



MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Vicar's Message

"May the God of hope fill us with joy" (Rom. 15:13)

Dear Melbourne Mar Thoma Church Family members, greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Moments of Faith

As we enter May, we're thrilled to join you as your new Vicar. May this season draw us closer to God and each other. Let's cherish moments with loved ones and prioritize our relationship with Him.

Message of Hope in Struggles

We acknowledge our diverse backgrounds and journeys. Our faith has been a source of strength and comfort. Let's celebrate our diversity and unity in Christ, finding spiritual nourishment and joy in our church activities.

Making Connections

As a multicultural community, we can build bridges between cultures and backgrounds by bringing people together through acts of kindness, compassion, and love. By embracing our diversity and celebrating our differences, we can foster a sense of belonging and connection among all members, reflecting God's love and kindness to those around us.

Monthly Theme

Our worship themes promise to enrich our spiritual journey. On the first Sunday, we'll meditate on 'Jesus Christ Who Restores to the Rightful Place,' reflecting on God's restorative power. The second Sunday's theme, 'The Commission of the Risen Lord: The Shepherding of the People of God,' guides us to realize our call and commission. On the third Sunday, we'll explore 'Jesus Christ is Co-Traveller,' discovering God's presence in daily life. Finally, on the fifth Sunday, we'll celebrate DSM&C Sunday with 'Divine Music that Rejuvenates Life,' highlighting music's importance in worship.

Members Welcome

We welcome Sandra Thomas, Rahul Devarshi, Olivia Jose, Vanessa Jose, M.C. John, and Sosamma John. May God bless them as they join our community. Kindly uphold them in our prayers.

Messages of Appreciation

We thank Shojiachen and his family for their dedication and service. We pray God's blessings upon them.

May Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, guide us to deepen our faith, cultivate gratitude, and share Your love.

We will arrive on May 7th night at 8:30 at the airport. Kindly pray for our journey. We're excited to journey with you, building a stronger community. May God's goodness and love guide us.

Warm regards,
Philipachen.

Vicar, Melbourne Mar Thoma Church

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Lectionary

LECTIONARY MAY 2025

May - 04	Lesson 1	Gen 18:1-10
	Lesson 2	Acts 4:32-37
	Epistle	Rom 12:9-16
	Gospel	John 21:1-14
	Evening Reading 1	Gen 47:1-12
	Evening Reading 2	Psalms 15:1-5
May - 11	Lesson 1	2Kings 4:27-37
	Lesson 2	Acts 20:17-28
	Epistle	2Cor 4:7-15
	Gospel	John 21:15-19
	Evening Reading 1	Genesis 50:22-26
	Evening Reading 2	2Cor 5:1-10
May - 18	Lesson 1	Exod 40:34-38
	Lesson 2	Acts 8:26-40
	Epistle	Phil 3:4-14
	Gospel	Luke 24:13-33
	Evening Reading 1	Daniel 3:7-28
	Evening Reading 2	Psalms 23:1-6
May - 25	Lesson 1	Judg 5:1-12
	Lesson 2	Rev 15:1-8
	Epistle	Eph 5:9-20
	Gospel	Luke 1:46-55
	Evening Reading 1	Psalms 98:1-9
	Evening Reading 2	1 Cor 14:15-19

