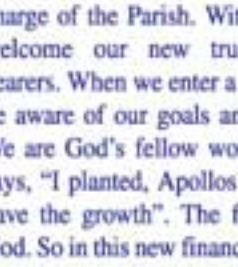




**The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah**

**A Warm Welcome to Barnabas Thirumeni**

**Message from The Vicar**



Dear beloved in Christ,  
 I am very glad to meet you once again through our Parish bulletin. We begin a new financial year. New office bearers are taking charge of the Parish. With great pleasure I welcome our new trustees and office bearers. When we enter a new year we must be aware of our goals and responsibilities. We are God's fellow workers. As St. Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth". The fruit is the gift of God. So in this new financial year let us start a new being in Christian Stewardship.

In this month we are observing the Holy week. In the Eastern Church tradition "Passion Week" is called Holy week. This week begins with Hosanna and continues

with the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to celebrate Easter Sunday. I request everyone's prayerful presence on these days.

As we walked with Jesus on the path of the cross, we have reached the 'empty tomb' with the heavenly voice "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has Risen" (Luke 24:5). In the midst of hopelessness and despair, there is hope for a better tomorrow, because death lost its power and Jesus is the victor. In this victory we can claim victory over all forces of evil and death. This eternal life gives us hope for the future and strength to face tomorrow. Jesus is now our eternal contemporary. The 'Risen Lord' gives this mission to us. It is to tell others that 'I have seen the Lord' and all humanity has hope.

His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Thirumeni will be with us on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of this month.

Rev. Abraham Panicker G has successfully completed his service as the Asst. Vicar of our Parish. He is posted to Vapi in Gujarat. Achen is planning to leave Sharjah on 29th of this month. I would like to thank Achen and family for the valuable service rendered to our Parish during their tenure and pray that heavenly blessings be showered upon them.

The new Asst. Vicar of our Parish is Rev. P J Chacko. He belongs to Calicut and at present he is the Vicar of St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church, Vadasserikara.

May God bless us all,  
 With love and prayers  
 Stephen Mathew Achen

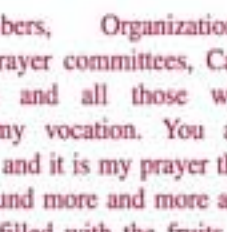
His Lordship

**Rt. Rev. JOSEPH MAR BARNABAS EPISCOPA**

*will celebrate Holy Communion on Thursday, 12th April & Friday 13th April 2007*

**Please uphold Thirumeni in your Prayers**

**Farewell Message**



Grace to you and peace from God, our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, by whom all things were made, the Light of light, the begotten of the Father before the creation of the Universe, the Lamb of God who is able to take away the sin of the world, and the very God of Very God came down in this world to make us the children of the Omnipotent. The body of the Lord i.e. the Church exhorts us to observe the lent in purity and in goodness of heart.

April 1st is the Palm Sunday. On this day we have to meditate upon the Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the King of Peace and maker of Holiness.

April 5th is the Maundy Thursday. It is believed that Jesus was crucified on Passover day.

April 6th is the Good Friday. The observances of this day enable us to thank the beloved Son Jesus Christ for His

atonement Sacrifice

April 8th is the Easter Sunday. It is the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Our dear Joseph Mar Barnabas Thirumeni will be with us on 12th and 13th of this month. Let us pray for his safety arrival. May God bless us and speak to us through him.

Our beloved Athanasius Thirumeni's birthday is on April 26th. Let us pray for his good health and for long life to lead the Church very enthusiastically.

Samithi members, Organizations' executives, Area prayer committees, Care taker Mr. Jomon and all those who cooperated with my vocation. You are always in my heart and it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more and your lives will be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which come through Jesus Christ. Continually pray for me to do His ministry very sincerely and enthusiastically and to speak boldly and to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel Rev. P.J. Chaco will be the next Assistant vicar. He is very dedicated and is very able. Give him proper fellowship and support to do Lord's ministry very effectively.

Peace be to the brethren and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love undying.

