

### Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Thane

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Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Thane

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Sept 23, 2017

# Message from the Vicar

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Greetings. We come to the final guarter of this year and let us thank God who has immensely showered his grace upon us. In the last two weeks we heard the news of two warriors of Christ who were called back to their eternal home at a very young age. Dr. Shane Mathew aged 25, a member of the Karol Bagh St. Thomas MTC, New Delhi who was serving as a missionary doctor at the Methodist Mission Hospital, Liberia had a tragic death in a fire accident. He was serving the poor and needy in a place where doctors are minimal and living conditions are terrible. Yet he served the Lord faithfully and the people with the Love of Christ. The death of Nabeel Qureshi, a man born Muslim but later became a Christian apologist died at the age of 34 while undergoing treatment for stomach cancer which was diagnosed a few months back at stage 4. I happened to know both these individuals only after their death and I was able to realize the grandeur of their mission in their respective areas and how God has used them for the influence of many in their short life. The CHOICES that both of them made was with a CONVICTION and they stuck to that COMMITMENT even to their death. Let their lives be a CHALLENGE to all of us to retrospect where we have placed the Lord in our lives and what we have done about the purpose that God has for us and help us to renew our COMMITMENT before him.

Youth Camp 2017 held at Navjeevan Centre with theme "Work in progress" was a blessed occasion for all of us and it helped us to get reconnected with the reality of our role in the mission of the church. As a stepping

stone the youths committed to get involved with the work of Navjeevan Centre and few of us visited the Red Light Area – RLA centre of Navjeevan at Kamathipura and spend some time with the children in that centre. The Yuvajana Sakhyam also sponsored a Refrigerator for the use in this centre, and distributed toys for the kids here. More such initiatives are planned for the future and let us pray that God will continue to use us to share his love with the needy.

The Parsonage and Church development project which we have been planning for guite some time is progressing forward and by the grace of God we have received the commencement certificate for the building and we hope to commence the construction in the month of October. As decided we have also started the fund raising for this need from the month of August and I praise God for all the members who have faithfully set apart their tithe and contributing to this need. I also sincerely pray and hope that all the others who are yet to participate will do that at the earliest and become a part of this faith journey that we have as a parish. Since I believe it is an offering that we are placing before the Lord we have set apart the second Sunday of every month, when a special offering is received for this need. Even those who do bank transfers may please take a print of your transactions and participate in this offertory since the word of God says in Deuteronomy 12:11 "Then to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the Lord".

In the coming quarter we will be having our VBS and I request all parents to send their children to the VBS without fail, if there are any issues like transport etc., please feel free to contact me or the Sunday school office bearers and we shall give you all assistance possible. VBS gives an opportunity for the children to interact more with each other and also the teachers since in our Sunday school we have a very limited span of time. We will be having our First fruit offering and auction on the 8th of October and 5th of November 2017 in two phases and as in the previous year please do bring your best and participate sincerely. The funds raised will be utilized for the parsonage & church development project. The Family Sunday will be celebrated on the 12th of November and Rev. Dr. K. A. Abraham, Rev. Larry Philip Varghese will be with us to lead the services. We will also be having our Door to Door caroling in the third week of December and it will be an occasion for us to revisit all the houses of our members and share the joy of Christmas. The Christmas carol service will be on the 23rd of December 2017 and the choir is prayerfully preparing for the same.

I would also like to inform that we will be having our Episcopal Visit during our parish day on 7th of January 2018 and our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa will celebrate the Holy Communion and also conduct the First Communion service for our children who will be preparing for that. In connection with the parish day we will also be conducting the Parish Convention from 4th to 6th January 2018 and we will be having the "Livingstones Quartret" to lead the convention this year. They are a committed team of youngsters whom God has been using very powerfully to share the word of God and also glorify him through their musical talents. We will also be having a live concert of the Livingstones Quartret on Sunday the 7th of December at 6.30 pm in our church. I hope all members will make a note of these programmes in your calendars and prayerfully participate in them with a desire for a spiritual renewal which is the sole intention.

As we await the coming of our Lord may we use each and every opportunity given to us in building up our faith and also living our commitment to share this love and faith with others around us.

