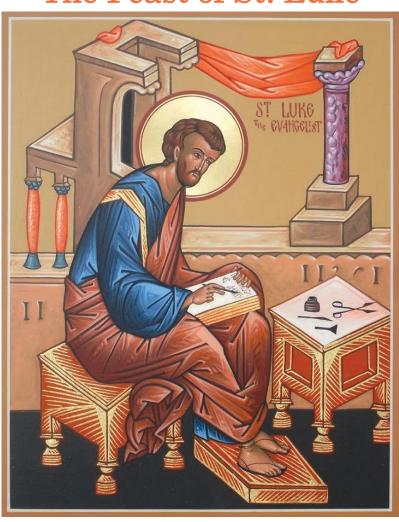




CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

October 2023

The Feast of St. Luke



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: In this month we join the wider community that will observe World Children's Day, Elders' Day and Animal Day on the 1st and 4th of October. The Church will also observe the feast of St. Francis on the 4th of October, the feast of St. Luke the Physician on the 18th of October, the feast of St. James on the 23rd and that of St. Simon and St. Jude on the 28th of October.

As we observe St. Francis' day on the 4th of October, a special service for the blessing of pets will take place at 5.30pm. Where possible I encourage as many of you to please bring your pets who give us so much love and joy for a blessing at this service.

Nation: Amongst many challenges being faced in our nation, the recent escalation in crime is something rather disturbing and alarming. This is the result of the culture of violence being endorsed by influential persons in society. It's something serious! The entire nation will need to make an intentional effort to put an end to this way of life that causes immense harm to the fabric of our society.

Everyone will need to be part of this effort to shun violence and those who affirm violence as a way of life!

Diocesan Council Sessions 2023: The 138th Annual Sessions of the Diocese will begin with Evensong on Thursday 26th October 2023 and will continue on 27th & 28th October 2023. Your prayers will be appreciated for the Bishop as he gives leadership to the Council. Your prayers will be appreciated for Warren White, Nirubala Vincent, Rohan Jayasinghe and Akmal Wickremanayake as they represent the Worshipping Community at this year's Council sessions.

Life at the Cathedral

50th Anniversary of the Cathedral:

Thanksgiving Service: The main Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our own diocesan Cathedral will take place on Saturday 18th November 2023 at 9.30 am. The team of persons planning this service will share details with you in the days to come.

Launch of Anniversary Publication: A lot of hard work has gone into the preparation of a publication to commemorate the Jubilee of our Cathedral. You could place your order for the book with the Cathedral office.

Cathedral Pola: We thank God for good weather especially as we were able to have our Cathedral Pola after a lapse of 5 years. The warm weather and the nice clear blue skies that greeted us all on the morning of Sunday 17th September 2023 was amazing to say the least.

I wish to place on record my appreciation to the team of people who planned the Pola. Their efforts have helped raise Rs.937,012/- thus far.

Community Kitchen (CK): Our Community Kitchen now feeds 600 people a week. I am grateful to all those of you who keep supporting this ministry generously and those of you who faithfully volunteer of your time to help with the distribution of food on Monday and Friday evening.

Infrastructure Improvements: The absence of an awning has been a long overdue need that has been expressed at the Cathedral. With the help of the Diocesan Architectural Committee, we are in the process of addressing this need currently.

We are also in the process of installing a CCTV security system. In light of the happenings of the recent past, this system will help us observe and monitor all exits and entrances to the building.

Support for the Cathedral: Despite our having to contend with many challenges I am extremely grateful to many of you who support the work of the Cathedral generously. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued.

The bank details of the Cathedral could be obtained by getting in touch with the Cathedral office (0112671481), speaking to me or by request made via email to info@cathedral.lk.

The use of online banking facilities for this purpose is encouraged.

Live Stream: The live stream continues to be watched by a large segment of people both locally and internationally. If you have not done so up to now you are encouraged to subscribe to the Cathedral YouTube Channel by pressing the subscribe button.



Pastoral Care: Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of a Pastoral emergency as I remain committed to your Pastoral Care.

