

St. Paul's Church Kandy

Established 1843

Newsletter November 2022

Sunday Services	6:45 am Holy Eucharist (English) 7:45 am Holy Eucharist (English) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Sinhala)
Wednesday Service	9 am Holy Eucharist (English)
Every 2nd Sunday	6:45 am Holy Eucharist (English) 7:45 am Holy Eucharist (Sinhala)

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Message from the Vicar

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

”Grace and peace to you, from our father, Lord Jesus Christ”

After the reform Sunday and the solemnizing of Christ the King of the Universe, which was held on the 30th of October, we focus our attention to the month of November. In the month of November we begin with All Saints Sunday and All Souls day. We gather as a faithful flock to praise and give thanks to God for all our dearly departed loved ones who showered us with all their love. The month of November, reminds us of the people who truly committed their lives to the Gospel values and to the calling that they received from God. Looking at the Saints, Martyrs and our present day faithful servants of God, it is truly a great witness for us to look up to them as worthy examples of God's true followers and using their lives as an example for us to follow.

The families of St. Paul’s also follow our great traditions, remembering members of our individual families with compassionate hearts. We are eternally grateful for being a part of their lives and thankful for the wonderful qualities and witness they left behind both to the family and society. It is now for us to cherish and continue to be true witnesses of Christ as they have been. The Johanna Community directs us to believe and maintain our faith, not as individuals but as a community, in the letter of Hebrews: 12; 1-2 the author challenges us to continue to run with patience in order to receive a heavenly crown, as Jesus did, believing that we are not alone and we are running with a greater cloud of witness.

As we are moving ahead with tons of difficult situations and challenges, let us not forget the words of Jesus “do not fear, that I am your God, will be with you till the end of times”. We see the calamities of Mother Nature near. The war drumming, divisions among some groups of people, scary situations, and also division among the families, it is a calling for us to change. It is the sign of the beginning of the end.

So let us reflect upon our Christian values, talents, gifts and responsibilities by being an example to the society not only by daily attending church but also changing our attitudes and practicing the kingdom values of our heavenly father.

I wish you all the best and blessings for the preparation of the coming season. At this time of uncertainty let us help one another, caring for one another and be mindful that God is expecting us to carry out his mission to create an environment filled with joy and love.

May God Bless you all

The Vicar

Readings for November 2022

2nd November – All Souls Day			
Readings	OT	Lamentations 3:17-26	Parishioners
	Psalm	Psalm 23	
	NT	Romans 5:5-11	
	Gospel	St. John 5:19-25	
Intercession	Parishioners		
6th November – Third Sunday Before Advent - Remembrance Sunday			
<i>Theme: "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's"</i>			
Readings	OT	Haggai 1:15b – 2:9	Sides Persons
	Psalm	Psalm 98	
	NT	2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 5, 13 - 17	
	Gospel	St Luke 20:27 – 38	
Intercessions	Sides Persons		
13th November – Second Sunday before Advent			
<i>Theme: "Courage to Endure: Stir Up Our Faith"</i>			
Readings	OT	Isaiah 65:17 - 25	Sunday School
	Psalm	Psalm 98	
	NT	2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13	
	Gospel	St. Luke 21:5 - 19	
Intercession	Sunday School		
20th November - Reign of Christ Sunday			
<i>Theme: "Reign of Christ in this World and in Eternity"</i>			
Readings	OT	Jeremiah 23:1 - 6	Servers and clergy
	Psalm	Psalm 46	
	NT	Colossians 1:11 - 20	
	Gospel	St. Luke 23:33 - 43	
Intercession	Servers and Clergy		
27th November - Advent Sunday			
<i>Theme: "The vigilant wait of hope: Advent, the Day of the Lord"</i>			
Readings	OT	Isaiah 2:1 - 5	Choir
	Psalm	Psalm 122	
	NT	Romans 13:11 - 14	
	Gospel	St. Matthew 24:36 - 44	
Intercession	Choir		

Notices

1. **Sunday School** - will be held after the 7:45 am Holy Eucharist (English)
2. **Dry Rations for the Needy** – Please send your contributions to the church office by the first Friday of every month.
3. **Wednesday 02nd November** The anointing of the sick, **will not be held** due to the “All souls Day” service at 9.00am.
4. **All Soul’s Day Services** – 8.00am at the Mahaiyyawa Chapel, 9.00am and 4.30pm at St. Paul’s Church. If you wish to include the names of your departed loved ones please write /call or SMS to the church number. The names and the place it should be read.
5. **The Journey Bible Study** will be held on Zoom at 6:30pm every Saturday.
6. **A Bible study** will be held on the 4th November, 2022 at 5.00pm at the home of Mr. Lasantha Ranasinghe. Those living in the area are most welcome to join.
7. **Choir** – The Choir is on the lookout for new members, above 12 years. If you would like to join please contact the Hon. Organist Shalindri Joachim or Deekshya Illangasinghe. The Choir meets once a week after the main service and practices for the main service and practices for the Christmas season will begin in November.
8. **Church Garden** -The church requests the support of parishioners in maintaining the church garden. If you would like to be a part of this collective, please give your names to the Parish Coordinator.
9. **Electoral List** - We are in the process of updating the electoral list of the church. If you haven’t submitted your monthly/yearly pledge for 2022 please be kind enough to do so by end of October as the

list has to be sent to the Diocese in November. To check details on your pledge please contact the Hon. Treasurer or the Parish Coordinator.

10. **Committees and Societies** – Please keep the Vicar and the Trustees informed of all the scheduled activities programmed for Christmas, before the end of November, 2022.
11. **The Our Daily Bread** -Annual reading booklet will be given to parishioners at a special rate- Sinhala and Tamil at Rs. 100/= and English at Rs. 200/=. If you wish to purchase please give your names to the church office.
12. **Monthly Financial Statement** - The Trustees have decided to share the financial statements monthly with the parishioners in order to maintain transparency and accountability. A brief financial statement for the month of June will be on the notice board. If you have any concerns or require a detailed statement, please discuss this with the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Lalantha Jayasinghe.
13. **The church washrooms** -Are being restructured and renovated at the moment in order to add an extra washroom. Please bear the inconvenience until the washrooms are completed.