God bless

Thomas Achen

# Weekly Programmes at the Church

Sundays–7:30 am	.Sunday School
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays–8:30 am	.Holy Communion Service in Malayalam
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays–8:30 am	Holy Communion Service in English.
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays–10:45 am	Senior Youth Forum
Fridays–10:30 am	Intercessory Prayer
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays–4:00 pm	.Sevika Sangham Meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturdays–5:00 pm	.Senior Citizens' Prayer Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays–10:45 am	.Malayalam Classes
1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays–10:45 am	.Bible Study for Youth
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	Youth Cottage Fellowship
4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays–5:00 pm	.Youth Worship
Saturdays–6:30 pm	.Choir Practice

# Programmes for the Quarter

Oct 1 (Sun: 11:00 am)	Moment of Oneness – Talent Fest
Oct 2 (Monday)	Navjeevan Day – Visit to Navjeevan Centre
Oct 8 (Sunday)	Harvest Festival - 1st Auction ( <b>Areas:</b> Balkum-Dhokali, Vartak Nagar, Kalwa/Airoli, Naupada Kolbad, Majiwada)
Oct 15-21	Vacation Bible School
Nov 5 (Sunday)	World Sunday School Day
Nov 5 (Sunday)	Harvest Festival - 2nd Auction ( <b>Areas:</b> Brahmand/Hiranandani, G.B. Road, Manpada/Vasant Vihar, Brindavan & Thane East)
Nov 12 (Sunday)	<b>Family Sunday :</b> Rev. K.A. Abraham and Rev. Larry Philip Varghese will lead the Worship Service. Prizes for Talent Fest will be distributed. <b>Senior Citizens Sunday</b>
Dec 16-18 (Sat-Mon)	Door to Door Carol Rounds
Dec 23 (Sat-6:30pm)	Christmas Carol Service
Dec 25 (Mon-6:30am)	Christmas Holy Communion Service
Dec 31 (Sun-10:00pm)	Watch Night & New Year Service

# Sunday School

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

Cottage Fellowship for this quarter: October 8 ...... Liju Daniel November 12..... Pritty Ann Prasad December 10 ..... Tinoy Achenkunju The Kalyan Centre Talent Competition will be held in 2 phases: October 15 ...... at Dombivli November 12 ..... at Thane

The Mumbai Diocese Youth Conference will take place at Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Vadodara from October 19-21.

## **Edavaka Mission Common Prayer Meetings**

P.J. Daniel
7/103, Prithvi, Brahmand, Phase V,
[Brahmand/Hiranandani]
Biju Varghese
B/2/101, Lalit CHS, Kavya Dhara,
Dhokali Naka [Balkum-Dhokali]
Abraham Samuel
201/9 Udayagiri, Siddhachal Phase-II,
Pokhran Road 2, Vasant Vihar
[Manpada/Vasant Vihar]

# Sevika Sangham Programmes & Prayer Meetings

Oct 7	Saturday	Navodaya Visit (Mumbai & Kalyan centre)
Oct 14	Saturday	Half-day retreat of Kalyan Centre at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Ambernath, followed by auction of home-made items.
Oct 28	Sat 4:00 pm	At the Church.
Nov 11	Sat 4:00 pm	At the residence of JAIN JACOB, C/2, 504, Shubharambh Phase 3, Manpada.
Nov 25	Sat 4:00 pm	At the Church.
Dec 9	Sat 4:00 pm	At the Church.

## Change of Address

- Thomas Simon, 26/806, Gharkul CHS, [Vartak Nagar]. Tel: 25851570/1165.
- Sonu Mathew Varghese, 904 Phillipa, Rodas Enclave, Hiranandani Est. [Brahmand/Hiranandani].

## Change of Phone nos.

🗱 Valiya Jacob John - [Manpada/Vasant Vihar] - 41006198

## Obituary

- M.T. Zachariah, [Vartak Nagar Prayer Group] left for heavenly abode on July 10, 2017.
- A.V. John, [Naupada/Kolbad Prayer Group] left for heavenly abode on August 30, 2017.

We extend our heartfelt condolences. May God's peace be with the families during this time of grief.



