

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Our Vision

**A growing family of Spirit-filled followers of Jesus Christ,
inspiring all Sri Lankans to find their life-purpose in God.**

WORSHIP SERVICES ENGLISH

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Except 4th Sunday)

TAMIL

9:45 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)

ENGLISH and TAMIL (COMBINED SERVICE)

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 4th Sunday)

Our Mission

**To reach out to all Sri Lankans for Jesus,
confirm their faith in the Trinity,
and nurture them to achieve Christ-like maturity.**

FROM THE DESK OF REV NIHAL FERNANDO

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The Joy and Significance of Easter

Easter stands at the heart of the Christian calendar, a profound celebration of hope, renewal, and the triumph of life over death. It is more than a date on the calendar; it is the cornerstone of our faith, reminding us of Christ's resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ opened the way for humanity to experience forgiveness, reconciliation, and a renewed relationship with God. Easter invites every Christian to reflect deeply on these gifts, to embrace spiritual renewal, and to live with courage, love, and hope in our daily lives.

In the life of the Church, Easter is a time of communal joy. Our liturgies, prayers, and celebrations unite us as a parish family, strengthening our faith and commitment to serving God and our community. It is a moment to pause, give thanks, and renew our devotion, understanding that the resurrection is not only a historic event but a living reality that transforms our hearts today.

As we rejoice this Easter season, may we carry the light of Christ's victory into our homes, our work, and our interactions with others. Let this be a time of spiritual growth, reflection, and an ever-deepening relationship with our Lord.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nihal Fernando

VICAR

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1 : 3

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Special Days in April 2026

- 2nd Maundy Thursday
- 3rd Good Friday
- 5th Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday
- 14th National New Year
- 20th World Orphans' Day
- 21st Remembrance of Easter Sunday 2019 Bomb blast
- 24th World YWCA Day
- 26th Good Shepherd Sunday / Baptist Men's Fellowship Sunday
- 28th World Day for worker's Safety and Health

PARISH ACTIVITIES

A Time of Church-Family Fellowship: After the 8:15am service. A cup of tea is served in the Parish Hall, every Sunday. You may buy your own breakfast. Even if you aren't hungry for a meal, come and savour the taste of fellowship.



A Listening Ear: 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Some parishioners have volunteered their time to lend an ear and to pray with those who are facing challenges in life. While you may contact them to set up a mutually convenient time and place to talk/meet, they will also be available on Sundays in the Parish Hall (Meeting Room), from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please contact Angela Seneviratne, Mobile 077 2516272 for more details.



English Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Our children are taught God's Word and ways—in a fun, meaningful, and innovative manner—by a group of dedicated teachers. Their parents are, also, most welcome to worship with the rest of our church-family and become more involved in parish activities!



Fellowship Evening: 7:00 p.m.

A fellowship evening is held *every 3rd Sunday after the 5:30 pm* worship service. All are welcome!



WEDNESDAYS

The Young At Heart Group: Commencing at 9:30 a.m.

The Young At Heart Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for fun filled activities and fellowship. All over 60's are welcome; bring along a friend (non-parishioner) to join in the fun too!!



WEDNESDAYS

Young Adults at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Keep in touch with Viranga on 0773891951 for more details.



THURSDAYS

Bible Studies

Bible studies will recommence after a short break on Thursday 9th April and will be held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome and remember to bring a friend. More details will be shared in the Church WhatsApp group.



SATURDAYS

Mothers' Union: Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Meetings of our very active Mothers' Union (MU) are held once a month—every 2nd Saturday. Keep in touch with a member of the MU for updates on their plans and programs, and join them in their many projects!



SATURDAYS

Youth Ministry: Every Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m

The youth (16+ years) of the parish meet regularly for worship, study, and a whole host of other fun-filled activities geared towards spiritual growth and maturity. We ask for your prayers as church leaders who guide and mentor these young people in our parish heed God's voice over this next generation of ours.

