



# IMMANUEL CHURCH

(CNI MALAYALAM PARISH)

Diocese of Delhi, Church of North India

## Parish News

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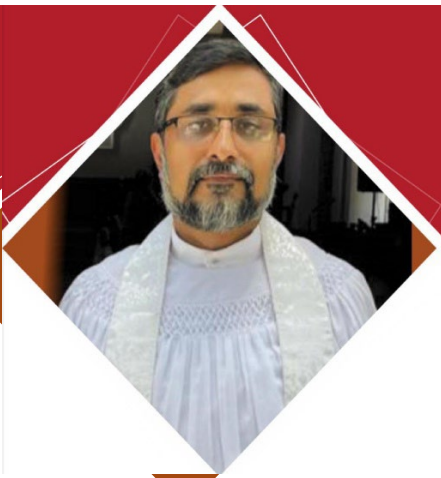
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### Year of Renewal

**“Put on the new self , created to be like God”**

**[Ephesians.4: 24]**





## Presbyter's Desk

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Dearly beloved in Christ,  
Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

### ***Why Baptize Children?***

Some people doubt if it is right to baptize children because they neither understand the doctrines of faith nor can they repent. How can they be cleansed and forgiven if they can't repent?? Yes, they cannot repent the way we can do, yet in the Bible we read that prophet Joel inspired by God appeals to the people to repent (Joel 2:12) by call the whole community to fast (Joel 2:25). He writes, "sanctify the congregation, assemble the aged; gather the children, even the infant at the breast" (Joel 2:16). The line of reasoning is that in the community the adults could repent and confess, and make commitment on behalf children. This is precisely what the parents and Godparents (sponsors) do when the children are baptized in the church.

But some argue "Is there any case of children's baptism in the New Testament?" For answer let us read Acts 2:39. Here St. Peter says that the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism is for the believers and their children. Lord Jesus also said, "Let children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matt. 19:14). Hence it is perfectly valid to baptize children. There is, therefore, no need for a second baptism.

The other aspect of Christian Baptism is the role of the Holy Spirit to empower the baptized person releasing in him/her powers for global service and prophecy i.e. the gift of fearlessly speaking truth in love. This aspect is reaffirmed by the rite of Confirmation. In this ceremony a baptized person after attaining a sensible age we mean coming to an age when a person develops discernment to identify what is morally right. But that in itself is not adequate. What is further needed is to stand up for what is right. For this a person needs the help of the Holy Spirit.

In the rite of Confirmation a person publicly affirms his/her intention to receive the help of the Holy Spirit to stand up for what is right. This is the same Holy Spirit who had accompanied a person since the time of baptism. The gift is never removed even if lies inactive in a person who becomes insensitive to God.

Yours in His Ministry,  
Rev. Sam Raju

# NEWS & EVENTS

## *Almanac for the month of August 2024*

| Date     | Name of Sunday                          | Theme  | Lessons   |
|----------|---|--|---|
| 04/08/24 | Almaya Sunday                           | Be Transformed by Renewing Your Mind         | Isaiah 40:21-31<br>Psalms 51:1-14<br>Romans 12:1-13<br>Mark 1:14-20               |
| 11/08/24 | 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Baptism: Dying and rising up with Christ     | Genesis 7:11-24<br>Psalm 29<br>Romans 6:1-14<br>John 12:20-26                     |
| 18/08/24 | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Sacrament of Holy Qurbana/Holy Sacrifice     | 2 Kings 4:42-44<br>Psalm 100<br>1 Corinthians 11:23-30<br>John 6:15-59            |
| 25/08/24 | 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing | Jonah 4:1-11<br>Psalm 82<br>Acts 8:26-40  |
| 01/09/24 | Choir Sunday                            | Songs of Reflection and Renewal              | 2 Chronicles 29:1-11;20-20<br>Psalm 71:14-24<br>Ephesians 4:17-24<br>Luke 1:46-55 |