# Area Prayer Meetings

#### Balkum / Dhokali

2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:30 pm

- Oct 13 ......T.G. Mathewkutty Oct 27 ......Thomas John Nov 10 ......K.V. Mathew
- Nov 24 .....Roy John
- Dec 8.....Shaji John

#### Brahmand / Hiranandani

1st Sundays at 7:00 pm

- Nov 5.....Roji Philip
- Dec 3.....P.J. Daniel

#### Brindavan / Rabodi

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Oct 25......V.A. George Nov 22.....K.T. Thomas Dec 13......Mathew Cherian

#### G.B. Road

3rd Sundays at 7:00 pm

Oct 15 ......Koshy Alexander Nov 19 ......Titus Chacko

#### Kalwa / Airoli

1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:00 pm

Oct 15 ......K. Thomas Poulose Nov 5 ......Samuel M. Thomas Nov 19 ......P.M. Koshy Dec 3 ......K.M. Thomas

#### Majiwada

1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:30 pm Oct 6......T.K. Jacob

Oct 20......C.J. Varghese Nov 3.....Susy John Nov 17.....Yohannan Mathai Dec 1......Isaac Joseph

#### Manpada / Vasant Vihar

1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30 pm

Oct 15 ......M.C. Abraham Nov 5 ......Abraham K. Mathew Nov 19 ......George Johny Dec 3 ......Saramma Varghese

#### Naupada / Kolbad

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Oct 5......George Samuel Oct 19......K.O. George Nov 2.....Anitha Varghese Nov 16......Prasad P. Abraham Dec 7.....Dr. P. Daniel Dec 21.....Y.E. Samuel

#### Thane East

3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Oct 18 ......C.S. Mathews Nov 15 ......Easow Thomas

#### Vartak Nagar

2nd Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Oct 12 ......P.C. Mathew Nov 9.....Jiji Thomas Zachariah Dec 14 ......K. Thomas



Date Name......Area

### **OCTOBER**

1 3	Alan Anish	Raunak Tower Airoli	Kalwa/Airoli
4 5		Everest World Kasheli	
5	Ū	Balkum	
6		Millenium Park	
7		Maitri Vatika	
7		Savarkar Nagar	-
7		Vedant	0
7		Shakuntal	•
7	,	Nakshatra, Kasarvadavli	
9		Tropical Lagoon	
9	•	Shantivan Tower	
10		Siddhachal	
10	,	Vedant	
10		Kalher	-
11	Jacob Mathew	Hiranandani	Brahmand/Hiran.
11	Kashmira A Varghese	Vandana Society	Naupada/Kolbad
12	Elijah Jacob John	Cosmos Park	G.B.Road
13	Rachel Philip	Pitamber Villa	Naupada/Kolbad
13	Prem Abraham	Hiranandani	Brahmand/Hiran.
13	Renil Raju	Saideep Complex	Brindavan/Rabodi
13	Christina Mary Thomas	Shivam	Vartak Nagar
14	Shaun Sajan Jacob	Chinthamani	Thane East
14	Aviv Teejay	Runwal Garden City	Balkum/Dhokali
15	Thankamma Koshy	Manisha Nagar	Kalwa/Airoli
15	Thomas John	Jayalakshi Sadan	Balkum/Dhokali
15	Vinod John	Hiranandani	Brahmand/Hiran.
15	Steve Thomas Mathen	Chinthamani	Thane East
16	Ponnamma Baby	Vijay Annexe	G.B.Road
16	Elizabeth Thomas	Brindavan	Brindavan/Rabodi

16	Anju Anup Abraham	Hyde Park Regency	Manpada/V. Vihar
18	Babu Daniel	Siddheshwar Gardens	Balkum/Dhokali
18	Thomas Zachariah	Shivam Apt	Vartak Nagar
18	Tinoy Achenkunju	Kalher	Balkum/Dhokali
19	Asher Philipose	Hyde Park Regency	Manpada/V. Vihar
20	Thankamma Yohannan	Richmond Shiv Sai	Majiwada
20	Aleyamma Anthony	Airoli	Kalwa/Airoli
20	Aleyamma Varghese	Bharat Tower	Majiwada
20	Aleyamma Daniel	Brahmand	Brahmand/Hiran.
20	Aashish Thomas	Dosti Vihar	Vartak Nagar
22	Mini Sunny	William Mansion	Majiwada
23	Mariamma Chacko	Shubarambh	Manpada/V. Vihar
24	Charles K.Mathew	Manisha Nagar	Kalwa/Airoli
24	Ria Jacob	Vasant Leela	G.B.Road
24	Nathaniel Jacob John	Cosmos Park	G.B.Road
25	Roy John Mathew	Vasant Lawns,	Majiwada
26	Annie Thomas	Samtanagar	Vartak Nagar
26	Roji Philip	Hiranandani	Brahmand/Hiran.
26	Sherryl K. George	Waghbil	G.B.Road
27	Shiny Tiju Johnson	Shubarambh	Manpada/V. Vihar
29	Sam S.Mathews	Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
30	M.M. Varghese	Glendale	Manpada/V. Vihar

