

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



# NOVEMBER 2026

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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.**

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### **WORSHIP SERVICES ENGLISH**

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

### **TAMIL**

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

### **ENGLISH and TAMIL (COMBINED SERVICE)**

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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### *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.**

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**FROM THE DESK OF REV NIHAL FERNANDO**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**A Month of Remembrance and Hope**

The month of November invites us to remember the saints who have inspired us in faith and our dearly departed loved ones whose lives have touched us deeply. As we cherish their memories, we are reminded that our Christian faith looks beyond death to the promise of eternal life.

Jesus declares in John 11: 25, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life in God's eternal presence. Therefore, while we grieve the loss of those we love, we do not grieve without hope (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14).

May this month encourage us to give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us, follow the example of the saints, and live each day in faith, love, and service to others.

May our memories be filled with gratitude, our hearts strengthened by hope, and our lives guided by the promise of the resurrection.

With every blessing in Christ

***Fr. Nihal Fernando***

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**Special Days in November 2026**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | All Souls Day, Commemoration of the faithful departed                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Remembrance Sunday                                                        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Confederation Sunday                                                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Christ the King                                                           |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Anniversary of the Confederation of Christian Churches in Sri Lanka, 2008 |

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### **A Prayer for All Souls' Day**

**Loving Lord, to You we pray, for souls departed, gone away  
Embrace them in Your heavenly light, and grant them peace eternal  
bright  
May they rest in Your loving grace, and dwell forever in Your  
embrace  
Until we meet in heaven above, keep them safe in Your endless  
love.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen!!**

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Minal, Lalith, Rohini or Ashan), or our Vicar, the Rev. Nihal Fernando.

Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Tony Curtis.

## SCRIPTURE READERS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

| DATE                                                | READING       | SCRIPTURE PASSAGE            | READER                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| NOVEMBER<br>1 <sup>ST</sup><br>PROPER 26<br>SUNDAY  | Psalm         | Psalm 23                     |                         |
|                                                     | OT Lesson     | Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33 | Renuka Amarasekara      |
|                                                     | NT Lesson     | Romans 5: 5 - 11             | Nuala Samarasinhe       |
|                                                     | Gospel        | John 5: 19 - 25              | Amala Cumaraswamy       |
| NOVEMBER<br>8 <sup>TH</sup><br>PROPER 27<br>SUNDAY  | Psalm         | Psalm 78: 1 - 7              |                         |
|                                                     | OT Lesson     | Joshua 24: 1 - 3, 14 - 25    | Tabitha Curtis          |
|                                                     | NT Lesson     | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18   | Janaki Fernando         |
|                                                     | Gospel        | Matthew 25: 1 - 13           | Nadiya Tranchell        |
| NOVEMBER<br>15 <sup>TH</sup><br>PROPER 28<br>SUNDAY | Psalm         | Psalm 123                    |                         |
|                                                     | OT Lesson     | Judges 4: 1 - 7              | Chintha Fernando        |
|                                                     | NT Lesson     | 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11    | Michelle Ponniah        |
|                                                     | Gospel        | Matthew 25: 14 - 30          | Angela Seneviratne      |
| NOVEMBER<br>22 <sup>ND</sup><br>PROPER 29<br>SUNDAY | Psalm         | Psalm 100                    |                         |
|                                                     | OT Lesson [T] | Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24 | Jebaseely Srivathanan   |
|                                                     | NT Lesson [S] | Ephesians 1: 15 - 23         | Mangalika Hettiarachchi |
|                                                     | Gospel [E]    | Matthew 25: 31 - 46          | Sunday School           |
| NOVEMBER<br>29 <sup>TH</sup><br>ADVENT<br>SUNDAY    | Psalm         | Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19     |                         |
|                                                     | OT Lesson     | Isaiah 64: 1 - 9             | Allan Chapman           |
|                                                     | NT Lesson     | 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9       | Dirk Jayaratne          |
|                                                     | Gospel        | Mark 13: 24 - 37             | Michael Tissera         |

