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## People of God: Salt and Light

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It brings much happiness to communicate with you all through this issue of our very own Parish Journal. Salt and Light; is a challenge to us to think about the discipleship. We all are people of God and Disciples of Christ - Christians. What is the uniqueness and importance of salt and light, that Jesus wants us to be in this world? It will be easier for us to understand it through the statement of John MacArthur, he says that we can boil down the section of salt and light with one word: *influence*. Those who actually live the beatitudes are salt and light to the world, they will have an influence in the world. "A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine." D.L. Moody.

When we go deeper into the subject, what makes us think Jesus compared Christians to 'salt and light'? In the first century salt was essential to survival. It kept things from going bad. It was a preservative, it added taste, cleaned wounds and promoted healing. Jesus in his younger days have seen his mother using Salt and knew what it is. It was also used extensively in metallurgy, particularly in the refining of gold. So high was its value. Roman soldiers were often paid a *salarium*, an allowance of salt as their wage. From the word 'salarium' we get the English word salary. So when Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth' he was referring to something vitally important and essential for everyone.

Jesus also said, 'You are the light of the world.' Nothing grows, flourishes or survives without light. Just as Jesus is 'the Light of the World', with His Spirit in us, we are also lights to those around us. We should be prepared to bring spiritual light into the dark corners around us by living a life that is pleasing to God. Jesus makes it clear that being 'salt and light' is not just the occasional action, but that our whole lifestyle should demonstrates obedience and make us different from others. So it is a great responsibility that Christ has commissioned us being the salt and light. When Jesus spoke of salt, He was saying the world is decaying and When Jesus spoke of light He was saying that the world is in darkness. So, let do our part, Let our light shine as a mother;

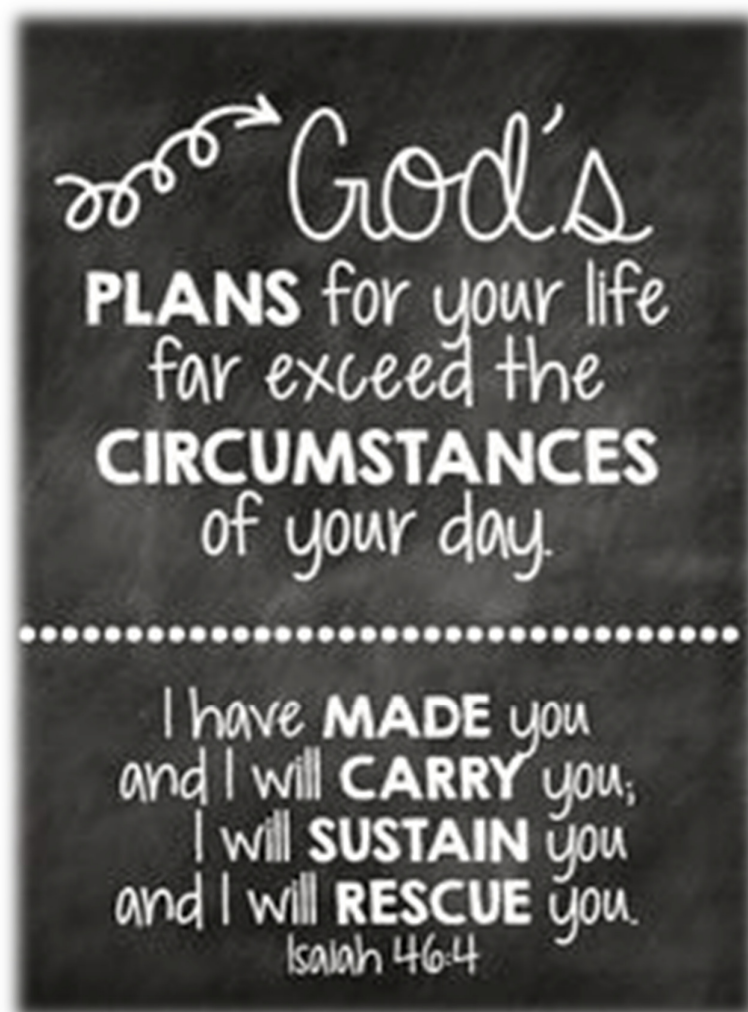
when the opportunity knocks, don't be a coward. Use opportunities to glorify God. Fear God more than you fear man!

The life, words and work of missionaries were true examples for this. They strived hard to be true light and salt. That is what it made us whom we are. As we commemorate the two hundred years of missionary advent in the diocese of Madhya Kerala, let us be thankful and be dedicated in our call. What we have contributed? What we have given back? If you are able to read and understand this and the word of God, then it's their commitment to the call of being the salt and light.

Let us live an influential life. Let us be salt and light of this world. Let us be part of the extension of the Kingdom of God.

God bless you all!

**Levin Achen**







**Sunday school** was started on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2015. Thanking God for all the wonderful blessings. God has provided us with enough students and teachers. Hope and pray that our Sunday school be a blessing in our Church growth.

**Bible Study** will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm in our parsonage. All those who are free are requested to come for this.

**Annual General Body** meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, soon after the divine service. All the members are requested to attend. For more details refer the AGM report.

**Youth Meeting** will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 after the worship service.

**Pastorate Committee** meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 after the divine service. Committee members please make note of this.