## NOVEMBER

1	Mary Raju	Vastu Anand	Kalwa/Airoli
1	Jinu M Varghese	Dadlani Park	Balkum/Dhokali
1	Aarav Kurian Prajodh	Rajashree Tower	Naupada/Kolbad
2	Johnson C.K.	Ashar Residency	Manpada/V. Vihar
2	Reba Thomas	Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
2	Riyan Ninan Reji	Hiranandani	Brahmand/Hiran.
2	Aiba Mariam Koshy	Kalpavriksha Garden	Balkum/Dhokali
4	Rev.George John	Kalpavriksha Garden	Balkum/Dhokali
4	Selin Sara Varghese	Raj Villas Hawa Mahal	Manpada/V. Vihar
4	Eira Elizabeth Mathew	Rodas Enclave	Brahmand/Hiran.
5	Geevarghese Thomas	Vijay Vilas	G.B.Road
5	Liby John	Durga CHS	Vartak Nagar
5	Jerry Simon Thomas	Gharkul	Vartak Nagar

5		Swastik Palms	
5		Lokpuram	
6		Hyde Park Regency	
6		Hyde Park	-
6		Kavya Dhara	
6		Hiranandani	
7	•	Hiranandani	
7		Kalher	
8		Shammi	1 1
8		Hiranandani	
8		Shubarambh	1 1
9		William Mansion	
9	Roy Abraham	Vaastu Residency	Naupada/Kolbad
9	, ,	Lokupvan	
9	Georgie S.Mathews	Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
10	Mariamma George	Durga CHS	Naupada/Kolbad
11		Dongripada	
11	Ponnamma Mammen	Dongripada	G.B.Road
11	Mark C. Tittus	Pitamber Villa	Naupada/Kolbad
12	Ponnamma Mathew	Richmond Shiv Sai	Majiwada
12	Rajan Varghese	Lokpuram	Manpada/V. Vihar
13	Varghese Kavunkal	Rajdeep Hsg.Complex	Balkum/Dhokali
13	Romel John	Vasant Lawns,	Majiwada
14	Varghese Thomas V	Glendale	Manpada/V. Vihar
14	Thankamma Varghese	Kalher	Balkum/Dhokali
14	Surabhi Varghese	Parkwoods	G.B.Road
14	Libi Babu	Shivsagar Apt	Balkum/Dhokali
15	John Prakash Jacob	Cosmos Park	G.B.Road
16	Susan Shibu Mathen	Chinthamani	Thane East
18	Angelina Mathew	Shruti Park CHS	Balkum/Dhokali
19	Nilima John	Ashok Nagar	Balkum/Dhokali
19	Seena Thomas	Jayalakshi Sadan	Balkum/Dhokali
20	Leelamma Babu	Siddheshwar Gardens	Balkum/Dhokali
20		Shubharambh	
20	•	Swastik Palms	
20		Sai Shradha CHS	
21		New Hill View Society	
21	-	Dharam Veer Nagar	-
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22	K. Pappachan Chacko	Parkwoods	G.B.Road
22	Mathew Varghese	Hill Garden Shalimar	Manpada/V. Vihar
22	Christie S. Mathews	Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
22	Mahima Shaji	Kasheli	Balkum/Dhokali
23	Alex John	Soham Gardens	Manpada/V. Vihar
23	Shemariah Abhijeet	Richmond Shiv Sai	Majiwada
24	Vipin G.Mathew	Brahmand	Brahmand/Hiran.
25	Kunjamma Zachariah	Waghbil	G.B.Road
25	George P.E.Chacko	Havaldar Singh Chawl	Majiwada
25	Prasad P.Abraham	Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
25	Alby John Zachariah	Durga CHS	Vartak Nagar
26	Rajan T.M	Jaydeep CHS	Kalwa/Airoli
26	Lalitha George	Havaldar Singh Chawl	Majiwada
27	Gifton Anthony Fernandez	Thirupathi Balaji Apts	Kalwa/Airoli
27	Rajat George Varghese	Vasant Vihar	Manpada/V. Vihar
28	Suja Rachel Geevarghese	Vijay Vilas	G.B.Road
29	Zachariah P.M	Chinthamani	Thane East
29	Saritha Jacob	Cosmos Park	G.B.Road
29	Judith Thomas	Samtanagar	Vartak Nagar
29	Noel Tony	Divya Lakshmi CHS	Balkum/Dhokali
30	Thomas E.S	Kalher	Balkum/Dhokali
30	Mariamma John	Manisha Nagar	Kalwa/Airoli
30	Reena Mathew	Shubharambh	Manpada/V. Vihar

