



**THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI**  
Parish News Letter March - 2017

# Giving For Life

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also  
Luke 12.34

**Theme for 2016-2017 : LIFE'S TITHE FOR CHRIST**

**March : Life Tithe for Christ is a Life Giving Experience**



**MARCH**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

## March Highlights

Mar 17

Thybooso- Liturgical Hymns Eve



**GUEST ACHEN  
FOR 40<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY  
To EASTER  
SUNDAY**

**Rev. P. M. Kurikesu**

**HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam)**

All Fridays at 9.30 am  
MTC, Mussafah

Every Sunday at 8.00pm  
St. Andrews Chapel

**DIVINE SERVICE (MALAYALAM)**

Every 3rd Friday at 10.30 am  
MTC, Mussafah

**HOLY QURBANA ( English )**

Every 2nd Sunday at 8.00 pm  
St. Andrews Church

3rd Friday at 7.30 am  
MTC, Mussafah

# OPENING LINES FROM ASSISTANT VICAR

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. (Ps.34:8)**



Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

I am indeed very happy that I could address through the newsletter for the month of March. The Great Lent began on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Being a part of the salvation experiences like the fasting of Lord Jesus in the desert, passion, crucifixion, resurrection is the thrust of Lent. The Christian Church observes this great Lent every year with utmost importance. We like Christ should be able to confront the tricks of Satan and gain victory over the temptations. The rituals should not become practices that has no meaning, instead through these rituals and practices we should be able to experience the presence of God. 'Adding flavor by shedding taste' should be the important theme during the lent. Through control and refusal of food we should be able to add flavor in the life of others and through prayer and meditation I pray that we should be able to dedicate ourselves before God for self-purification.

The book titled 'In the master's Footsteps' published by the parish will really help us for meditations during the Lenten season.

The month of March is the last month of a financial year. It is a month of calculations and evaluations. Accurate calculations in life will lead us to right aims in life. I pray that those who bear the responsibilities of the parish let them fulfill their duties entrusted to them very fruitfully along with God. The month of March is a period of examination for the children who are pursuing their studies. I wish all the best for those who are preparing to appear in exams especially for those appearing in 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> exams. Let us pray for good conduct of the Sabha Prathinidi Mandalam which is scheduled to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Let us pray that apt people may be selected as the Episcopas of the Church. I also remember the new office bearers and committee members of the parish in prayer. I pray that let God enable them to fulfill the duties and responsibilities entrusted to each one efficiently. Let God regard their services.

I request the prayers of everyone to effectively fulfill the service of God entrusted to us as family. April is the month of farewell, even though no one can separate us from the love of Christ. Let God bless you all. Please pray for me and my family, as I am getting transferred for my next ministry to Vazhoor Ebenezer and Kanam St. Thomas, Kottayam

With Prayfull regards,

**Rev. Isaac Mathew**

# THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES



Dearly beloved in Christ,

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever”.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Lord the Almighty chosen me to serve the parish for the last one year. I have experienced the abundant love of God and our parishioners through their constant support, Prayers and encouragement.

We can be proud that the generous offerings of our parish members are supporting various mission activities of the Church, reaching the right and deserving hands.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Vicar and the Assistant Vicar for their excellent leadership and guidance.

My heartfelt gratitude to all the Kaisthana Samithi members, my fellow office bearers and to each and every member of our parish. Pray that we will continue to work together for the glory of our God.

May the good Lord help us to lead a meaningful life.

Yours in Christ,

**Praveen Kurian**

Trustee - Accounts



Dearly beloved in Christ,

I would like to thank Prakash Achen & Family, Issac Achen & Family, Office bearers, Kaisthana Samithy members and all the church members for the support and help provided to us to accomplish a successful year 2016-'17. Our beloved LORD gave us a chance to serve him through the church responsibilities. Grateful to God that we are able to devote our time and effort for the goodwill of our church. By God's grace, this year we were able to launch the new web site, updated Church Directory and conduct various church activities successfully within the given time frame. Once again thanking you all for co-operation and working together with us. We pray to go hand in hand for the betterment of our Church in upcoming years too.

I wish the new church officials and administrators all the very best for the year 2017-'18. God Bless you all.