May Services and Events

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 bring Altar Flowers

SERVICES & EVENTS IN MAY 2025		
4-May-25	Sunday	<p>Malayalam Divine Service @8:30 am Sunday School @ 9:30 am</p> <p>Eastern Satellite Service Blackburn Sunday School @ 2:00 pm English Divine Service @ 3:00 pm</p>
10-May-25	Saturday	<p>YFF Meeting @5:00 pm at Church of Hope, 132 Franklin Street, Melbourne. (Feeding the Homeless)</p>
11-May-25	Sunday	<p>English Holy Qurbana @ 8:30 am Led by Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of New Vicar Rev. Philip Mathew & Family to the Congregation after service @10:30 am soon after announcements. - Sunday School Mothers day special session at 10:45 am followed by regular classes. - Informal introduction of Executive Committee to Rev. Philip Mathew @10:45 am in the Hall <p>Youth Food Sale @ 11:00 am</p> <p>Northern Satellite Service @ Bundoora. Sunday School @ 2:30 pm Malayalam Holy Qurbana @4:00 pm</p>
17-May-25	Saturday	<p>STEFM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm</p> <p>Karunya Edavaka Mission Prayer @4:30 pm</p>
18-May-25	Sunday	<p>Malayalam Holy Qurbana @7:30 am Sunday School @ 9:30 am</p> <p>English Holy Qurbana @ 10:45 am</p>
25-May-25	Sunday	<p>Malayalam Holy Qurbana @7:30 am Sunday School @ 9:30 am YFF BAKED FOOD SALE @9:30 am English Holy Qurbana @10:45 am Led By Sunday School</p>
31-May-25	Saturday	<p>Western satellite service Wesley Uniting Church, Geelong @4:00 pm (TBC)</p>

YFF EVENTS: FEEDING THE HOMELESS

YFF & Karunya are joining hands towards a Great Cause of Feeding The Homeless.

This happens on Saturday, May 10th at 5 pm

Venue: 132 Franklin Street, Melbourne...

**Those interested to be a part or make donations can reach out to Convenors
Joji, Nisha or Shalu**

A YFF & Karunya Initiative
FEEDING THE HOMELESS CAMPAIGN

HOMELESS TO HOPEFUL

*Let's Make A Small Change to Make A
Big Impact*

WE CARE



VENUE: 132 Franklin Street, Melbourne
DATE: 10th MAY 2025 @ 5PM

**Please Donate & Be A Part
Of A Great Cause**



Please reach out to Shalu or Convenors Vivek & Manoj for further details.





*Melbourne Mar Thoma Church
Northern Satellite Service*

HOLY QURBANA SERVICE

SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025

Sunday School 2:30 pm

Service 4:00 pm

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH, MONCKTON RD
BUNDOORA



**WESTERN
SATELLITE SERVICE**

Western satellite Service will be held
on Saturday, 31 May 2025 at Wesley
Uniting Church, Geelong @ 4:00 pm.
(To be confirmed by the organisers)

MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

EASTERN SATELLITE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2025

Sunday School -2 pm
English Divine Service-3 pm



The Avenue Uniting
Church, Blackburn
Cnr Blackburn Rd &
The Avenue,
Blackburn

Prayer Meetings

Please check the Prayer Group WhatsApp messages

Sunday School

Sunday School May 2025

Melbourne Mar Thoma Sunday School News

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

04 May 2025 : *Sunday School @ 9:30 am*

11 May 2025: *Sunday School Mothers' day special session at 10:45 am followed by regular classes*

18 May 2025: *Sunday School @ 9:30 am*

25 May 2025: *Sunday School @ 9:30 am*

Youth

YOUTH FOOD SALE

Join us after our youth service on Sunday, 11 May 2025 for a delicious Food Sale to support our fundraising efforts for the upcoming Youth Camp.





WORKING BEES

NEED A HAND AROUND THE HOUSE?

DONATIONS ONLY
(RAISING FUNDS FOR YOUTH CAMP)

- ✓ Cleaning the house
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Take out garbage and recycling
- ✓ Dog Walking
- ✓ Car Washing



Contact Noel: 0490798367

Working Bee: The youth are starting to run working bees to fundraise for youth camp. If anyone requires any assistance around their house please contact Noel Abraham on 0490798367 or Rachael Mathews 0499110379

For any assistance with transport please contact Rachael Mathews.