## DECEMBER

2	Varghese M.M	Glendale	Manpada/V. Vihar
2	Priyanka Mathai	Brindavan	Brindavan/Rabodi
2	Riya Roy Abraham	Vaastu Residency	Naupada/Kolbad
2	Ethan Varghese	Kasheli	Balkum/Dhokali
2	Siya Mariam Siju	Dharam Veer Nagar	Manpada/V. Vihar
3	Shibu Mathen Zachariah	Chinthamani	Thane East
3	Anugraha James	Brahmand	Brahmand/Hiran.
4	Samuel Y.E	Shrusti	Naupada/Kolbad
4	Itty T.E	Lokpuram	Manpada/V. Vihar
4	Remi Sibi Jacob	Brahmand	Brahmand/Hiran.
4	Cris Mathew Jacob	Sukh Sagar Residency	G.B.Road
5	Julie K Abraham	Panchavati	Manpada/V. Vihar

5	Joe Isaac	Lokpuram	Mannada/V Vihar
5		Shreeji Villa	-
5		Kalpavriksha Garden	•
6	0	Vijay Park	
8		Vedant	
9	, .	Lokupvan	•
9	•	Hiranandani Est	•
9	=	Vijay Enclave	
10		Vijay Park	
10		Sachinam	
11		Hyde Park Regency	,
13	•	Parkwoods	
12		Brindavan	
14	-	Glendale	
15		Brahmand	
16		Vaastu Residency	
16		Cosmos Heritage	-
16		Kadamba	· ·
10	_		-
18		Tulsidham Vedant	-
18	•		•
		Raunak Park	0
18	-	Vasant Vihar	•
18	-	Airoli	
18	-	Hiranandani	
18		Parmeshwari paradise	
19	•	Anand Nagar	
20		D-503, Green Acres	
20	-	Evesrest Country side	
20		Lokupvan	
21		Lokpuram	
21	•	Achala Bldg	•
21	•	Millenium Park	
22	-	Hiranandani	
23		Bharat Tower	
23		Panchavati	-
23		Vijay Garden	
24	Valsa John	Vijay Park	G.B.Road
24	Ancy Mathew	Richmond Shiv Sai	Majiwada

25	K.A. Thomas	Kasheli	. Balkum/Dhokali
25	Mathai O.M.	Happy Valley	. Manpada/V. Vihar
25	Daniel P.J	Brahmand	.Brahmand/Hiran.
25	Saramma Thomas	Swastik Palms	.Brahmand/Hiran.
25	Susan Thomas	Dosti	. Vartak Nagar
25	Valsa Raju	Sai Shradha CHS	. Balkum/Dhokali
25	Lizy Mathews Philips	Neelkant Palms	. Manpada/V. Vihar
25	Chris Zachariah Varghese	Waghbil	.G.B.Road
26	Philipose Abraham	Hyde Park Regency	. Manpada/V. Vihar
26	Prajakta Thomas	Neelkanth Greens	. Manpada/V. Vihar
26	Pinu Pinto Mathews	Kavyadhara	. Balkum/Dhokali
27	Mathew Abraham Thenalil	Shruti Park CHS	. Balkum/Dhokali
27	Pavithra J. Babu	104 Kabra Galaxy	. Brahmand/Hiran.
30	Hannah John	Ashok Nagar	. Balkum/Dhokali
31	George Mathew	Brahmand	.Brahmand/Hiran.
31	Laly Thomas	Jayalakshi Sadan	. Balkum/Dhokali