**GOODNESS OF GOD by JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN\***

God beholds you. He calls you by your name. He sees you and understands you as he made you. He knows what is in you, all your peculiar feelings and thoughts, your dispositions and likings, your strengths and your weaknesses. He views you in your day of rejoicing and in your day of sorrow. He sympathizes in your hopes and your temptations. He interests Himself in all your anxieties and remembrances, all the risings and fallings of your spirit. He encompasses you round and bears you in His arms. He notes your very countenance, whether smiling or in tears. He looks tenderly upon you. He hears your voice, the beating of your heart, and your very breathing. You do not love yourself better than He loves you. God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. -Amen

*\*Taken from the letter of Rev. Fr. Xavier Rodriguez from Kenya to the Vicar.*

<b>Programmes for the Month of July -2015</b>		
<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>12 - 7- 2015</b> 12.30 pm	PC meeting	<b>Church</b>
<b>12- 7- 2015</b> <b>10 am</b>	Youth meeting	<b>Church</b>
<b>18-07-2015</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Bible study	<b>Parsonage</b>
<b>26 - 7 - 2015</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>	AGM	<b>Church</b>



<b>SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY</b>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Remark</i>
<b>5 - 7 - 2015</b>	11 am	<b>Matins</b>	
<b>12 - 7 - 2015</b>	11 am	<b>Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>Tithe Sunday</b>
<b>19 - 7 - 2015</b>	11 am	<b>Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>26 - 7 - 2015</b>	11 am	<b>Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>AGM</b>
<b>2 - 8 - 2015</b>	11 am	<b>Holy Communion Service</b>	

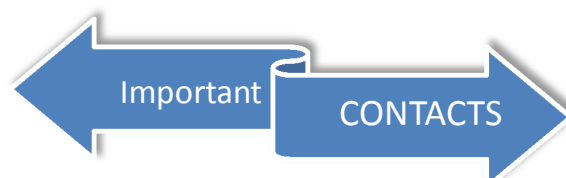
Called to *Serve*  
*Lectors*

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Psalms
12	Mr. Thomas Paul	Mrs. Beena Viju	Mrs. Jessy Jose
19	Mr. Rajan Chandy	Ms. Blessin John	Mrs. Girija Babu
26	Mr. Bency Varghese	Ms. Juliet J. Paul	Mrs. Mini Johnson
2 Aug	Mr. Thomson W. Paul	Ms. Shiji Jose	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian



Date	Greeters	Elements	Offertory
12	Mr. Moncy Varghese & family	Mr. K. Johnson	Mr. Cherian Thomas & family
19	Mr. Joji Jacob & family	Mr. Simon John	Mr. John Varghese & family
26	Mr. Vijay Cherian & family	Mr. Vinay Cherian	Mr. Shaji Varghese & family
2 Aug	Mr. Sam Cheriyan & family	Mrs. Bindu Thomas	Mr. T. M. George & family

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> 		<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b> 	
July 03	Ms. Blessin A. John	July 09	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Kurian
July 05	Mrs. Beena Viju	July 18	Mrs. & Mr. John Varghese
July 06	Mrs. Aparna Bony		
July 07	Ms. Juliet J. Paul		
July 09	Mr. Vincent Paul		
July 09	Kum. Joascy Achu George		
July 12	Mr. Thomas Sam Paul		
July 14	Mr. Rajan Chandy		
July 18	Mr. Cherian J.		
July 18	Mast. Job Shaji		
July 24	Mr. Bency K. Varghese		
<b>Wish you all a blessed and fruitful year ahead...</b>			



### **Church Committee**

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Mr. T. M. George (Hon. Treasurer)	-	9820274873
Mr. Simon John	-	9930360152
Mr. Bency K. Varghese	-	9029530436
Mr. Joji T. Jacob	-	9702715936
Mr. Vijay Cherian	-	9892879606
Mr. Vincent Paul	-	9920056368
Mrs. Pearly Kurien	-	8879583407

**Directions:** Look at the theme noted above the images then decide which of the image or images do NOT match up with the theme. When you have decided make an "X" over the image that does not fit the theme. Parents/Teachers: to further solidify understanding, ask the children to explain why each item does or does not belong.

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DOVE



10 COMMANDMENTS



RAIN

### #2. ADAM AND EVE



FORBIDDEN TREE

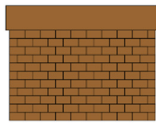


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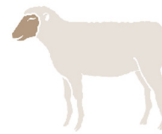
### #3. ABRAM AND ISAAC



JERICHO WALL



KNIFE



LAMB

### #4. THE THREE HEBREW BOYS



DONKEY



IDOL



FIRE

### #5. THE BIRTH OF JESUS



HEROD



STAR



DANIEL IN LIONS DEN

### #6. DISCIPLES OF JESUS



PETER



JOSEPH



MATTHEW



## LECTIONARY - JULY



### **July 12: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Theological Education Sunday**

*Theme:* Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith

Exodus 3: 1 - 12

2 Timothy 2: 1 – 13

Psalms 111

John 12: 20 – 26

### **July 19: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Theme:* People of God: Salt and Light

Isaiah 49: 1 - 7

Eph 5: 1 – 5

Psalms 27

Matthew 5: 13 – 16

### **July 26: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Theme:* Ordained Ministry: Marked by the Wounds of Christ

1 Samuel 22: 12 – 23

Gal 6: 11 - 18

Psalms 56

John 21: 15 – 19

### **August 2: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Laity Sunday**

*Theme:* Walk with Heads Held High

Lev. 26: 3 - 13

Romans 6: 7 - 16

Psalms 112

Luke 13: 10 – 13

# DO ALL YOU CAN

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

-JOHN WESLEY

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