

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

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

As we step into this New Year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and hope, trusting in God's unfailing grace and abundant blessings. May this New Year be a prosperous one for our parish—not merely in material ways, but more importantly in faith, love, unity, and service.

Let us look ahead positively, confident that God will guide us every step of the way, lighting our path even in times of uncertainty. As the Psalmist assures us, "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121: 8)

We pray that the Lord will increase our flock, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our commitment to His mission. May He open our eyes and hearts to reach out to the unreached, to be His hands of compassion and His voice of hope in our community and beyond.

In all circumstances—joyful or challenging—may we hold fast to His promises: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1: 9)

And with confidence we proclaim:

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40: 31)

As a parish family, let us move forward together, guided by faith, sustained by prayer, and inspired by love, trusting that God has plans to prosper us and give us a future filled with hope (Jeremiah 29: 11).

May this New Year be filled with God's grace, peace, and countless blessings for you and your loved ones.

With prayers and blessings!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nihal Fernando

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Special Days in January 2026

- 1st New Year
- 4th Covenant Sunday
- 6th The Epiphany of our Lord
- 11th The Baptism of our Lord
- 14th Thai Pongal Day / Harvest
- 18th Unity Sunday
- 18th – 25th Eight Days of prayer for Christian Unity
- 25th Salvation Army Sunday, 1883

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 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 JANUARY 2026

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
JANUARY 4 TH 2 ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Psalm	Psalm 147: 12 - 20	
	OT Lesson	Jeremiah 31: 7 - 14	Chintha Fernando
	NT Lesson	Ephesians 1: 3 - 14	Nilani Seneviratne
	Gospel	John 1: 10 - 18	Harshini Canagasabey
JANUARY 11 TH 3 RD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Psalm	Psalm 29	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 42: 1 - 9	Eraan Fernando
	NT Lesson	Acts 10: 34 - 43	Aneeka De Silva
	Gospel	Matthew 3: 13 - 17	Nevaan Fernando
JANUARY 18 TH 4 TH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Psalm	Psalm 40: 1 - 11	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 49: 1 - 7	Rohini Rockwood
	NT Lesson	1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9	Suyasha Daniel
	Gospel	John 1: 29 - 42	Angela Seneviratne
JANUARY 25 TH 5 TH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Psalm	Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 12	
	OT Lesson [T]	Isaiah 9: 1 - 4	Sherin Niroshini
	NT Lesson [S]	1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18	Christina Paul
	Gospel [E]	Matthew 4: 12 - 23	Varunika De Silva

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR JANUARY 2026

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
JANUARY 4 TH	Tamani Weerakoon	Allan Chapman Lalith Dassenaik
JANUARY 11 TH	Angela Seneviratne	Avanthi Seneviratne Chintha Fernando
JANUARY 18 TH	Dhayamani Ashok	Janaki Fernando Niro Daniel
JANUARY 25 TH	Manuja Jeyaraj [E] Nalini Jeyaraj [T]	Sunday School

WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2026

DATE	WARDEN	PARISH STEWARDS
1 ST SUNDAY JANUARY 4 TH	Nilani Seneviratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)
2 ND SUNDAY JANUARY 11 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Rohini Jayaratne (PM)	Christina Paul (AM) Shelley Tissera (AM) Diruni Chanmugam (PM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY JANUARY 18 TH	Rohini Jayaratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Aidan Tissera (PM) Debika Pathirana (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY JANUARY 25 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM)	Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Christina Paul (AM)

A Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father, as we step into this new year
 We come before You with a grateful heart.
 Thank You for Your faithfulness in the year past
 and for the promise of Your presence in the year to come.
 We ask for Your blessings upon this new beginning.
 Guide our steps, guard our hearts,
 and grant us wisdom for the journey ahead.
 Help us to trust in Your perfect plan, even when the path is
 unclear.

May this year be one of growth in faith, increase in love,
 and deepening in our relationship with You.
 Let our lives be a testimony to Your grace and goodness.
 In all things, may we seek to honor You and serve others.
 We commit this year to You, Lord.
 In Jesus' name, **Amen...!!**

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY 2026

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	2 nd Jan	Upekha Wickramaratne	
	4 th Jan	Tania Sridharan	Radhika & Rohan Fernando
	6 th Jan	Zorina de Alwis	
	8 th Jan	Tehana De Silva	
2	12 th Jan	Rhuani Rambukwella	
	13 th Jan	Daphne Dias Bandaranaike Roshini De Silva Dulan Gunawardena	
	14 th Jan	Anushka Lewke	
	17 th Jan		Amanda & Sean Lalith Silva
3	18 th Jan	Thomas Ponniah Tamani Weerakoon Renuka Amarasekara	
	19 th Jan	Yaddisha Dulangi Peterson	
	20 th Jan	John Paul Aruldas Hemal Peiris	Minal & Rajind Ranatunga
	23 rd Jan	Aidan Tissera	
4	25 th Jan	Ranjan Mather	
	28 th Jan		Maheeka & Suresh Perera
	29 th Jan	Chintha Fernando	Mignon & Francis Anandage
	30 th Jan	Lalinka De Silva	