Wedding Anniversary

Dt Name

..... Bldg. / Place...... Area

#### **OCTOBER**

5	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas Joseph	. Hyde Park Regency	Manpada/V.Vihar
10	Mrs. & Mr.	Philipose Abraham	. Hyde Park Regency	. Manpada/V.Vihar
12	Mrs. & Mr.	Jacob George	. Vasant Vihar	Manpada/V.Vihar
15	Mrs. & Mr.	Raju P	. Rakhee Sadan	Naupada/Kolbad
21	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas John	. Manisha Nagar	Kalwa/Airoli
21	Mrs. & Mr.	Cherian Mathews	. Sachinam	Majiwada
22	Mrs. & Mr.	Abraham Mathew	. Vedant	Vartak Nagar
23	Mrs. & Mr.	John Thomas	. Raunak Tower	Vartak Nagar
23	Mrs. & Mr.	John Zachariah	. Durga CHS	Vartak Nagar
24	Mrs. & Mr.	Issac P.J	. Lokpuram	Vasant Vihar
24	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas K John	. Gawand Baugh	Vartak Nagar
27	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas P.S	. Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Prajodh Jacob Rajan	. Rajashree Tower	Naupada/Kolbad
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Easow Thomas	. Dattatraya CHS	Thane (East)
31	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas Zachariah	. Shivam Apt	Vartak Nagar

### NOVEMBER

1	Mrs. & Mr.	Rajan T.M.	Jaydeep CHS	.Kalwa/Airoli
3	Mrs. & Mr.	Johnson Samuel	Blue Bird	.Naupada/Kolbad
6		Jacob Titus		
6	Mrs. & Mr.	Johnson C.K	Ashar Residency	.Manpada/V.Vihar
7	Mrs. & Mr.	Anish K.A.	Airoli	.Kalwa/Airoli
7	Mrs. & Mr.	Pradeep Samuel	Hyde Park	.Manpada/V.Vihar
8	Mrs. & Mr.	Saju Thomas John	Runwal Estate	.Balkum/Dhokali
9	Mrs. & Mr.	Shibu Mathen Zachariah	Chinthamani	.Thane (East)
10	Mrs. & Mr.	Alex John	Soham	.Manpada/V.Vihar
11	Mrs. & Mr.	Mathew Koshy	Manisha Nagar	.Kalwa/Airoli
11	Mrs. & Mr.	Mathew P.V.	Hiranandani	.Brahmand/Hiran.
12	Mrs. & Mr.	Bejo Mammen	Dongri Pada	.G.B.Road
15	Mrs. & Mr.	Shajan Cherian Zachariah	Chinthamani	.Thane (East)
15	Mrs. & Mr.	Varghese M.M.	Glendale	.Vasant Vihar
16	Mrs. & Mr.	Abhijeet Mathew	Richmond SS Paradise.	.Majiwada
17	Mrs. & Mr.	Jacob T.K.	Bharat Tower	.Majiwada
17	Mrs. & Mr.	Babu Daniel	Shivsagar Apt	.Balkum/Dhokali
19	Mrs. & Mr.	Mathews Joy	Krishna Greenland	.G.B.Road
23	Mrs. & Mr.	Stanley V. Daniel	Hiranandani	.Brahmand/Hiran.
24	Mrs. & Mr.	Sabu Daniel	New Brahmand	.Brahmand/Hiran.
25	Mrs. & Mr.	Varghese C.J.	Bharat Tower	.Majiwada
25	Mrs. & Mr.	Baby Abraham	Vijay Annexe	.G.B.Road
25	Mrs. & Mr.	John T.S.	Evesrest Country side	.G.B.Road
27	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas Philip V	Kavya Dhara	.Balkum/Dhokali
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Rajan Jacob	Rajashree Tower	.Naupada/Kolbad
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Achenkunju Varghese	Kalher	.Balkum/Dhokali
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Tinoy Achenkunju	Kalher	.Balkum/Dhokali