Working Bee service is available till the end of November 2025

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries in May 2025

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 2025

Mrs.Anupa Thomas	Master.Dean Jerin George
Miss.Kaelyn Suzan Mathews	Mr.Joshua Abraham Varughese
Master.Jaiden Thomas Cherian	Mr.Subi John Abraham
Mrs.Savitha Abhilash	Mr.Joby Mathew
Miss.Andrea Anna Selex	Mr.Bobby Jacob Oommen
Ms.ELAINA RACHEL VARGHESE	Mr.Rajesh Chacko John
Mr.Dennis Mathen Koshy	Mr.Aaron Blesson
Mr.Verghese George Mathew	Mrs.Sneha Jacob
Mr.Thomas George	Mrs.Ponnamma Philip
Master.Philip Alex	Miss.Jaimie Miriam George
Miss.Jimi Thomas	Mrs.Mekha Rony
Mr.Sunil Mathew John	Mr.Sunil Sunny Jacob
Master.Ryan Jino Cherian	Master.Aaron Mathew Jogey
Miss.Niya Marium Mathew	Mr.Bibi Oommen Abraham
Mrs.Mary Verghese	Miss.Nikita Susan Pramode
Mrs.Lovely Thomas	Mrs.Anju Shine Koshy
Master.Johan Siju	Mr.Anit Sam George
Mrs.Annie Binu Varghese	Miss.Ela Jane Kuttikattu
Mrs.Reena James	Master.Jace Philip
Mrs.Anpu Thankam Ebby	Mrs.Bindu Mary Anu
Mrs.Kavitha	Mrs.Reni Jophy
Master.Izac J Mathews	Mr.Aji John
Master.Daniel Jobson	Mr.Sony Chacko
Mrs.Melanie Elizabeth Biji	Mr.George Philip
Master.Jayden Jacob	Mr. Linumon Kunju
Mrs.Leela Thomas	Mrs.Aleyamma George
Master.Geevan George Thelamala	Mrs.Lini Elsa Abraham
Mr.Jeorly George	Mrs.Preethy N Jose
Mrs.Telsy Abin	Mr.Mathew Vilaparampil Pappy
Mr.Philip Mathew	Mr.David Abraham
Mr.George Abraham	Mr.Cijo THEkkattil Varghese
Mr.Anil Fred	Miss.JOANNA VARGHESE
Mrs.Anitta Anice Mani	Miss.Talia Anna Samuel
Mrs.Shine Kurian	Master.Zakea Easaw John

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 2025

Miss.Joanna J George	Mrs.Sindhu Shijo
Mr.T S Abraham	Mr.Arun R
Mr.Mathew Thomas	Mr.Jerin P Abraham
Miss.Eva Lin Easow	Miss.Ananya Sara Philips
Miss.Nila Mariam Mathew	Mr.Johnson Joseph Simson
Miss.ANAIA SARA GEORGE	Master.Jeffin Laby Thomas
Miss.Evana Varghese	Mr.George T Mathew
Mr.Neeta Manohar	Mrs.Roshni Anna Samu
Mrs.Diya Abraham	Mr.George Kurian
Mrs.Sibin Thomas	Mrs.Reena Sen
Mr.Oommen Thomas	Mrs.Tinu Easo
Mrs.Janciamma Kuruvilla Asariparampil	Mrs.Blessy Thomas
Mr.Nithin Mathew Idiculla	Mr.Binu Varughese
Miss.Abigail Ann Zechariah	Mr.Albert John
Mrs.Adhina Rachel Shaji	Mrs.Bini John
Master.Jayden Jobby Mathew	Mrs.Jancy K John
Mr.Thomas K Mathew	Mr.Suraj Abraham
Mr.Subin Abraham Mathew	Mr.Alwin Kurian Mathew
Mr.Darren Sen	Mrs.Jolly Achankunju
Mr.Alvin John	Miss.Nayana Alexander Kovoor
Master.Michael Thomas	Mr.Laby O Thomas
Dr.Ranjith Rajasekharan	Mr.Nomis K S
Master.Joel Thekkattil Cijo	Mr.Zen Thomas
Ms.Ivana Susan Kevin	Mrs.Annie Thomas
Mrs.Sobhana George	Mr.Johnson K Varughese
Mr.Steve Philip	Mr.Sajan P J
Miss.Jeana Eliza Rojy	Mr.ALLAN THOMAS
Mrs.Rohini Koshy	Mr.Joby K Baby
Mr.Shiril Eapen Varughese	Mr.Abhay George Thomas
Miss.Evia Varghese	Mrs.Bindhu George
Master.Edan Abraham Joseph	Miss.Abigail Ann Philip
Mr.Biju A George	Mr.Tom Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY 2025

