

IMMANUEL VOICE

December 2021

NL – 6/3-8, Bridge View Apts, Sector -2, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. 400706
(For Private circulation only)

Worship Place - First floor, Plot no.4, Sector.5, Nerul

Due to restriction to access the worship place, Sunday divine worship and all programs will be conducted on Zoom Platform only.

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From the Vicar...

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We are now in the Advent season, where we remember and praise God for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time filled with joy and happiness. What is the real meaning of Christmas? Why is Jesus' birth referred to as the Incarnation?

Incarnation of the Lord is a past event, but also it needs to be a present reality and a future hope. No one ever thought God could do it, to become one like human.

The sense of fear began in the very first generation itself. Adam said, "I am afraid..." (Gen. 3: 10). Fear came to this world with estrangement from God. That resulted in estrangement of human from one another and from nature. Cain said to God, "... who ever sees me will kill me" (Gen. 4: 14). When human sees God as a fearful God, he cannot think of God becoming human. Jesus tried to teach people that God is love and the One who goes out in search of the lost one even if He had ninety-nine left with Him. This love made God become Human. **Incarnation was the only way God found effective to save humanity.**

Jesus has set an effective example for us to be true humans. As humans we have to get one with others. Incarnation sets a possibility and model for us, that we can put ourselves in the shoes of others to help others. Incarnation shows us what God did for us. But unfortunately, we fail to understand the meaning of Incarnation and hence we fail to love others. God wants us to be partakers of Incarnation, which is why he included Mary and Joseph as active partakers of the Incarnation.

The world is becoming a difficult place for everyone and everything, as hatred, misunderstanding, rivalry and abuse of each other are live and active among us. This is because people are not related. The feast of Christmas reminds us of the need to make incarnation not just a past event to be remembered and celebrated, but a present reality. We are called by this fest of nativity to try to understand others instead of seeing them through our coloured glass. This is what God did and we who were created in His image and likeness need to do this on our part in this world. Make incarnation a lifestyle and culture on our part and make our daily prayer saying "... Your Kingdom come" a sincere one. The King of the Kings came to us through incarnation and now we need to make it a present reality and a future hope in our midst.

Wishing you a Blessed Feast of Nativity and a New Year.

May God bless you all.

Rev Aji John

NEWS & EVENTS

Evening Chain Prayer

A evening chain prayer will be held every evening from **10.00 pm to 11.00 pm** by the Edavaka mission members. Request everyone to participate by giving names to Edavaka Mission Secretary.

Sunday School Annual Day

Due to current limitations, the details about the Sunday School Annual day program will be informed later.

Christmas Service and Christmas Carol

Due to current limitations, The Christmas Service and Christmas Carol will be informed later.

Watch Night Service

Due to current limitations, the details of the mid night service will be informed later.

Tithe

Monthly Tithe will be collected on every 2nd Sunday, request all members to participate in the tithe collection sincerely.

CALENDAR DECEMBER 2021

Date	Title	Bible Reading & Assisting	Lessons	Epistle & Gospel
Sunday 5 th Dec 2021 09.00 AM	Divine Service in Malayalam	Nerul C	Mal 3:1-6 Heb 4:12-16	Gal 1:11-17 Luke 1:57-66
Sunday 12 th Dec 2021 09.00 AM	Divine Service in Malayalam	Nerul D	Isa 7:10-17 Acts 3:19-26	Rom 4:13-22 Matt 1:18-23
Sunday 19 th Dec 2021 09.00 AM	Divine Service in English	Youths	Isa 11:1-10 Rev 19:1-10	Heb 1:1-12 John 1:1-14
Sunday 26 th Dec 2021 09.00 AM	Divine Service in Malayalam	Seawoods	Jer 3:6-22 Acts 6:1-11	1Thess 4:13-18 Matt 24:42-51

Sevika Sangham

Every month 1st Saturday food packets will be distributed in our surrounding area. Request everyone to participate.

Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer will be held on all **Friday at 10.00 AM** through zoom. Request everyone to please attend the prayer.

Friday Chain Prayer

A chain prayer will be held on **Last Friday of every month 10.00am to 1.00pm**. Request everyone to join the prayer.

Sevika Sangham prayer

Sevika Sangham Prayer meeting will be held on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** at 5.15 pm through zoom.

Bible Study

Book of Revelation bible study will be held on every **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8.15 pm** through zoom. Request all the members to join in the bible study.

Sunday Schools:

Sunday School classes will be conducted on **every Sunday** through digital platform.

Bala Samajam Program on **every 2nd Sunday** at 11 am.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting on **every 4th Sunday** at 5 pm.