## DECEMBER

1	Mrs. & Mr.	Ajoy Varghese	. Glendale	Manpada/V.Vihar
20	Mrs. & Mr.	Sam Mathew	. Millenium Park	Thane (East)
26	Mrs. & Mr.	Thomas K	. Samtanagar	Vartak Nagar
26	Mrs. & Mr.	Santhosh Chacko K	. Vijay Park	G.B.Road
26	Mrs. & Mr.	Joseph Jacob	. Kadamba	Manpada/V.Vihar
27	Mrs. & Mr.	Prajish Prasad	. Shakuntal	Naupada/Kolbad
28	Mrs. & Mr.	Atul Abraham	. Puranik City	G.B.Road
29	Mrs. & Mr.	Mathew John	. Shubharambh	Manpada/V.Vihar
29	Mrs. & Mr.	Sajeev Varghese	. Lokupvan	Manpada/V.Vihar

29	Mrs. & Mr.	Teejay John	Runwal Garden City	.Balkum/Dhokali
29	Mrs. & Mr.	Koshy Alexander	Vijay Park	.G.B.Road
29	Mrs. & Mr.	Sonu Mathew Varghese	Rodas Enclave	.Brahmand/Hiran.
29	Mrs. & Mr.	Abhilash Varghese	Vandana Society	.Naupada/Kolbad
30	Mrs. & Mr.	Dennis Daniel	Shreeji Villa	.Naupada/Kolbad
30	Mrs. & Mr.	Binu Varghese	Kasheli	.Balkum/Dhokali
31	Mrs. & Mr.	Philip Koshy(Shibu)	Manisha Nagar	.Kalwa/Airoli
31	Mrs. & Mr.	Sunny C.M.	William Mansion	.Majiwada
30 31	Mrs. & Mr. Mrs. & Mr.	Binu Varghese Philip Koshy(Shibu)	Kasheli Manisha Nagar	. Balkum/Dhokali . Kalwa/Airoli

### **Reflections on RLA visit**

The youths of our parish visited the RLA centre of Navjeevan in Kamatipura on 16th September 2017. The RLA centre is a day and night care facility for children of women who work in the brothels in the red light area. There are two such centres which take care of about 50 children between the age group of 3-7 years. In addition to sheltering the children, they provide nutritious food and basic elementary education to them.

We were able to sponsor a refrigerator for the centre and distribute some toys among the children there. It was a delight to see their faces lit up with joy.

We spent some time with the children, the caretakers and the social workers there. We spoke to one of the social workers (a young Muslim girl who has been working there for the past 9 years) and could understand about the various activities of this centre. She told us about the challenges they face with respect to the nutritional, psychological, emotional, educational aspects of the children. In some cases, children as old as 7 years do not know how to hold a pencil in their hand and they have to start from scratch. Many of them are malnourished and have health issues which need to be addressed. The social workers organise meetings for the mothers and provide counselling as and when required. They also work towards empowering the women to pursue an alternate lifestyle.

It was definitely a faith building experience for all of us who went there. This visit reminded us of how privileged we are and how thankful we ought to be for the comfortable upbringing and family situations we grew up in. But much more than that, it really made us think about our response to these social realities. We are all so caught up with the busyness of our lives that we fail to look around and care for those who are at the boundaries of our society. It was a time of introspection for us and it made us think about our effectiveness as a youth league and as individuals in reaching out to the world we live in. We are called to be channels of God's love and there are people all around us who are in such need of love.

We are thankful to our Achen for taking the initiative to organise this visit. There is so much we could do together with all the resources we have. This was one tiny step in that direction. We hope that in the coming days as a youth league, we will be able to contribute in whatever ways we can for uplifting those around us.

#### (Written by Sara Susan Ninan)

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### **Reflections on Mission Field visit**

He said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to the whole human race. (Mark 16:15)

It had been a great privilege for us to be part of the mission visit to the Neral mission field on 24/09/2017. We visited the Nangurliwadi village along with Achen, youths and a few elders. It was an enriching experience for all who visited.

We were accompanied by Mr. Mahesh Dhobale, the evangelist sponsored by our Church. Mr. Mahesh mentioned that it was the first time a Church was visiting that area and that it was a great motivation for his ministry. We conducted a worship meeting at a house in the village. Mr. Mahesh led the worship with songs and a short meditation. Mr. Abhijeet Mathew from our church narrated the story of the lost sheep, which the believers intently listened to. Many people in the village professed faith in Christ and were interested in hearing from the Bible. This shows us the amazing work our evangelists are doing. We must encourage our missionaries. It was a great fellowship with Mr. Mahesh and a good experience to help him in his ministry. Having volunteers on the field is a great encouragement and we must oblige.