Keep in touch with Shakyna 0777158847 or Nikhil on 0721806971



**A Very Warm Welcome and a Heartfelt Greeting,
in the Glorious Name of Jesus, to all our Visitors!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY, please fill in a *Family Card* and hand it over to any of our Parish Stewards on duty (look out for the 'PARISH STEWARD' badge), one of our Wardens (just ask for Ashan, Nilani, Rohini or Lalith), or our Vicar, the Rev. Nihal Fernando. Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Tony Curtis.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
APRIL 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY	Psalm	Psalm 116: 1 - 2, 12 - 19	
	OT Lesson [T]	Exodus 12: 1 - 4, 11 - 14	Jacob Curtis
	NT Lesson [S]	1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26	Christina Paul
	Gospel [E]	John 13: 1 - 17, 31 - 35	Michael Tissera
APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24	
	OT Lesson	Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6	Lalith Dassenaikie
	NT Lesson	Acts 10: 34 - 43	Githa Algama
	Gospel	Matthew 28: 1 - 10	Dyan Seneviratne
APRIL 12TH 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalm	Psalm 16	
	1 st Lesson	Acts 2: 14, 22 - 32	Suyasha Daniel
	2 nd Lesson	1 Peter 1: 3 - 9	Nikhil Daniel
	Gospel	John 20: 19 - 31	Aaron Premvarshan
APRIL 19TH 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalm	Psalm 116: 1 - 4, 12 - 19	
	1 st Lesson	Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41	Chanies Ratnayake
	2 nd Lesson	1 Peter 1: 17 - 23	Simone Botejue
	Gospel	Luke 24: 13 - 35	Nilani Seneviratne
APRIL 26TH 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalm	Psalm 23	
	1 st Lesson [T]	Acts 2: 42 - 47	Steffny Jeevan
	2 nd Lesson [S]	1 Peter 2: 19 - 25	Mangalika Hettiarachchi
	Gospel [E]	John 10: 1 - 10	Emma De Rose

A PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your love, Your sacrifice, and the hope You give through Your resurrection. Because of You, we are free, forgiven, and never alone. Help us to carry the joy of Easter with us, not just today, but every day. Fill our hearts with Your peace, our minds with Your truth, and our lives with Your love. Amen!!

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
APRIL 2 ND MAUNDY THURSDAY	Sharmila Srikanth [T] Fleminia Srikanth [E]	Rochelle Gunawardene Janet Curtis
APRIL 5 TH	Deepika Dassenaik	Minal and Rajind Ranatunga
APRIL 12 TH	Angie Seneviratne	Niroshana and Rajindra Daniel
APRIL 19 TH	Amala Cumaraswamy	Kusum Wickramaratne Janaki Fernando
APRIL 26 TH	Anustina Emmanuel [E] Jeshoniya Fernando [T]	Sunday School

WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	WARDEN	PARISH STEWARDS
MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2 ND	Nilani Seneviratne (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (PM) Amala Cumaraswamy (PM)
1 ST SUNDAY APRIL 5 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM)	Christina Paul (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Aidan Tissera (AM)
2 ND SUNDAY APRIL 12 TH	Nilani Seneviratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM) Diruni Chanmugam (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY APRIL 19 TH	Rohini Jayaratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Michelle Ponniah (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM) Debika Pathirana (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY APRIL 26 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM)	Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM)

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
3RD APRIL, 9 AM – 12 NOON
Conducted by Ven Perry Brohier

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL 2026

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 st April	Viranga Wickremaratne	
2	6 th April	Rochelle Gunawardene	
	7 th April	Minal Ranatunga	
	8 th April	Kishan Kirtisinghe Shevaan Jayasinghe	
	9 th April	Anne Rambukwelle	
	11 th April	Vimala Ganeshanathan Janet Curtis	
3	12 th April	Romayne Benedict	
	14 th April	Simone Botejue Manuraj Chanmugam	
	15 th April	Nilani Seneviratne Emmanuel James Daniel	
	16 th April	Tony Curtis	
	17 th April	Tania Dirckze Gabriel De Silva	
4	19 th April	Romesh De Silva	
	21 st April	Dilranjan Jacob	Cindy & Dilranjan Jacob
	22 nd April	Manique Ratnayake	
	23 rd April	Deepika Dassenaik Zain Jedd Davidson Robinson	
5	28 th April	Sandra Sridharan Thavamani Sridharan Shenaya Wijesundera	
	30 th April	Sharon De Silva	

Services During the Holy Week

Maundy Thursday	2nd April	6.00 p.m.
Good Friday	3rd April	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
Easter Sunday	5th April	8.15 a.m.

May the promise of Easter fill your heart with joy and peace!!