



St. Paul's Church Kandy

Newsletter

October 2024

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Children and Elders' Day



Every 1st & 3rd
Saturday of the
month will be the
youth get-
together / praise
& worship with
prayers, while the
2nd & 4th Satur-
days will be Bible
study sessions.

Diocese of
Kurunagala 75th
Anniversary

Let us uphold the
Diocese, Bishop,
Clergy, Congrega-
tions, Ministries
and the celebration
in our prayers.

World Children and Elders day are celebrated on the first day in October. It is a reminder that we all pass through childhood, and we all pass through elderhood. These are inevitable episodes in our lives, that must be cherished and not shunned away. In a Christian sense, these two seasons enable us know that God's gift of life is in one hope and memory. In between we thank God that God gives us this life to praise and witness to God. Let us celebrate children and elders and inspire all those between these two poles to appreciate them.

From the Vicar's Desk.....

In October we are especially called to pray for the physically and mentally challenged, the elderly, and healthcare workers. Collection on a Sunday has been suggested to be offered to a caring institution e.g. Schools for hearing and sight impaired Ratmalana and Kaithady, CRC Nicholas' Home for Elders Pamankada, or Methodist Elders home Wellawatte, or School for the Mentally Retarded, Layards Road, Colombo 4, or SSMJ Elders Home, Kotte. Also in this month, we celebrate Children and Elders Day, Education Sunday and Reformation Sunday. We also close down to the season of Creationtide which we made a celebration of for the past month or so. The lectionary suggests that the season ends on the 4th of October on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

In the ministry of Jesus, we see how the physically and the mentally challenged are featured. While we cannot conform all episodes in the gospel to specialized physical and mental deficiencies, even in that day, those who were challenged were outcasts and Jesus' love and care were for them. For example, we can cite the Gerasene Demoniac and the bent woman. There has been a long-established idea that 'health' means health in the physical, mental and spiritual sphere. It is possible for someone to be healthy in one sphere and not in the other spheres, which in fact, makes that person unhealthy. In the modern day, while we look all smiles, we realize that most of us are broken in one way or the other.

This month would be a good time for us to reflect on this, as well as turn our attention and care to those who maybe suffering with unhealthiness in some sphere. May God guide us in this journey.

Revd. Rasika Abedysinghe - Vicar

Roster for Readers / Intercessors

06th – Trinity 19 (Children, Elders, Education Sunday)

Theme - "Hope Springs up in Child, Woman and Man"

1st Reading	: Job1:1; 2:1 -10	Sunday School
Psalm	: Psalm 26	
Epistle	: Heb.1:1- 4; 2:5 -12	
Gospel	: St. Mark 10: 2 - 16	

13th – Trinity 20 (Disability Sunday)

Theme - "A Revolution of Grace - The Differently Abled Shall be the First"

1st Reading	: Job 23:1- 9, 16 - 17	Outreach Committee
Psalm	: Psalm 22:1 - 15	
Epistle	: Hebrews 4:12 - 16	
Gospel	: St. Mark 10:17 - 31	

20th – Trinity 21 (Healthcare Workers Sunday)

Theme - "Serve and Care without expecting reward"

1st Reading	: Isaiah 35:3-6	Healthcare Workers
Psalm	: Psalm 147:1-7	
Epistle	: 2 Timothy 4:5-17	
Gospel	: St. Luke 10:1-9	

27th – Trinity 22 (Reformation Sunday)

Theme - "Reform to See the Light"

1st Reading	: Job 42:1 - 6, 10 -17	Youth
Psalm	: Psalm 34:1- 8, (19 - 22)	
Epistle	: Hebrews 7: 23 - 28	
Gospel	: St. Mark 10:46 - 52	



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 Communion Service in Sinhala

2nd Sunday - Main Service will be bilingual

Wednesdays

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

1st Wednesday - Healing and Anointing Service followed by Holy Communion

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Important Notice

06th October 2024:

The Singithi Pola will be held on the first Sunday after service.

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