



# THE CHURCHMAN

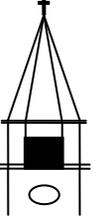
THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Friends,

STRESS, is known and experienced by all. Stress is Universal, crossing the boundaries of nationality, gender, Creed and even history. It is a fact of life. Understanding and caring for those who are bent under the stress of Satan's attack and crippled by the cares of this world is one of the most vital and needed ministries in the church today.

How did Jesus care for souls? Was His ministry strictly to care for the sick, casting out devils and feeding thousands of people? Can we find in the scriptures direct modelling of the Master caring for the emotional damage inflicted by SIN? Imagine the scene. While teaching in an alcove of the temple, Jesus and His disciples turn towards the sound of an angry crowd. There they saw a woman, surrounded by the Pharisees having stones in their hands and ready to stone at her. The woman was in the ground and Jesus came and sat near her on the dirty ground. He was able to look in the eye of the woman. This woman was brought by the crowd to be stoned. She was under tremendous stress and there was nobody to help her. But Jesus entered her world of stress, shame and condemnation and was simply with her.

Stress magnifies seclusion. It increases loneliness. Just like the woman shamed beyond measure and condemned by others like her, the stress of life makes us give up hope and lie in the dirt waiting for it all to end and into this picture, Jesus enters.... meek, lowly and gentle.

Stress is a fact of life, whether inside or outside the church. It is found in the brother or sister you sit next to in the church as well as the neighbour who lives next to you. It is as real in marriage as in singleness and visits children as well as adults. The soul can only absorb so much before our cup overflows with loneliness, shame, anger, fear and guilt. But beware! God's answer is not always found in well crafted sermons or words of correction. Jesus' example was to FIRST "be with" the hurting. Before truth was shared (go and sin no more) He came and removed the stress of life with His simple presence. And maybe we need to do the same. Do you know someone who has the obvious and debilitating signs of stress? Yes, they can be difficult to be around but instead of trying to fix the problem, why not just "be with" the person? See Jesus in a new way in the scriptures and do the same thing He so often did.

"Come unto Me and I will give you rest". Not a sermon or a rebuke, but a safe place where we can recline down and listen to the love and concern of the Master.

With Love and Prayers  
Rev. Kenseelan Azariah

"A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble."

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Edward Robert Wood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rajesh Silimkar, Edward Route  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vandana Tiwari  
4<sup>th</sup> Violet Devappa, Rev. Dr. Jagat Santra, Shreya Sapaliga, Maygen Ann Young  
5<sup>th</sup> Tripti Bhonsle, Rev. Sumesh Jacob, Nirmala Raj, Aaron Veeraswamy  
6<sup>th</sup> Ashok Kotak, Abhishek Sathe, Rosan Samuel  
7<sup>th</sup> Sony Kedar, Wg. Cdr. (Retd) Amalkumar Patro, Abhijeet Pise, Parag Londhe  
8<sup>th</sup> Sangeeta Kadam, Wendy O'Berne, Sugandhi Anchan  
9<sup>th</sup> Rahul Chandanshiv  
10<sup>th</sup> Chandani Meprath  
12<sup>th</sup> Sharad Bhalerao  
13<sup>th</sup> Anil Farande, Ashlesha Onawale  
14<sup>th</sup> Satyavijay Ranshoo, Rohit Rajan  
15<sup>th</sup> Sudhakar Jadhav, Rhoda Kulkarni, Magdelene Thomas, Prashansa Shinde, Esther Shinde  
17<sup>th</sup> Akshay Sonawane  
18<sup>th</sup> Chetan Gujar, Ashish Patro  
19<sup>th</sup> Sudhir Jadhav, Rosalyn Paul  
20<sup>th</sup> Andre Morris, Christopher Morris, Chanda Pandkar, Sanaaya Rawani,  
21<sup>st</sup> Priyanka Roy  
22<sup>nd</sup> Manisha Anjan, Renin Meprath, Gianna Mabel  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mayura Barse, Varunika Patro, Anugrah Bhagwat  
24<sup>th</sup> Brig. (Retd.) Janet Dean, Rev. Vijayanad Salve  
25<sup>th</sup> Vijaya Sapre, Kuldip Singh, Rebecca Sapre  
26<sup>th</sup> Aishwarya Rao, Anjana Salve, Christine Hazel Raj  
27<sup>th</sup> Rhea Anchan, Richa Anchan, Cynthia Khilare, K. Prabhakar, Sophiya Khilare, Renuka Ramdas  
28<sup>th</sup> Alok Sonawane  
29<sup>th</sup> Sampat Kumar David  
30<sup>th</sup> Manish Farande  
31<sup>st</sup> Abiezer Jadhav

***Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday! God Bless you!***

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gp. Capt. Joseph & Shanti Jason,  
Hira & Cdr. K.K. Menon  
10<sup>th</sup> George & Manisha Michael  
16<sup>th</sup> Nishchal & Priya Pardhe  
21<sup>st</sup> Abhijeet & Priyanka Roy  
24<sup>th</sup> Megha & Siddharth Choudhury  
26<sup>th</sup> Sucy & Diwakar Majrekar  
27<sup>th</sup> Brig. (Retd.) Vijaykant & Neeta Pardhe  
31<sup>st</sup> Anupam & Abigale Johnson,  
Francis & Shikha Singh

***Wishing you all a Long & Happy Married Life!!!***

### **A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Maj. Samir Salvi, his wife, Priya Salvi and their daughter Rachel Salvi, residing at 512, Vaibhavnagar Society, Dhankawadi

Mrs. Mercy McPherson, residing at 106, Nyati Enclave, Pune.