NAMES	FAMILY
Mr. Joselin Varkey Jacob, Mrs. Neethu Roy Abraham	Joselin & Neethu
Mr. Jubin Aby Alex, Mrs. Susan Chandy	Jubin and Susan
Mr. Shaji Varghese, Mrs. Grace Mathew	Shaji & Grace
Mr. Suraj Abraham, Mrs. Anu Koshy	Suraj & Anu
Mr. Ajan Joseph, Mrs. Manju Abraham	Ajan & Manju
Mr. Joji John, Mrs. Rekha Mathew	Joji & Rekha
Mr. Alvin John, Mrs. Menila Daniel Lukose	Alvin & Menila
Mr. Deepu George Thomas, Mrs. Ninu Joseph	Deepu & Ninu
Mr. Martin Thomas John, Mrs. Rinju Martin	Martin & Rinju
Mr. Cijo Thekkattil Varghese, Mrs. Sini George	Cijo & Sini
Mr. Jogey Mathew , Mrs. Sibin Thomas	Jogey & Sibin
Mr. Rajan P Thomas, Mrs. Betty Thomas	Rajan & Betty
Mr. Bibin Mathew Babu, Mrs. Marys Kunnath Thomson	Bibin - Marys
Mr. Richin Mathew, Mrs. Annie Richin	Richin & Annie
Mr. Rojy K Mathews, Mrs. Siji Varghese	Rojy & Siji
Mr. Alexander Mathew Kovoov, Mrs. Anju Sara Kovoov	Alex&Anju
Mr. Santhosh George, Mrs. Lemya Anitha Kuruvilla	Santhosh & Lemya
Mr. Abin Thomas Chacko, Mrs. Telsy Abin	Abin & Telsy
Mr. Gini Kodiac, Mrs. Blessy Thomas	Gini & Blessy
Mr. Sunil P.P, Mrs. Vidhya Sunil	Sunil & Vidya
Mr. Verghese George , Mrs. Annie Verghese	Sunny & Daisy
Mr. Jicky Chakkalamannil Joseph, Mrs. Jeny Mary Samuel	Jicky & Jeny
Mr. Kevin P Alexander, Mrs. Akku Mathew Chirayil	Kevin & Akku
Mr. Visal John, Mrs. Tinu Easo	Visal & Tinu
Mr. Jerin Jacob, Mrs. Merin Kochummen	Jerin & Merin
Mr. Roshie Thomas Thariyan, Mrs. Anupama Mary Roshie	Roshie & Anupama
Mr. Shaji Cherian, Mrs. Annie Joseph	Shaji & Anju
Mr. Binsu Benny, Mrs. Anpu Thankam Ebby	Binsu & Anpu
Mr. Koshy Mathew , Mrs. Susy Mathew	Thampy & Susy

STEFM WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE



„Prevention is Power“

Date: Saturday, 17th May 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: Melbourne Mar Thoma Church

Address: 149 Royal Parade, Parkville

Let's come together to talk about burning issues many of us face in our 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond — because our health matters.

Topics of Discussion:

Diabetes, Back Pain, Mental Health

Menopause, Age

Spots, Osteoporosis

PLUS:

Testimonies | Fun Activities |

Games | Lunch Provided

Let's be stronger, smarter, and healthier — together!

Please respond through the EOI Google form below for your attendance and to cater for lunch on 17 May 2025.

STEFM Women's Conference EOI



NEW VICAR

The new Vicar, Rev. Philip Mathew, along with his family - wife Smitha Kochamma and daughters Neah and Neorah - will arrive in Melbourne on 07 May 2025. Philip Achen's first Holy Communion Service will be held on Sunday, 11 May 2025 at 8:30 am, and he will conduct the Holy Communion Service at the Northern satellite service at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Monckton Road, Bundoora at 4:00 pm. For more details, please refer to the spreadsheet for Services & Events in May 2025.

Philip Achen & Family will be introduced to the congregation soon after the service and he will meet with Executive Committee members in the Hall informally after that. All executive Committee members are requested to attend the morning Holy Communion service that day.

Yours in Christ,



Roy Jacob

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