

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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**May 2022**

*The Ascension*



**THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR**

368, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR OF THE CATHEDRAL

My dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour!

**Church:** The Church watches with deep concern the breakdown that continues to adversely impact the life of our nation and its people. The peaceful protests that are taking place across the country cannot be ignored as they are reflective of the thinking of the population. The Church too has added its voice to the cries of the people.

The joint prayer campaign together with the Roman Catholic Church and a few other Mission partners that took place on the eve of Palm Sunday was indicative of this sentiment. It was also a powerful sign of our collective Christian Witness.

Drawing from the example of the acts of the apostles whose witness we reflect on this season of Easter, may we continue to find direction ourselves as the people of God for all that we are called to engage in as the people of God.

**Nation:** As the peaceful people's protests continue to take place, it is now becoming evident that much of what was being perceived to have taken place is true. Corrupt leaders must be held accountable for their corrupt actions and decisions that have seriously compromised the safety and wellbeing of the entire nation and its people. Further, it is even more disappointing to note that while many have suffered seriously because of short sighted and poor decisions, a few people have benefited immensely by supporting the establishment to engage blatantly in their corrupt practices. The resources that have been plundered from the nation need to be returned for a process of healing and meaningful accountability to begin.

**Visitor to the Cathedral:** I am happy to inform you that the newly appointed Dean of the Bradford Cathedral Rev. Canon Andrew Bowerman has accepted my invitation to be our Guest Preacher on Sunday 15th May 2022. At present he serves as the Regional Head of the Mission to Seafarers (Mts), Middle East and South Asia. He will be visiting the Mts Centre in Colombo between 11th – 16th May 2022.

**Bible Study:** I was disappointed but compelled to cancel the last in the series of Bible Studies on 1 Peter due to circumstances beyond my control. I trust that those of you who attended the Bible study found it helpful and encouraging. I am also happy to let you know that I was able to engage with Rev. Jenn Strawbridge in person when I met her in Amman, Jordan recently and share that her material was used for the Bible study. She was encouraged and inspired to learn that we had used the content of this material that she has compiled for the Lambeth Conference, scheduled to take place later this year.

**Confirmation Classes:** It appears that the announcement that appeared in the April newsletter for confirmation classes has gone un-noticed. The last date for enrolment will now be revised to 15th May 2022.

**50th Anniversary of the Cathedral:** The first meeting of this committee will take place on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 6pm. The Cathedral office will get in touch with the Steering Committee that is being proposed to give direction to this task and this same committee will co-opt others into the core group as required.

**Support for the Cathedral:** I am grateful to all of you despite our being in challenging times caused by the pandemic, you have made an effort to support the work of the Cathedral that has been taking place even during this time. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued.

Please call the Cathedral office (0112671481), speak to me or send us an email requesting the Cathedral bank account details to [info@cathedral.lk](mailto:info@cathedral.lk) and we will be only too happy to share the required details with you. We encourage you to make use of online banking facilities for this purpose.

**Live Stream:** The live stream will continue to take place. If you have not already done so and wish to, please subscribe to the Cathedral YouTube channel by pressing the subscribe button.



**Communications from the Cathedral Office:** If there is any need to make clarifications on notices sent out by the Cathedral office on behalf of the Vicar, please be kind enough to contact the office or me for the details you may require.

**Pastoral Care:** I am happy to inform you that Fr. Balakumar who was unwell recently and away from work has commenced work. However, he will be undertaking light work initially. In the meantime, if there are any Pastoral needs that require attention, please contact either of us and we will do the needful.

Thanking you,  
With Prayers and Blessings  
Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Brohier".

**Ven. Perry Brohier**  
Vicar

# STATEMENT BY THE CHURCH OF CEYLON



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April 20, 2022

### **Statement by the Church of Ceylon on the Rambukkana incidents**

We are deeply saddened and concerned by the deaths and injury to many as a result of the incidents in Rambukkana on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

We wish to reiterate the importance of restraint and discernment in the use of force by officers of the State in response to civilian protests and demonstrations. The unrest that is experienced in several parts of the country is the result of agitation driven by the anger and frustration of desperate citizens. The people are appealing for relief in order to restore their livelihoods and make ends meet. These protests have to be viewed in the wider context of the country being now declared bankrupt and the serious crises of accountability and governance that the country has experienced in recent years.

We call upon the President and the government to heed the call of the people of this country by allowing an alternate government to take charge of the affairs of this country. While we welcome the admission by the President that wrong policies adopted by his administration have contributed to the current crisis, mere admissions of mistakes will not put things right. The present government has clearly lost its mandate to govern in the eyes of the people. To ignore and seek to suppress such an unprecedented public outcry and be blind to reality will be another serious folly. A government which has undermined independent institutions and concentrated power in a single institution and mismanaged the economy driving the country to bankruptcy, does not have a moral right to navigate the country out of such a crisis by relying on a mandate achieved in the past. Its desperate measures to cling to power by appointing people to positions of power with perks and powers of patronage will only increase the anger of the people. We wish to remind the President and the current government that the voice of the people from all corners of the country and from all walks of



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life clearly demonstrates that they have lost faith in the ability of this administration to face the challenges ahead.