With love, prayers and a lot of thanks  
 Your's loving Panicker G Achen

**Red Carpet to New Members....**

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. BINU C ABRAHAM	B 148	ST. JOHN'S M T C, VADASSERIKKARA	AJM	050 2180741
2	Mr. BIJU C ABRAHAM	B 149	ST. JOHN'S M T C, VADASSERIKKARA	NS	050 7452766
3	Mr. BINU T MATHEW	B 150	KAROLBAGH M T C, NEW DELHI	DXB	050 8684264
4	Mr. BENOJ K ABRAHAM	B 151	SALEM M T C, ELANTHOOR	ABS	050 8681481
5	Mr. JOHNSON ABRAHAM	J 299	ST. PAUL'S M T C, OTHARA	AJM	050 8978638
6	Mr. RENNIE MATHEW	R 122	SALEM M T C, CHENNITHALA	UAQ	06 5280155
7	Mr. PRADEEP O EAPEN	P 081	SALEM M T C, KAYAMKULAM	MC	050 4216975
8	Mr. JAISON V J PANICKER	J 300	ALL SAINTS M T C, KAMPACODU	UAQ	050 7185120
9	Mr. ROY K IPE	R 123	M T C C, CHERUKOLE	SCS	050 9785560
10	Mr. SHAJAN DANIEL	S 280	M T C C, KALYAN	DXB	050 2064763
11	Mr. REJI VARGHESE	R 124	ST. PETERS M T C, CHENNITHALA	DXB	050 3537055
12	Mr. SHELBY MATHEW	S 281	TRINITY M T C, CHENGANNUR	AJM	06 7421966
13	Mr. BINU ABRAHAM	B 152	ST. THOMAS CHURCH, NAKKADA	DXB	050 2930361
14	Mr. BABY MATHEW	B 153	M T C C, PARIMANAM	MM	050 5753002

*Warm Welcome!!! Please keep in touch with The Vicars and Prayer Group Officials*

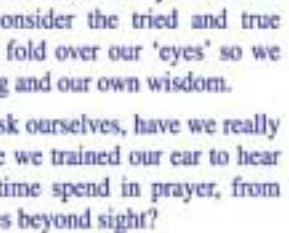
Annual Get-Together and Farewell to Rev. Abraham Panicker G	
IMMIGRATION AREA	09/04/07, 8.30pm at Church
MUSALLA MAISALON	10/04/07, 8.30pm at Church
UMM AL QUWAIN	13/04/07, 7.00pm at UAQ Prayer Hall
ABU SHAGARA	14/04/07, 7.30pm at Church
ROLLA CORNICHE	16/04/07, 8.30pm at Church
SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUM	16/04/07, 8.30pm at Church
BMW - AL NAHDA	17/04/07, 8.30pm at Church
CHURCH AREA	17/04/07, 8.30pm at Church

**TEENS HALF DAY RETREAT 20TH APRIL 2007** From 12noon to 2pm

God's grace touched all those who attended TEENS CAMP 2007 - "Battle For Glory Land". The logical sequence of events leading to Jesus Christ's second coming is revealed in "HEAVEN, OUR ETERNAL HOME", a presentation in the making. Rev. M. K. Biju, Secretary, CSSM, will be leading the Theme Talk. Know the dazzling facts in the book of REVELATION. Teens Camp Bulletin - Please send your article for publishing on or before 12th April, 2007 to meliruth@eimae. Mention your name, Parish ID, Home & Mobile contact details.

**For details/ Transportation please contact: Meeva Thomas 050-7168640 / George Abraham (Kuttan) - 050 4599468**

**From The Lay leaders**



Dear beloved members,  
 Its our pleasure to address you all through this bulletin.

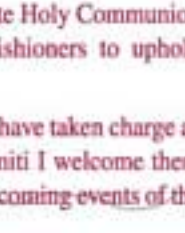
Another year of spiritual activities has passed. We as Lay leaders have immense pleasure to thank the Vicars, Officials and Parishioners for their support and cooperation extended to us.

God speaks to people differently. The methodology and language He uses to communicate to one person is different from that to another. But most of the time, we rely on a certain method as the only way that God answers our prayers. We place our dependence on this method rather than on the Lord. A true believer always recognises the voice of his shepherd. Some times He may take us out from the comfort zones which we consider the 'tried' and true method. He might even place a blind fold over our eyes' so we cannot rely on our earthly understanding and our own wisdom.