Yours Sincerely

Trustee- Finance

**Samuel Thomas**

# Scheduled Programs

Date	Day	Time	Organisation	Location	Event Title
3-Mar	Fri	7.30 am	Sunday School	MTC. Mussafah	Regular Sunday School Classes
3-Mar	Fri	7.45 am	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Fasting Prayer
3-Mar	Fri	8.00 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Bethel Hall,Mussafah	Regular Sakha Meeting
3-Mar	Fri	9.30 am	Parish	MTC,Mussaffa	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
3-Mar	Fri	5.30 pm	Choir	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular Choir Practice
3-Mar	Fri	6.30 pm	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Friday Prayer
3-Mar	Fri	7.30 pm	Parish Mission	St. Andrews Upper Hall	Friday Devotional Meeting
4-Mar	Sat	6.00 pm	Sevikha Sangham	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular weekly Meeting
5-Mar	Sun	8.00 pm	Parish	St. Andrews Chapel	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
6-Mar	Mon	9.00 am	Sevikha Sangham	Member Residence, Mussafah	Regular weekly Meeting Mussafah
10-Mar	Fri	7.30 am	Sunday School	MTC. Mussafah	Regular Sunday School Classes
10-Mar	Fri	7.45 am	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Fasting Prayer
10-Mar	Fri	8.00 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Bethel Hall,Mussafah	Regular Sakha Meeting
10-Mar	Fri	9.30 am	Parish	MTC,Mussaffa	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
10-Mar	Fri	5.30 pm	Choir	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular Choir Practice
10-Mar	Fri	6.30 pm	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Friday Prayer
10-Mar	Fri	7.30 pm	Parish Mission	St. Andrews Upper Hall	Friday Devotional Meeting
11-Mar	Sat	6.00 pm	Sevikha Sangham	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular weekly Meeting
12-Mar	Sun	8.00pm	Parish	St. Andrews Chapel	HOLY QURBANA ( ENGLISH )
13-Mar	Mon	9.30 am	Sevikha Sangham	Member Residence, Mussafah	Regular weekly Meeting Mussafah
17-Mar	Fri	7.30 am	Parish	MTC,Mussaffa	HOLY QURBANA ( ENGLISH )
17-Mar	Fri	9.15 am	Sunday School	MTC,Mussaffa	Regular Sunday School classes only
17-Mar	Fri	10.30 am	Parish	MTC. Mussafah	Malayalam Ordinary Service
17-Mar	Fri	5.30 pm	Choir	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular Choir Practice
17-Mar	Fri	6.30 pm	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Friday Prayer
17-Mar	Fri	7.30 pm	Parish Mission	St. Andrews Upper Hall	Friday Devotional Meeting
18-Mar	Sat	7.00 pm	Sevikha Sangham	MTC. Mussafah	Thybooso- Liturgical Hymns Eve
19-Mar	Sun	8.00 pm	Parish	St. Andrews Chapel	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
20-Mar	Mon	9.00 am	Sevikha Sangham	Member Residence, Mussafah	Regular weekly Meeting Mussafah
21-Mar	Tue	8.00 pm	Senior Citizen	Residence of Mr. K Thomas	Monthly meeting
24-Mar	Fri	7.30 am	Sunday School	MTC. Mussafah	Regular Sunday School Classes
24-Mar	Fri	7.45 am	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Fasting Prayer
24-Mar	Fri	8.00 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Bethel Hall,Mussafah	Regular Sakha Meeting
24-Mar	Fri	9.30 am	Parish	MTC,Mussaffa	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
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24-Mar	Fri	6.30 pm	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Friday Prayer
24-Mar	Fri	7.30 pm	Parish Mission	St. Andrews Upper Hall	Friday Devotional Meeting
25-Mar	Sat	6.00 pm	Sevikha Sangham	St. Andrews Church , Lower Hall	Regular weekly Meeting
26-Mar	Sun	8.00pm	Parish	St. Andrews Chapel	HOLY QURBANA ( Malayalam )
27-Mar	Mon	9.30 am	Sevikha Sangham	Member Residence, Mussafah	Regular weekly Meeting Mussafah
31-Mar	Fri	7.30 am	Sunday School	MTC. Mussafah	Regular Sunday School Classes
31-Mar	Fri	7.45 am	Parish Mission	MTC. Mussafah	Fasting Prayer
31-Mar	Fri	8.00 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Bethel Hall,Mussafah	Regular Sakha Meeting
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## USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day	Prayer Grp	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
3-Mar	Fri	C-1	The Cleansing Jesus	Zech 13:1-9	1John 1:5-10	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 1:40-45
5-Mar	Sun	A-1					
10-Mar	Fri	B-3	The Forgiving Christ	Gen 4:8-16	Acts 16:11-18	Rom 5:6-11	Mark 2:1-12
12-Mar	Sun	Zayani					
17-Mar	Fri( Eng)	A-4	The Accepting Christ.	Hos 2:14-23	Phlm 1:1-21	Gal 6:1-5	Matt 15:21-28
17-Mar	Fri( Ord Mal Serv)	A-3					
19-Mar	Sun	TCA-2					
24-Mar	Fri	B-2	5th Week in Lent	Exod 3:1-10	Rom 8:31-39	Gal 5:1-12	Luke 13:10-17
26-Mar	Sun	TCA-1					
31-Mar	Fri	B-1	The Restoring Christ	Job 42:10-17	Phil 2:5-11	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 10:46-52
2-Apr	Sun	Passport Rd					

## THYBOOSO PARISH LEVEL COMPETITION





## The Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church

### ROTA For Great Lent Worship ( Nombu Namaskaram)

As we observe the month of Lent, lets undertake CYBER Fasting , lets abstain from our addiction of being connected to all forms of entertainment from Internet and Cyberspace environment.