## Birthday Greetings To

| Date     | Name                   |                             |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/08/24 | Mr. K.P. Koshy         |                             |
| 04/08/24 | Mr. Liju Oommen        |                             |
| 05/08/24 | Ms. Neorah Thankam Sam | D/o Rev. Sam Raju           |
| 05/08/24 | Ms. Irene Valsa Jacob  | D/o Mr. Jeril Jacob         |
| 06/08/24 | Mr. Iype Varghese      |                             |
| 08/08/24 | Ms. Elna George        | D/o Mr. Gijo George         |
| 09/08/24 | Mr. Deniss Thomas      | S/o Mr. K.M. Thomas         |
| 11/08/24 | Mr. Oommen Thomas      |                             |
| 13/08/24 | Mr. Sam Mathai         |                             |
| 21/08/24 | Mr. Jibin Daniel       | S/o Mr. T.M. Daniel         |
| 21/08/24 | Mast. Ruben Ashlly     | S/o Mr. Ashley Jayraj       |
| 21/08/24 | Ms. Aksa Merin Chacko  | D/o Mr. Kuruvilla M. Chacko |
| 22/08/24 | Mr. Benzon John        |                             |
| 24/08/24 | Mrs. Jincy Jeevan      | W/o Mr. Jeevan Jacob        |
| 25/08/24 | Mr. Jerin Abraham      | S/o Mr. Abraham George      |
| 26/08/24 | Mr. Jeril Jacob        |                             |
| 26/08/24 | Mr. K.M. Thomas        |                             |
| 27/08/24 | Mast. Sharon John      | S/o Mr. C.V. John           |
| 28/08/24 | Mr. Ashley Jayraj      |                             |
| 29/08/24 | Mrs. Jessie Koshy      | W/o Mr. Koshy K. Koshy      |
| 30/08/24 | Mrs. Shally Jacob      | W/o Mr. Sunil Jacob         |
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# Wedding Anniversary Greetings To

| Date     | Name  |
|----------|---|
| 06/08/24 | Mr. John Mathew & Mrs. Valsa John Mathew            |
| 13/08/24 | Mr. Benzon John & Mrs. Achamma Benzon               |
| 16/08/24 | Mr. Jacob P. Joshua & Mrs. Jomol Jacob              |
| 19/08/24 | Mr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Mariamma Mathew            |
| 20/08/24 | Mr. Bipin K. Chandy & Mrs. Susna Bipin              |
| 21/08/24 | Mr. Joseph John & Mrs. Salu Joseph                  |
| 21/08/24 | Mr. Nirmal Abraham George & Mrs. Sneha Valsa Mathew |
| 21/08/24 | Mr. Nishanth A. Mathew & Mrs. Lejo Nishanth         |
| 26/08/24 | Mr. Bobby Mathews & Mrs. Asha Mathews               |
| 27/08/24 | Mr. M.C. Mathew & Mrs. Susamma Mathew               |
| 28/08/24 | Mr. Nripin J.C. & Mrs. Aswathy B.R.                 |
| 30/08/24 | Mr. Liju Oommen & Mrs. Sunitha Liju                 |



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- Our Youth Fellowship bagged 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Bible Quiz which was conducted by India YFC Delhi Trans Yamuna at Ashirwad CNI Church on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The participants are Ms. Sara Anil, Mast. Geo Sunil Geoge, Mast. Nishwin Jacob Sam, Mast. Sharon John.
- Ms. Neorah Thankam Sam got the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Senior Group) in Painting Competition which was conducted by DWFCS for Sunday School children.

### **Meritorious Award – DWFCS**

The following students achieved DWFCS meritorious award

- 1) Mast. Joel John ,12<sup>th</sup> Class
- 2) Ms. Sara Anil, 10<sup>th</sup> Class
- 3) Mast. Geo Sunil George, 10<sup>th</sup> Class

### **Academic Excellence Award – Endowment Fund**

Awards were distributed on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to the following students.

- 1) Miss. Sara Anil, 10<sup>th</sup> Class
- 2) Mast. Joel John, 12<sup>th</sup> Class

### **Condolences**

The congregation expresses its deepest condolences to the family of Mr. George Abraham (94), father of Mr. Abraham George (Dilshad Garden) who was called into eternal life on 07<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and funeral service was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at St. James CSI Church, Kanam, Kottayam, Kerala.

May the Lord Almighty comfort the family members with His everlasting peace.



## Awards for academic excellence to the students



**IMC Youth bagged the first prize in Bible quiz organized by Delhi trans Yamuna Youth for Christ**





## **Help to Shri. Ganesh for the treatment of his kid**