Welcome to our Church and may you all have a blessed time of worship and fellowship with us!

### **189<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's Church**

St. Mary's Church celebrated its 189<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, with a Thanksgiving Service at 6:30pm followed by dinner. A warm thank you to our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Andrew Rathod and the office bearers of the Diocese, who took time out of their busy schedules to celebrate with us. A thank you also, to Mr. Freese for allowing us to use the Bishop's School Hall for the dinner.

As a part of our celebrations, a Football tournament - FIFA- First Is Father Almighty was organized. Teams from Oldham Methodist Church, St. Paul's Church and St. Mary's Church participated enthusiastically and in the spirit of the game.

A big thank you to Rev. Kenseelan Azariah and all those who participated, volunteered, organized, took photographs, were referees, prayed and most of all CHEERED all the teams! There are too many to name!

***May God bless each and every one of you!***



## Sunday Worship Services in July 2014

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The source of truth and purity is in the heart</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Genesis 6:5-8</i> Psalm: <i>34:8-9; 11-14</i> Epistle: <i>Eph 4:17-25</i> Gospel: <i>Matt. 5:27-30, 33-37</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service (Holy Communion)	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Our love for others should be without any limit, like the love of God</i>	Old Testament: <i>Genesis 50: 15-21</i> Psalm: <i>119:91-96</i> Epistle: <i>Romans 13:8-10</i> Gospel: <i>Mathew 5:38-48</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Be doers, not merely hearers, of the Word</i>	Old Testament: <i>Jeremiah 7:1-7</i> Psalm: <i>119: 9-13, 16</i> Epistle: <i>James 1:22-27</i> Gospel: <i>Mathew 7:21-29</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>God himself commissions those who do his work</i>	Old Testament: <i>Numbers 27:15-23</i> Psalm: <i>99:5-9</i> Epistle: <i>1 Corinthians 9:13-23</i> Gospel: <i>Matt. 9:35-10:10,16</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	

### FOR ALL PARENTS

As parents, we sometimes go too far trying to help and protect our kids from life's harsh realities and disappointments. We don't want our kids to struggle like we did.

But Harvard psychiatrist Dr. Dan Kindlon says that overprotected children are more likely to struggle in relationships and with challenges. We're sending our kids the message that they're not capable of helping themselves.

To quote a clinical psychologist "It is our Job to prepare our children for the road ..... NOT prepare the road for our children!"

### The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life;

Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,

Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

**Amen!**

### **An Office Boy**

A jobless man applied for the position of 'office boy' at a very big company. The employer interviewed him, then gave him a test - clean the floor.

"You are hired." – the employer said. "Give me your email address, and I'll send you the application to fill, as well as when you will start."

The man replied, "I don't have a computer, neither an email."

"What do you mean, you don't have an email. Everyone has an email id" said the employer, "if you don't have an email that means you do not exist. And if you don't exist, you cannot get the job."

The man left with no hope. He didn't know what to do, with only \$10 USD in his pocket.

He then decided to go to the supermarket, bought a 10kg tomato crate, then sold the tomatoes door to door. In less than two hours, he succeeded and doubled his capital.

He repeated the operation 3 times and returned home with \$60 USD. The man realized that he could survive this way, and started to go out early and return home late. Thus, his money doubled or tripled every day. Shortly later, he bought a cart, then a truck, and then he had his own fleet of delivery vehicles.

Five years later, the man's company was one of the biggest food retailers. He started to plan his family's future, and decided to have a life insurance.

He called an insurance broker and chose a protection plan. When the conversation was concluded, the broker asked him his email. The man replied: "I don't have an email."

The broker replied curiously, "You don't have an email, and yet have succeeded to build an empire. Can you imagine what you'd be today if you had an email?"

The man paused for a while, and replied: "Yes, An office boy!"

### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

A lot of trouble would disappear if only people would learn to talk to one another instead of talking about one another .....

Reflection cannot be seen in boiling water, in the same way, truth cannot be seen in a state of anger! Analyze before you finalize.

### **Everyone has a Story in Life**

A 24 year old boy looking out from the train's window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity.

Suddenly the boy exclaimed again....

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?"

The old man smiled and said...

"I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he has just got his vision today!"

*Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.*

### **BANK ACCOUNT**

Imagine there is a bank, which credits your account each morning with Rs 86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every paisa of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of that day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow."

Therefore, there is never 'not enough time' or 'too much time'. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.