Date	Day	Time	Place / Residence	PGs/Common	Leader	Message	No. of Places
26/02/2017	Sun	08.00pm	St. Andrews	Holy Qurbana	Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
27/02/2017	Mon	07.30pm	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
28/02/2017	Tue	08.00pm	Abu Dhabi St. Andrews	Common	Vicar& Asst. Vicar	Rev. P. M. Thomas	MTYS Cottage
01/03/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(Murroor)	Assistant Vicar(Shabia)	06
02/03/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(C-1)	Asst. Vicar (D-2)	23
03/03/2017	Fri	07:30 PM	Abu Dhabi St. Andrews	Common	Vicar	An Evangelist	Parish Mission
		06.30 pm	Mussafah	common	Assistant Vicar	Assigned Lay Person	
04/03/2017	Sat	08.00pm	Abu Dhabi Upper Hall	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
		08.00pm	Member's Residence	A-1	Vicar	Vicar	
		08.00pm	St. Andrew's	Holy Qurbana	Assistant Vicar	Vicar	
05/03/2017	Sun						
06/03/2017	Mon	07.30pm	Mussafah Church	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
07/03/2017	Tue	07.30pm	Abu Dhabi St. Andrews	common	Assistant Vicar	Any Lay Person	Vicar(A2)
08/03/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(Zayani)	Asst. Vicar (A-3)	06
09/03/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(TCA-1)	Asst. Vicar(Mus-3)	23
10/03/2017	Fri	07:30 PM	Abu Dhabi St. Andrew's	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar/Any lay person	Parish Mission
		06.30 pm	Mussafah	Common	Vicar	Vicar	
11/03/2017	Sat	07.30pm	Abu Dhabi Upper Hall	Common	Asst. Vicar	Asst. Vicar/Any Lay Person	

12/03/2017	Sun	08:00pm	St. Andrews	Holy Qurbana	Assistant Vicar	Vicar	English
13/03/2017	Mon	07:30pm	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Vicar	
14/03/2017	Tue	07:30pm	Abu Dhabi St. Andrews	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
15/03/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar (Madina)	Asst. Vicar(Mus-4)	06
16/03/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(Central)	Asst. Vicar(C-2)	23
17/03/2017	Fri	07:30 PM	Abu Dhabi U.H.	Common	Vicar	Any Lay Person	Parish Mission
18/03/2017	Sat	06:30 pm	Mussafah	Common	Assistant Vicar	Any Lay Person	
19/03/2017	Sun	07:30pm	Abu Dhabi Upper Hall	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
20/03/2017	Sun	08:00pm	St. Andrews	Holy Qurbana	Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
21/03/2017	Mon	08:00pm	Mussafah	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
22/03/2017	Tue	08:00pm	Abu Dhabi Lower Hall	Common	Vicar	Vicar	S. Citizen
23/03/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(K. Street)	Assistant Vicar(K. City)	06
24/03/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(--)	Assistant Vicar(A-1)	23
25/03/2017	Fri	06:30 PM	Mussafah	Common	Vicar	Vicar	Parish Mission
26/03/2017	Sat	07:30 pm	Abu Dhabi St. Andrew's	Common	Assistant Vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
27/03/2017	Sun	07:30pm	Abu Dhabi Upper Hall	Common	Vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
28/03/2017	Mon	08:00pm	St. Andrews	Holy Qurbana	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
29/03/2017	Tue	08:00pm	Mussafah Church	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	
30/03/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Mussafah	Common	Assistant vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	MTYS Cottage
31/03/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(TCA-2)	Asst. Vicar(C1)	06
01/04/2017	Fri	06:30 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Prayer Group Day	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	Together
02/04/2017	Sat	07:30 pm	Mussafah	Common	Assistant Vicar	Assistant Vicar	Parish Mission
03/04/2017	Sun	08:00pm	Abu Dhabi St. Andrew's	Common	Vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
04/04/2017	Mon	08:00pm	Abu Dhabi Upper Hall	Holy Qurbana	Assistant Vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
05/04/2017	Tue	08:00pm	St. Andrews	Common	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	Assistant Vicar	
06/04/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Rev. Sajeew Koshi	
07/04/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Abu Dhabi	Common	Assistant Vicar	A Layman	
08/04/2017	Wed	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(Electra)	Assistant Vicar(D-1)	06
09/04/2017	Thu	08:00 PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar(Shabia)	Assistant Vicar(C-3)	23