If we haven't heard from the Lord, ask ourselves, have we really kept our ears open for His voice? Have we trained our ear to hear Him by study of His Word, through time spend in prayer, from gaining an intimate recognition that goes beyond sight?

Our best wishes to all,  
**Cherian Thomas & Biju Philip**

**From The Secretary's Desk**



Dear Parishioners,  
 Its my pleasure to address you all again.

The leadership of Panicker G. Achen was really admirable and it is sad that Achen is leaving. During his tenure Achen gave special importance for the spiritual growth of the Parishioners. He kept good contacts with all the Parishioners and his participation for the activities of the church was appreciable. As Parish Secretary, I take this opportunity to thank Panicker G. Achen and Sheryl Kochamma for all the guidance given to us and pray heavenly blessings be showered upon them.

His Lordship Barnabas Thirumeni will celebrate Holy Communion on 12th and 13th April. I request all the parishioners to uphold Thirumeni in your prayers.

Mr. T.M. Varghese and Mr. T.M. George Kutty have taken charge as the new-trustees. On behalf of the Kaisthana Samithi I welcome them and hope their wholehearted participation for the coming events of the Parish.

With warm regards  
**Johnson Thomas**

**Holy Communion**

Thursdays at 8.00pm. except 05th & 12th April 2007  
 05th & 12th April at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30pm.  
 Third Friday at 7.00pm. 1st Sunday at 8.00pm.  
 English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
05th Apr, Maundy Thursday	Kaisthana Samithi	Genesis 22: 01-14	Hebrews 05: 01-11	I Corinthians 11: 23-34
05th Apr, Easter Sunday	Kaisthana Samithi	Isaiah 60: 01-12	I Corinthians 15: 01-17	Colossians 03: 01-11
12th Apr, Fri	Kaisthana Samithi	Zephaniah 03: 14-20	I Corinthians 15: 01-19	I Corinthians 15: 20-28
19th Apr, Thu	IM	Exodus 13: 17-22	Hebrews 11: 01-12	Jude 17-25
20th Apr, Fri	DXB			
26th Apr, Thu	KHS	Isaiah 25: 01-09	Acts 08: 18-24	II Corinthians 12: 14-21
27th Apr, Fri	MC			
03rd May, Thu	MM	II Kings 04: 01-07	James	Acts
04th May, Fri	NS			

Organization Events	
Sunday School	Fridays 10.15am at Church except 06th & 12th
Parish Mission	Sundays 08.30pm at Church except 06th
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Saturdays 08.30pm at Church
Sevika Sanghom	Wednesdays 8.30pm at Parish Hall except 4th
Fasting Prayer	Every Friday 12.00noon at Church Except 06th & 13th April 2007
CHOIR PRACTICE	Every Wednesday 8.30pm to 10.30pm

**PARISH MISSION CAMP** 12th & 13th April 2007

Inauguration: HIS GRACE RT. REV. JOSEPH MAR BARNABAS EPISCOPA  
 Camp Leader: VERY REV. A. C. KURIAN (Former Sabha Secretary & Vicar General)

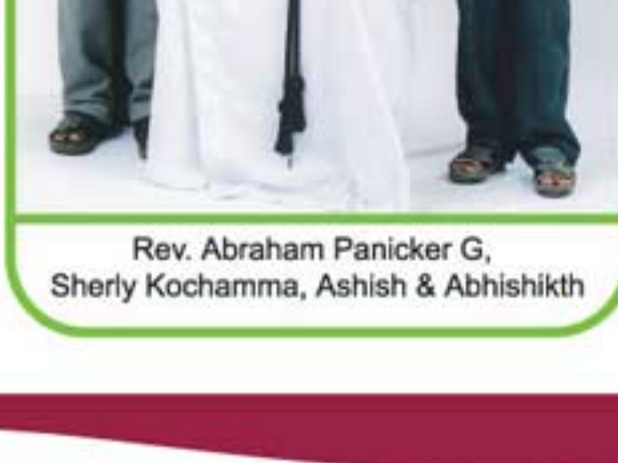
**Highlights**  
 Discussions, A journey through history of Mar Thoma Church, Bible Quiz, Devotional talk, Medical Session, Christian Akshara Slokam, Witnessing, Sharing etc.  
 for details contact: Mr. M.V. ABRAHAM, Gen Convenor Mob: 050 - 4624461