### Daily Prayer for Advent

**Gracious God, our deliverer, awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the return of Christ your Child in glory, to judge the living and the dead, that with minds purified by the grace of Christ's coming, we may serve you faithfully with Hope all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!!**

## INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

| DATE                         | INTERCESSOR                             | OFFERTORY BEARERS                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| NOVEMBER<br>1 <sup>ST</sup>  | Rohini Jayaratne                        | Niroshana and Rajindra Daniel                 |
| NOVEMBER<br>8 <sup>TH</sup>  | Shevon Ponniah                          | Kusum Wickramaratne<br>Harshini Canagasabey   |
| NOVEMBER<br>15 <sup>TH</sup> | Rochelle Gunawardene                    | Rohini and Neville Jayaratne                  |
| NOVEMBER<br>22 <sup>ND</sup> | Joshua Jerald [E]<br>Mythily Jerald [T] | Sunday School                                 |
| NOVEMBER<br>29 <sup>TH</sup> | Maasiri Dias                            | Chintha Fernando<br>Eraan and Nevaan Fernando |

## WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 2026

| DATE                                                   | WARDEN                                        | PARISH STEWARDS                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER<br>1 <sup>ST</sup>  | Rohini Jayaratne (AM)<br>Minal Ranatunga (PM) | Dirk Jayaratne (AM)<br>Amala Cumaraswamy (AM)<br>Mishaal Algama (PM)<br>Diruni Chanmugam (PM)    |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER<br>8 <sup>TH</sup>  | Lalith Dassenaik (AM)<br>Ashan Algama (PM)    | Christina Paul (AM)<br>Dhayamani Ashok (AM)<br>Renuka Amarasekera (PM)<br>Diruni Chanmugam (PM)  |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER<br>15 <sup>TH</sup> | Rohini Jayaratne (AM)<br>Minal Ranatunga (PM) | Githanjali Algama (AM)<br>Dirk Jayaratne (AM)<br>Aidan Tissera (PM)<br>Debika Pathirana (PM)     |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER<br>22 <sup>ND</sup> | Minal Ranatunga (AM)                          | Amala Cumaraswamy (AM)<br>Michelle Ponniah (AM)                                                  |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER<br>29 <sup>TH</sup> | Lalith Dassenaik (AM)<br>Ashan Algama (PM)    | Amala Cumaraswamy (AM)<br>Dhayamani Ashok (AM)<br>Renuka Amarasekera (PM)<br>Mishaal Algama (PM) |

## BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2026

| Week | Date                 | Birthdays                                                                                              | Anniversaries                   |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | Manique Karunatileke<br>Mihiri Paul<br>Nethanya Wickramaratne<br>Malisha Welikala<br>Serayah Welihinda |                                 |
|      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Yanina Botejue                                                                                         | Niroshana and Rajindra Daniel   |
|      | 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Avindra de Silva                                                                                       |                                 |
| 2    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Dilendra Daniel                                                                                        |                                 |
|      | 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Mavintha Perera                                                                                        |                                 |
|      | 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Geetha De Silva                                                                                        |                                 |
|      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Rev. Nihal Fernando<br>Niroshana Daniel                                                                |                                 |
|      | 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Raneka Pathirana                                                                                       |                                 |
| 3    | 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Tatiana De Mel                                                                                         |                                 |
|      | 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Denali Jayasinghe<br>Tamara Perera                                                                     |                                 |
|      | 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov |                                                                                                        | Geraldine and Pradeep De Silva  |
|      | 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov |                                                                                                        | Chintha and Rev. Nihal Fernando |
| 4    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov | Helena Rosalie Henricus                                                                                |                                 |
|      | 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Kusum Wickramaratne                                                                                    |                                 |
|      | 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Joshua Dyren Lewke                                                                                     | Varunika and Darshan De Silva   |
|      | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Sean Lalith Silva                                                                                      |                                 |

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, AT 8.15 AM**