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Name** : Mr. Lijo K. Cheriyan  
**Contact No** : 052-8828489  
**Home Parish** : Mar Thoma Syrian Church,  
Perungalloor, Ayur  
**Roll No** : C159  
**Prayer Group** : Baniyas



**Name** : Mr. M. P. Raju  
**Contact No** : 050-3190973  
**Home Parish** : Salem Mar Thoma Church,  
Angadical North  
**Roll No** : R054  
**Prayer Group** : Mussafah 2



**Name** : Mr. Ranju V. Mathew  
**Contact No** : 052-7101226  
**Home Parish** : Mar Thoma Church,  
Maramon  
**Roll No** : M531  
**Prayer Group** : A-3



**Name** : Mr. Varghese John  
**Contact No** : 055-2901280  
**Home Parish** : St. Paul's Mar Thoma  
Church, Chittar  
**Roll No** : J413  
**Prayer Group** : Baniyas



**Name** : Mr. Jobin Johnson  
**Contact No** : 050-5839282  
**Home Parish** : Emmanuel Mar Thoma  
Church, Edakkara  
**Roll No** : J414  
**Prayer Group** : Mussafah 1



**Name** : Mr. Shaji Ninan  
**Contact No** : 050-1266563  
**Home Parish** : St. Thomas Mar Thoma  
Church, Niranam  
**Roll No** : N022  
**Prayer Group** : A3



**Name** : Mr. Siju Thomas  
**Contact No** : 055-4218803  
**Home Parish** : Mar Thoma Church,  
Thuruthicad  
**Roll No** : T425  
**Prayer Group** : B1



**Name** : Mr. Shibin Joji John  
**Contact No** : 056-7479296  
**Home Parish** : Bethel Mar Thoma  
Church, Koodal  
**Roll No** : J415  
**Prayer Group** : C2



**Name** : Mr. Titus George  
**Contact No** : 056-1461965  
**Home Parish** : Mar Thoma Church  
Pathanamthitta  
**Roll No** : G226  
**Prayer Group** : Mussafah 2



“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you;  
I do not give you as the world gives” (John 14 : 27)

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FORMER VICAR



### REV. THOMAS PHILIP (69)

Cheriyil, Punnaveley, Pathanamthitta  
(Served as Vicar of the Abu Dhabi MTC from 1999-93)  
The Vicar, Assistant vicar and members of

### **THE ABU DHABI MAR THOMA CHURCH**

deeply mourns the demise of our beloved Achen.

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“ In the sweet by and by we shall meet at the beautiful shore”



10th & 12th Children Motivational Class & Special Prayer meeting Organised by Parish Mission



UAE Center volleyball team winners (Abu Dhabi team with Rev. Prakash Abraham)



Tolerance Competition winners Sunday school



Awareness program- Teachers's forum in association with Sunday School



VBS 2017, God willing, will be held from March 24th to March 31st, 4pm to 7pm. Rev Sajeew Varughese Koshy will be the VBS leader for this year. The theme for this year's VBS is "Thy Kingdom Come".

Students can register for VBS 2017 from March 10th onwards in their respective Sunday School classes by paying AED 75/- (AED 15/- for study materials + AED 60/- for transportation).

We would also request your active participation in supporting this year's VBS. Those who are willing to join as teachers and volunteers shall give their names to Junu Thomas (Mobile 050 6112376) or Mathew Abraham(Mobile 050 6425672).





**Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma  
Sunday School Notice**



**VBS 2017**

**Theme: Thy Kingdom Come (Mathew 6:10)  
VBS Leader: Rev Sajeew Varughese Koshy**

Date: 24th to 31st March 2017

Time: 4 to 7 pm(Friday 7.30-9.20 am)

Venue: Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church, Mussafah

For further details, contact: 050 6112376, 050 6425672

**MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL, ABU DHABI**  
**VBS 2017**

Theme: **THY KINGDOM COME**  
Mathew 6:10

Date: March 24th - 31st

Time: 4-7 PM (Fri) - 7:30 - 9:20 AM

Venue: Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church, Mussafah

VBS Leader: Rev. Sajeew Varughese Koshy

**THY KINGDOM COME**

For Private circulation only

**CCC Meeting**

CCC Meeting for the month is on 3rd Sat. 18th of March, at St. Andrew's Lower Hall at 10am. The topic on discussion will be 'STANDING BY YOUR CRITICALLY ILL BELOVED - a view through the eyes of a bystander'.

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