**Hearty Welcome**



**T.M. VARGHESE TRUSTEE**      **GEORGEKUTTY ACCOUNTANT**

**ADIEU**



Rev. Abraham Panicker G, Sheryl Kochamma, Ashish & Abhishikth

**Area Prayer Meetings**

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No	Tel. No
IM	09/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Thomas	G 062	06 5733158
MM	10/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. George K I	G 001	050 7961989
ABS	14/04/07	7.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Thomas Mr. John Mathew Mr. Joy Thomas	G 023 G 052 J 072 J 159	050 6286199 050 6561876 050 8979680 050 6364201
SCS	16/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. John T C	J 069	06 7423808
AJM	16/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Reji V John	R 108	050 3045704
RCH	16/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Thomas	J 002	050 7148123
CA	17/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Sam Kutty V C	S 044	050 6457871
DXB	20/04/07	6.30 pm		Contact Area Secretary		
NS	23/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew K Alexander	M 107	050 7897771
KHS	24/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob P G	K 006	06 5657960
RSQ	24/04/07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. K.T. Varghese	V 065	050 6312548
UAQ	7.00 pm on All Fridays Except 1st & 3rd Friday.			Contact Area Secretary		050 5173053

**Condolences**

- Mr. G Unnooni, 96 years  
Wife's Grandfather of Mr. Joseph Thankachen (J 146) of MC & Wife's Grandfather of Mr. Gibu C George (G 105) of KHS
- Mrs. Accamma Pothen, 86 years  
Mother in law of Mr. Johnson T Z (J 031) of SCS & Wife's Grandmother of Mr. Roddy S Mathew (R 095) of DXB
- Mrs. Saramma Abraham, 84 years  
Mother of Mr. M A K Joseph (M 012) of MM
- Mrs. Kuttiamma, 82 years  
Mother of Mr. Kochumathil Joyman (K 044) of MC
- Mr. M K Mathew, 75 years  
Father in law of Mr. K C Joseph (J 066) of RSQ
- Mrs. Armini Geevarghese, 68 years  
Mother in law of Mr. Samuel T Kutty (S 136) of MM
- Mr. K V Jacob, 60 years  
Brother of Mr. Varghese Varghese (V 039) of AJM
- Mr. Samuel, 57 years  
Brother of Mr. Mathew K C (M 029) of ABS
- Mr. M N Marcose, 54 years  
Brother in law of Mr. Sony Jacob (S 066) of SCS

**NEW BORN'S**  
 A baby girl JOHANNOK & a baby boy JOHANNOK are born to Smt & Mr. John Mathew (A 151) of SCS on January 16th.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 8 am, 6th April 2007**

SERVICE	1 <sup>st</sup> LESSON	2 <sup>nd</sup> LESSON
1st Part	Isaiah 53: 01-12	1 Peter 01: 01-25
2nd Part	Zachariah 13: 01-09	Galatians 03: 01-29
3rd Part	Numbers 21: 01-09	Hebrews 01: 01-19

Prayerful presence solicited

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones, May God's care strengthen and comfort them

**ചരിത്രപരിപാടി**  
**CHALLENGES OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Releasing Audio CD & Cassettes of 2th Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Convention Talks by **Rev. Dr. Sham P Thomas** on 12th April, 2007 by His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa

**Parish Directory 2007**

Official releasing of  
 Cordially inviting all Parishioners to witness this Precious Occasion on 13th April, 2007 by His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa

R.C. JACOB, Director Convenor      REJI VARGHESE THOMAS Joint Convenor

**METROPOLITAN'S NAVATHY HOME PROJECT**  
 You can sponsor one Navathy Home by donating **Rs. 60,000/-** for more details & registration contact Parish Secretary



His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan, Rev. Thomas Daniel at the G+1 Construction Site with Vicars & Parish Officials