Only when we visit these villages do we know the living conditions and the issues of the believers. There are so many possible health problems that one could have . One of the believers was critically ill and bed ridden. Our Achen visited her house and prayed for her. It is very difficult for her to receive good medical care. Most of the children didn't go to school because the school was about 5 kms away and it was difficult for them to walk the distance everyday. When Achen asked the children if they wanted to study, all of them said yes. Mr. Mahesh has planned to start a school for the children in that village to help them to learn to read and write, three days a week. Mr. Mahesh is seeking our support in this.

This trip was a faith building experience for all those who attended and has taught us that such mission fields don't just need our financial support but also our time and prayers. We encourage each of the members of our church to visit these mission fields whenever possible. It will be a tremendous motivation to our evangelists and a blessing to all the believers.

(Written by Anoop & Nithya)



Bible Reading & Lay Assistance

<b>October 1</b> Thane East	Voluntary Evangelist's Day: Witness of Laity     Lessons:   Amos 7:10-17     EPISTLE & GOSPEL   1 Thess. 4:1-8
<b>October 8</b> Manpada/ Vasant Vihar	Day for the People with Special Skills. Accept the differences of God's creation. Lessons:Acts 3:1-10 EPISTLE & GOSPEL2 Corinth. 12:1-10John 5:1-9
<b>October 15</b>	Youth Sunday. Youth: Life focused on the word
Yuvajana	Lessons:Genesis 41:37-43Philippians 3:1-16
Sakhyam	EPISTLE & GOSPEL1 Timothy 4:7-16Luke 10:25-28
<b>October 22</b> Kalwa/ Airoli	Family a Place of Faith formationLessons:Joshua 24:14-22EPISTLE & GOSPELEphesians 3:14-21Luke 19:1-10
<b>October 29</b> 5th Sunday Divine Service	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism   Lessons: Exodus 14:15-31
<b>November 5</b>	Sanctification of Church - Learning and Nurturing of the Faith and
Balkum/	Practice (World Sunday School Day)
Dhokali	Lessons:
<b>November 12</b>	Renewal of the Church [Festival of Unity of Churches]
Senior	Family Sunday & Senior Citizens Sunday
Citizens	Lessons:
<b>November 19</b>	Annunication to Zachariah
Yuvajana	LESSONS:Hebrews 5:1-10
Sakhyam	EPISTLE & GOSPEL2 Corinth. 2:12-17Luke 1:5-23

November 26 Naupada/ Kolbad	Announciation to Virgin Mary Lessons:		
<b>December 3</b> Vartak Nagar	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Bible Sunday) Lessons:		
<b>December 10</b> G.B. Road	Birth of John the Baptist Lessons:		
<b>December 17</b> Yuvajana Sakhyam	Annunciation to Joseph Lessons:Zephaniah 3:14-20Hebrews 1:5-16 EPISTLE & GOSPELPhilippians 4:4-10Matthew 1:18-23		
<b>December 24</b> Brahmand/ Hiranandani	Our Lord is coming     LESSONS:		
<b>December 25</b> Majiwada	Yaldo - Feast of Nativity - Birth of our Lord   Lessons: Micah 5:1-9   EPISTLE & Gospel Galatians 4:1-7		
<b>December 31</b> Brindavan/ Rabodi	Year Ending - Watch Night Service 'God our Helper and Redeemer' LESSONS:		

## PARISH CONVENTION & PARISH DAY 2018

## Annual Convention 2018

Dates: 4th, 5th and 6th January 2018 Time : 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Speaker: Dr. Jithin Abraham Praise and Worship: The Livingstones Quartret

### **Parish Day:**

7th January 2018 (Sunday)

### Chief Guest:

Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa 8.30 am: Holy Communion & First communicants Service 11 am: Parish Day meeting 12.30 pm: lunch

Sing to the Lord

LIVE Concert by

# The Livingstones Quartret

Date: 7th January (Sunday) 2018 Time: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Venue: Thane Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Music, Message and Testimony

Save the dates, Say a prayer, Come with your family and friends.