Thanking You, With Prayers and Blessings, Yours Sincerely,

Ven. Perry Brohier

Vicar

HOLY DAYS/ FESTIVALS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

4 th Oct	The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
6 th Oct	Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle to India and Sri Lanka
18 th Oct	Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician
23 rd Oct	Feast of St. James, the Just of Jerusalem
28 th Oct	Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude

CATHEDRAL POLA

The Cathedral Pola took place after a lapse of 5 years on the 17th of September soon after the combined Harvest Service. There were several stalls selling a variety of items ranging from food, sweet items, crafts, kitchen items, spices and garments. The Sunday School and the youth had a couple of games stalls that enticed many of the visitors to have a go, including one particular challenge that required a very steady hand to win! A highlight of the Pola was the impromptu dance lesson that a number of ladies participated in, some against their own will. The finale of the day's proceedings was the raffle draw with 6 exciting prizes on offer which drew surprised reactions from some of the winners. We're grateful for God's providence at the Pola and for the good weather that prevailed over the course of the morning.























































































LECTIONARY - OCTOBER 2023

Date: 1st October 2023 – Proper 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Sunday Theme: "Produce Fruits of the Vineyard to Spring up Again"

Reading	Passage	Name of Reader
Old Testament	Proverbs 4; 7 - 13	Michaela Gnanamuthu
Psalm	146	Abigail Nilojan
Epistle	Philippians 4: 8 - 9	Akasha Daniel
Gospel	St. Matthew 7: 24 - 29	Angela Vincent
Intercessions		Khalia De Lanerolle Amanda Vincent Treasure Boco

Date: 8th October 2023 – Proper 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: "The Ten Commandments"

Old Testament Exodus 20: 1-4, 7 – 9, 12 - 20		Dhilan Mitchell
Psalm	19	Shalini Fernando
Epistle	Philippians 3: 4 - 14	Himani Peiris
Gospel	St. Matthew 21: 33 - 46	Srimanthaka Senanayake
Intercessions		Sonali Amarasekera

Date: 15th October 2023 – Proper 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: "All Invited to the Lord's Wedding feast"

Exodus 32: 1 - 14	Anushka Tennekoon
106: 1 – 6, 19 - 23	Trehan Jayawardane
Philippians 4: 1 - 9	Promise Boco
St. Matthew 22: 1 - 14	Niroshala Manuel
	Thayalan Gnanapragasam
	106: 1 – 6, 19 - 23 Philippians 4: 1 - 9

Date: 22nd October 2023 – Proper 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Health Care Workers Sunday

Theme: "Works of Faith and Labour of Love"			
Old Testament	Exodus 33: 12 – 23	Dr. Janthy Gunasekera	
Psalm	99	Jason Senanayke	
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 1: 1 -10	Shriyantha Senaratne	
Gospel	St. Matthew 22: 15 - 22	Dr. Chandani Perera	
Intercessions		Sukanya Devarajan	

Date: 29th October 2023 – Proper 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

Theme: "Love God, Love All"

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Reading	Passage	Name of Reader	
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12	Anneline Wickramanayake	
Psalm	90: 1 – 6, 13 - 17	Darren White	
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8	Radhika Salgado	
Gospel	St. Matthew 22: 34 - 46	Indranee Senanayake	
Intercessions		C. Jeewakumaran	



WITH THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CONGREGATION, MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY HAVE BEGUN TO RESPOND TO AND AID THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT CRISIS.

If you feel moved to support this initiative, you may make your contribution to the Cathedral office by indicating Community Kitchen or CK on the envelope. Alternatively, you may make a bank transfer to the Cathedral.

If you would like to contribute by volunteering, please get in touch with the vicar and express your interest in doing so.

THE CATHEDRAL

Community

THE PROJECT FEEDS OVER 400 PEOPLE WEEKLY

BANK DETAILS:

Beneficiary: Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

Bank:

Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue Branch

Account Number:

Bank Code: 7056 Branch Code: 116 Swift Code: CCEYLKLX

Reference:

"CK"

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HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE TIMES

07.00am - Sinhala & Tamil 08.30am - English

• All services will be held physically while the 8.30am service will also 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

Website: www.cathedral.lk

Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/CathedralCMB/

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