We also call upon the Inspector General of Police, the Heads of the Armed Forces and all members of the services that are under their leadership to respect the Constitution and the Rule of Law and the basic human rights of the people including the freedoms of speech, expression, the right to dissent and peaceful assembly. The current political and economic crisis must be resolved through dialogue and negotiation, not by violence and ignoring or suppressing the voice of the people.



**The Right Reverend Keerthisiri Fernando**  
**Presiding Bishop of the Church of Ceylon &**  
**Bishop of Kurunegala**



**The Right Reverend Dushantha Rodrigo**  
**Bishop of Colombo**

## CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORM

<b>Name of Confirmation Candidate:</b>			
<b>Age:</b>		<b>Gender:</b>	Male / Female
<b>Date and Place of Baptism:</b>			
<b>Name of Parents:</b>			
<b>Contact Details</b>			
<b>Postal Address</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Date:</span> <span>Signature:</span> </div>			

## HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> May	St. Joseph the Worker – May Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Philip and James, Apostles
6 <sup>th</sup> May	St. John the Evangelist
14 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Matthias, Apostle
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Aldersgate Day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Sunday & Asia Sunday



# LECTIONARY - MAY 2022

**Date: 1st May 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Theme: “It is the Lord”**

Reading	Passage	Name of Reader
New Testament Lesson	Acts 9: 1 – 6	Shanike Rodrigo
Psalm	30	Jayantha Gunasekera
Epistle	Revelation 5: 11 - 14	Rohini Rockwood
Gospel	St. John 21: 1 – 19	Shanthikumar Sadanandan
Intercessions		Jill Macdonald

**Date: 8th May 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Theme: “Jesus the Good Shepherd”**

New Testament Lesson	Acts 9: 36 – 43	Delani Mitchell
Psalm	23	Hadasha Randunubandara
Epistle	Revelation 7: 9 – 17	Himani Pieris
Gospel	St. John 10: 22 - 30	Ivyn Jesumaney
Intercessions		Dharshini Masilamani

**Date: 15th May 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Theme : “Jesus’ New Way – A New Creation of Love”**

New Testament Lesson	Acts 11: 1 - 18	Darren White
Psalm	148	Niroshala Manuel
Epistle	Revelation 21: 1 - 6	Radhika Salgado
Gospel	St. John 13: 31 - 35	Indrani Senanayake
Intercessions		Nirubala Vincent

**Date: 22nd May 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Theme : “The Promised Holy Spirit to the Church”**

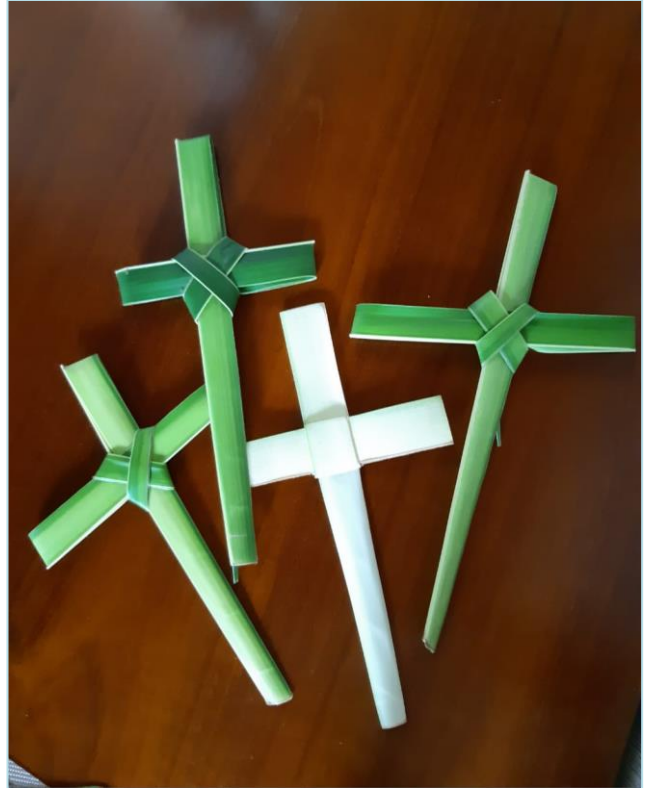
New Testament Lesson	Acts 16: 9 - 15	Charles Sanders
Psalm	67	Sharmini Derrick
Epistle	Revelation 21: 10 – 22:5	Mahen Perera
Gospel	St. John 14: 23 - 29	Jason Senanayake
Intercessions		Sriyantha Senaratna

**Date: 29th May 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Asia or Ascension Sunday)**

**Theme : “Asia for the Ascended and Glorified Christ”**

New Testament Lesson	Acts 16: 16 - 34	Irene Boco
Psalm	97	Cyril Amarasekera
Epistle	Revelation 22: 12 - 21	Mohan Mendis
Gospel	St. John 17: 20 - 26	Daniella Derrick
Intercessions		Sharmini Sambandan

## PALM SUNDAY



Preparation

Easter  
Garden





# Palm Sunday with The Sunday School Children



## HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

**07.00am – Sinhala & Tamil**  
**08.30am – English (Live Stream)**

- The 8:30AM service will continue to be livestreamed. The link for the livestream will be shared weekly.

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### Cathedral Prayer Circle

- A Prayer Circle is now operational as a WhatsApp group. If you wish to join, please send your name and mobile number to 077 726 0862

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