin Cherian	Mr. Binsu Benny
Ms. Ivana Thomas	Ms. Rebecca Alex Mathews
Ms. Abigail Daniel	Master. Jerome Biju
Mr. Ankit Koshy	Mr. Visal John
Ms. Joanna Eliza Jerrin	Mr. Benny Thomas
Mrs. Sheela George	Ms. Aksa Mary Aby
Mr. Joseph Philip	Mr. George Thomas
Mrs. Nisha Elizabeth George	Ms. Andrea Susan Thomas
Ms. Hannah Mariam Jacob	Master. Jordan Joseph
Mr. Ashish Thomas Mathew	Master. Zachary George Samuel
Ms. Rachel Richin	Mr. Varghese John
Mr. Joji John	Master. Aaditya Kunnutharayil
Mrs. Liji Augustine	Mrs. Maneesha Jacob
Mr. Jobby John Mathew	Master. Nivin S Shaiju
Master. Ishan Sharjan	Master. Dion Abraham Philips
Dr. Asha Mary Alex	Mr. Vineeth George Varughese
Ms. Abigail	Master. Aashil John Kochathu
Ms. Saira Susan Philip	Dr. Rohit Varghese Samuel
Ms. Annah Sarah Joshua	Master. Noel C Abraham
Mrs. Emely John	Mr. Saju K Skaria
Mr. Roy Jacob	Mrs. Ann Mary Ninan
Mr. Joel Kurien	Mr. Nathan Abraham
Mrs. Seena Parappat	Mrs. Meera Mathew
Master. Hardik Happy	Mr. Chris V Mathew
Mrs. Lee Ann Abraham	Mrs. Rinju Martin
Miss. Ashley Alexander	Mis. Anusha Rebecca Philip
Mr. Jino Cherian	Master. Darren Jerin Abraham
Miss. Lis Meriam Thomas	Mrs. Joemol Thomas
Master. Anugrah Tom Manoj	Master. Ayden Eapen Tony
Mr. Jeryn Mathew Ninan	Ms. Evelyn Elsa Thomas
Mr. Christard Thomas	Dr Mrs. Benita S Samuel
Master. Aben Sony	Master. Elijah Senthil
Mr. Sailesh George Mathew	Master. Joel Jacob
Mr. Stany Simon	Master. Ryan Raji George
Mrs. Fincy Rachel Varughese	Mrs. Elizabeth Zachariah
Mr. Roshan Sam Thomas	Master. Kenneth Manoj Mathews
Mr. Sajan Samuel	Master. David Daniel

Master. Sanjay Parappat	Ms. Angela Rebecca Thomas
Ms. Leah Kurian	Mr. Jiso Abraham Philipose
Master. Matt George	Mr. Ajan Joseph
Ms. Rebecca Sarah Mathew	Mrs. Chantelle Marie Mellor
Mr. Jobin George	Ms. Persis Shibu Varghese
Master. Janoah Prinu Philip	Mrs. Anna Anushya Alex
Master. Dylon Cheryian Bobby	Ms. Samantha Sunil
Master. Jonathan Samuel Vinodh	Mr. Roshan David Koshy
Master. Ethan Samuel Varghese	Ms. Joveen Elsa Jacob
Ms. Naomi Ann George	Master. Jordan Joji John
Mrs. Jincy Chacko	Mr. Rony K Iype
Mrs. Jemeni Elizabeth Thomas	

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Abhay George Thomas, Mrs. Lee Ann Abraham
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. Cherian Thomas, Mrs. Leena Cherian
Mr. Tom Thomas, Mrs. Emelieta Thomas
Mr. Samuel Varughese, Mrs. Mary Samuel
Mr. Joseph George, Mrs. Reina Eugene Cordeiro
Mr. Alan Mathew Abraham, Mrs. Neetu Abraham
Mr. Rejo Varghese John, Mrs. Kavitha
Mr. Daniel Thomas Valayil, Mrs. Blessey Daniel
Mr. Dale George, Mrs. Esther M Philip

Circulars

[Circular No. 139](#) - 27 October 2024 is set apart as Family Sunday

[Circular No. 519/10/24-25](#) - Transfer Notification for Rev Shoji Varghese Achen to India on 1 May 2025. Appointment of Rev Philip Mathew Achen as the new Vicar of Melbourne Mar Thoma Church.

Church Consecration Invitation

St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Cathedral Consecration Ceremony will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, 23rd November 2024. Members of Melbourne Mar Thoma Church are invited for the event at 53 McKeller Way, Epping, Vic. 3076

[Church Consecration Invitation](#)

Our mailing address is:

10 Layton Place, Mill Park, VIC 3082

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