

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,

Remembering Our Faithful Departed – The Month of November

The month of November holds a special place in the life of the Church. It is a sacred time when we remember and give thanks for the lives of our faithful departed—those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. We thank the Lord for the gift of their lives, for the love they shared, and for the faith they have handed down to us.

As we remember them, we are reminded of the comforting promise of Jesus:
“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” — John 11:25

Our prayers this month are not only expressions of gratitude but also acts of faith. We trust that our loved ones now share in the eternal peace and joy of God’s heavenly kingdom. The Christian life finds its true meaning in this hope — that death is not an end, but a passage to everlasting life with God.

As St. Paul reminds us:

“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” — Philippians 3:20

Let us, therefore, live our lives on earth with faith, hope, and love — preparing our hearts for that day when we too shall meet our Creator and be reunited with those we have loved and lost.

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” — Revelation 14:13

May this month of remembrance strengthen our faith in the promise of eternal life and renew our gratitude for the precious gift of those who have gone before us in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nihal Fernando

VICAR

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, AT 8.00 A.M.

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Special Days in November 2025

1st All Saints Day

1st – 7th YWCA / YMCA Week of Prayer

9th Remembrance Sunday

15th Arrival of Western Christianity in Sri Lanka, 1505

16th Confederation Sunday

23rd Reign of Christ Sunday

30th Advent Sunday

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 NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
NOVEMBER 2 ND PROPER 26 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 32: 1 - 7	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 1: 10 - 18	Githa Algama
	NT Lesson	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12	Nalinie Wanigasekera
	Gospel	Luke 19: 1 - 10	Renuka Amarasekera
NOVEMBER 9 TH PROPER 27 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 17: 1 - 9	
	OT Lesson	Job 19: 23 - 27	Thabitha Curtis
	NT Lesson	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17	Seanan Ponniah
	Gospel	Luke 20: 27 - 38	Shevon Ponniah
NOVEMBER 16 TH PROPER 28 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 98	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 65: 17 - 25	Tatiana Armstrong
	NT Lesson	2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13	Madhu Karandawala
	Gospel	Luke 21: 5 - 19	Chanies Ratnayake
NOVEMBER 23 RD PROPER 29 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 46	
	OT Lesson [T]	Jeremaiah 23: 1 - 6	Anesta Niroshini
	NT Lesson [S]	Colossians 1: 11 - 20	Mangalika Hettiarachichi
	Gospel [E]	Luke 23: 33 - 43	Rithmisha Thevakumar
NOVEMBER 30 TH ADVENT SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 122	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	Tony Curtis
	NT Lesson	Romans 13: 11 - 14	Allan Chapman
	Gospel	Matthew 24: 36 - 44	Dirk Jayaratne

G R A T I T U D E
Isn't only a celebration
When good things happen;
Gratitude is a declaration that
GOD IS GOOD
No matter what happens.

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
NOVEMBER 2 ND	Nilani Seneviratne	Rohini and Neville Jayaratne
NOVEMBER 9 TH	Rohini Jayaratne	Kusum Wickramaratne Nalinie Wanigasekera
NOVEMBER 16 TH	Amala Cumaraswamy	Geraldine and Pradeep De Silva
NOVEMBER 23 RD	Dhayamani Ashok [E] Nalini Jeyaraj [T]	Sunday School
NOVEMBER 30 TH	Maasiri Dias	Chintha, Eraan and Nevaan Fernando

WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	WARDEN	PARISH STEWARDS
1 ST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 ND	Nilani Seneviratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Aidan Tissera (PM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)
2 ND SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 TH	Rohini Jayaratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Christina Paul (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Diruni Chanmugam (PM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Rohini Jayaratne (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Aidan Tissera (PM) Debika Pathirana (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 RD	Nilani Seneviratne (AM)	Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Amala Cumaraswamy (AM)
3 RD SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2025

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 st Nov	Manique Karunatileke Mihiri Paul Nethanya Wickramaratne Malisha Welikala Serayah Welihinda	
	6 th Nov	Yanina Botejue	Niroshana and Rajindra Daniel
	7 th Nov	Avindra de Silva	
	8 th Nov	Dilendra Daniel	
2	10 th Nov	Mavintha Perera	
	11 th Nov	Geetha De Silva	
	12 th Nov	Rev. Nihal Fernando Niroshana Daniel	
	13 th Nov	Raneka Pathirana	
3	16 th Nov	Tatiana De Mel	
	17 th Nov	Denali Jayasinghe Tamara Perera	
	19 th Nov		Geraldine and Pradeep De Silva
	21 st Nov		Chintha and Rev. Nihal Fernando
4	25 th Nov	Kusum Wickramaratne	
	27 th Nov		Varunika and Darshan De Silva
	30 th Nov	Sean Lalith Silva	

Daily Prayer for Advent

Heavenly Father, increase our longing for Christ our Saviour, and give us the strength to grow in hope, faith and love, that the dawn of Christ's coming may find us rejoicing in Christ's presence and welcoming the light of that truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen...!!