



St. Paul's Church Kandy

Newsletter

April 2025

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Daily Collect in Holy Week

Gracious God, your Messiah our Saviour Jesus Christ fulfilled your will by taking our nature and giving that life for us. Grant that we, walking in Christ's humility in the way of the cross, may find it is for us the way of life and peace, and share in the glory of Christ's resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Important Notice:

Please be Aware of Possible Changes

Due to the **Exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic** at the nearby **Sri Dalada Maligawa**, there may be **changes to regular service times, readings, and rosters** in the coming weeks.

Special traffic arrangements associated with this major event are expected to impact access to the parish, especially during **Holy Week**.

We kindly ask all **readers, ministers, and parish-ioners** to stay alert and **check church notices regularly** both in the church foyer and via the **Parish WhatsApp group** for any updates or changes to the usual schedule.

Your understanding and flexibility during this time are greatly appreciated.

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From the Vicar's Desk.....

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We continue our journey in Lent, as we enter April this year.

Most of us may be having fruitful observations of Lent and others might not have as much fruitful observations. The good news is that there is still almost half of the season left

to make a commitment to our Lord as we follow Jesus in heart and mind in Jesus' journey of ministry, suffering, death and the resurrection.

And as we come to Palm Sunday and the Holy Week, which some might call as the 'business end' of the season, our churches tend to ritualize with many traditional services that makes this journey even more realistic.

At St Paul's, we continue observations throughout the week and ask your continued participation in these as a church family.

And then onto the Easter Triduum starting from Maundy Thursday till Holy Saturday the events of centrality to our faith come into focus. The Holy Saturday eve service marks Easter with a beautiful rendition of ritual, lessons and light symbolizing our passing from darkness to light, fear to trust and death to life.

The high point of Easter is really an 'uplifting' we all must experience and carry forward in our faith and secular journeys. We need to rise above the worldly as we saw in the temptations and set our minds on the heavenly. We must rise in our spiritual behavior as we would have endeavored to better ourselves through disciplining in Lent. We must aim to rise above division, hate and envy as we now grasp Jesus as the Lord of life and of all that nurtures life.

Let us seek God's empowerment continually as we bring this season into fruition.

Rev. Rasika Abeysinghe

Roster for Readers / Intercessors

06th April - 5th Sunday in Lent (Passiontide begins)

Theme - "Sanctification – A New life in Christ"

Old Testament	: Isaiah 43:16-21	Sunday School
Psalm	: Psalm 126	
Epistle	: Philip. 3:4b-14	
Gospel	: St. John. 12:1-8	

13th April - 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Theme - "The Way of the Cross"

Liturgy of the Palms

Gospel	St. Luke 19:28 - 40	Rev. Rasika
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Liturgy of the Passion

Old Testament	: Isaiah 50:4-9	
Epistle	: Philippians 2:5-11	
Gospel	: St. Luke 23: 1-49	
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14th April - Monday

Old Testament	: Isaiah 42:1-9	
Psalm	: Psalm 36:5-11	
Epistle	: Heb.9:11-15	
Gospel	: St. John 12:1-11	

15th April - Tuesday

Old Testament	: Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalm	: Psalm 71:1-14	
Epistle	: 1 Cor.1:18-31	
Gospel	: John 12:20-36	

16th April - Wednesday

Old Testament	: Isaiah 50:4-9	
Psalm	: Psalm 70	
Epistle	: Heb 12:1-3	
Gospel	: John 13:21-32	

17th April - Holy (Maundy) Thursday**Theme - " Evening Lord's Supper"**

Old Testament	:	Exodus 12:1 - 4, 11 - 14	Parishioners
Psalm	:	Psalm 116:1 - 2, 12 - 19	
Epistle	:	1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26	
Gospel	:	St. John 13:1 - 17, 31b - 35	

18th April - Good Friday**Theme - "Traditional Seven Words from the Cross"**

Lesson 1	:	St. Luke 23:32-38
Lesson 2	:	St. Luke 23:39-43
Lesson 3	:	St. John 19:25-27
Lesson 4	:	St. Mark 15:33-35
Lesson 5	:	St. John 19:28-29
Lesson 6	:	St. John 19:30
Lesson 7	:	St. Luke 23:44-24:12

19th April - Holy Saturday

Old Testament	:	Job1:1-14
Psalm	:	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
Epistle	:	1 Peter 4: 1-8
Gospel	:	St. Matthew 27:57-66

20th April - Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday**Theme - "Christ is Risen"**

Old Testament	:	Acts 10:34 - 43	Trustees
Psalm	:	Psalm 118:1 - 2, 14 - 24	
Epistle	:	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	
Gospel	:	St. John 20:1 - 18	

27th April - 2nd Sunday in Easter**Theme - "My Lord and My God"**

Old Testament	:	Acts 5:27-32	Parishioners
Psalm	:	Psalm 150	
Epistle	:	Revelation 1:4-8	
Gospel	:	St. John 20:19-31	

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday - 13th April (Sunday)

Blessing of Palm Crosses

- 06:45 a.m. - Holy Communion Service in English
 07:45 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon in English
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (සිංහල)

Monday in Holy Week - 14th April

- 09:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week - 15th April

- 09:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week - 16th April

- 09:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - 17th April

- 09:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Venue: St. Paul's Church)
 05:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Venue: TCK Chapel)
 Washing of feet & Stripping the Altar of Repose

Good Friday - 18th April

- 07:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Unveiling of the Cross &
 - Singing of the Reproaches
 - Three-Hour Devotion

Holy Saturday - 19th April

- 09:00 a.m. - Kindling the New Fire
 - Lighting the Paschal Candle
 - Reading of the Prophetic Lessons
 - Blessing of the Font

Easter Day - 20th April

- Holy Eucharist - *English*
 06:30 a.m. - (Venue: TCK Chapel)
 07:45 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon - *English*
 (Venue: St. Paul's Church)



LENTEN GATHERINGS

Throughout Lent, our ministries and home groups gathered for reflection, prayer, and fellowship. These gatherings provided a sacred space to pause, seek God, and deepen our faith journey together. As we shared in scripture, worship, and meaningful conversations, we were reminded of the transformative power of spiritual renewal and the strength found in community during this season of preparation and grace.





Parish Trip:

Our recent parish trip to Negombo was a wonderful time of fellowship and joy! We had an enriching time at Supawath Arana and enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere at Browns Beach. It was a precious opportunity for our community to come together and share smiles.



Sunday School Cricket Match:

Our Sunday School children had a thrilling cricket encounter with other churches in our Deanery, and emerged victorious! It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their sportsmanship, build friendships, and have fun in a spirit of healthy competition.

Regular Services

Sundays

- 06:45 a.m. - Holy Communion Service in English
07:45 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon in English
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (සිංහල)

Wednesdays

09:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist in English

1st Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

PARISH AGM – DATE POSTPONED

Please note that the **Parish Annual General Meeting**, originally scheduled for **Sunday, 27th April**, has been **postponed to Sunday, 4th May**.

The decision was made in light of the **Exposition of the Sacred Tooth Relic**, which is expected to cause **traffic restrictions and limited access** in the vicinity of our church, given our close proximity to the **Dalada Maligawa**.

We encourage all parishioners to attend the AGM on the new date and thank you for your patience and support.

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