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission Prayer meeting will be held on the **2nd Sunday & 4th Friday** at 8.00pm through zoom.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer will be held on the **1st & 3rd Sunday** immediately after the service through zoom.

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens fellowship will be held on the **1st Sunday at 07.00pm** through zoom.

Young Family Fellowship

Young Family Fellowship meeting will be held on the **2nd Sunday at 3.00pm** through Zoom.

AREA PRAYER

NERUL A	3 rd Saturday	8.00 pm through zoom
NERUL B	2 nd Saturday	8.00 pm through zoom
NERUL C	4 th Saturday	8.00 pm through zoom
NERUL D	1 st Saturday	8.00 pm through zoom
SEAWOODS	2 nd Friday	8.00 pm through zoom
ULWE	3 rd Sunday	8.00 Pm through zoom

FINANCE

The Church is in urgent need of finance and members are requested to make their contributions. Details are given below.

Bank Name : **South Indian Bank Limited**
Branch : **Nerul**
IFSC Code : **SIBL0000465**
For All Payments : **IMMANUEL MARTHOMA CHURCH NERUL**

Sr No	Account Head	Bank Account Number
1	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION	0465053000000876
2	HARVEST FESTIVAL / ONE DAY INCOME	0465053000000876
3	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	0465053000000876
4	SUNDAY OFFERTORY	0465053000000876
5	BIRTHDAY OFFERTORY	0465053000000876
6	WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OFFERTORY	0465053000000876
7	SPECIAL DONATION	0465053000000876
8	TITHE	0465053000000876

Account Name : **IMTC MISSION AND CHARITY ACCOUNT**

1	MISSION & CHARITY	0465053000006074
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Please inform the trustees the transactions with reference.

Mr. Abraham P V. : 9769897323 / 9322279243

Mr. Oommen Mathew. : 9819039398

Those who are not able to transfer online please handover the payments to your area committee member.

BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating their birthdays this month.
Let God's grace and mercy be with them throughout the year.

<p>NERUL A Dec-17 Mrs. Mercy Varghese Dec-25 Mr. Abin Mathew Wilson</p> <p>NERUL B Dec-02 Ms. Melissa Thomas Dec-03 Mr. Jerry Manoj Mathew Dec-04 Mr. Mathew P C Dec-06 Mrs. Elizabeth Mathew Dec-07 Mrs. Anju Rohit Mathew Dec-09 Ms. Rochelle Ciril Abraham Dec-09 Mrs. Alice Mathew Dec-16 Ms. Ruchita Mariam Kurian Dec-18 Ms. Christine Daniel Dec-24 Mr. Saji M Jacob Dec-29 Mrs. Jiji Thomas</p> <p>NERUL C Dec-01 Mrs. Roshini John Dec-08 Mr. John A Philip Dec-12 Mr. Mohan Thomas Dec-19 Dr. Nevin Abraham Dec-19 Mrs. Shiba Thomas Dec-19 Mrs. Jaya Thomas Dec-19 Mr. George Abraham Dec-19 Mr. Oommen Mathew</p>	<p>NERUL D Dec-03 Ms. Janice Jacob Dec-06 Mr. Moncy Cherian Dec-07 Mr. Joyal Joy Dec-17 Mr. Ezra Jose Erapuzha Dec-18 Ms. Linta Jacob Dec-22 Ms. Angelina Shaji George Dec-23 Mr. Rajan Thomas Dec-26 Dr. Daisy Joseph</p> <p>SEAWOODS Dec-02 Mrs. Sai Sara Koshy Dec-04 Mrs. Princy Mathew Dec-07 Dr. Philip Mathew Dec-12 Ms. Meghana Sreen Mathew Dec-12 Dr. Sanjana Annie Mathew Dec-15 Mrs. Mary David Dec-20 Ms. Elizabeth K. Sanson Dec-20 Ms. Kavya Biju Thomas Dec-23 Mr. Biju K Mathew</p> <p>ULWE Dec-14 Mr. Ayush P Shabu Dec-17 Mr. Renoy Philip Dec-22 Mrs. Jibi Philip</p>
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The following families are celebrating their Wedding anniversaries this month.
May the Lord shower His blessings upon them in the years ahead.

<p>NERUL A Dec-08 Mr. Wilson Mathew & Mrs. Lovely Wilson</p> <p>NERUL B Dec-05 Mr. Ciril P Abraham & Mrs. Jesusan C Issac Dec-26 Mr. Nitin P Varghese & Mrs. Mekha Ann Shaji Dec-27 Mr. Ghevarghese Mammen & Mrs. Hazel Mammen Dec-28 Mr. Thomas Philip & Mrs. Mini Thomas</p>
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NERUL D

Dec-05 Mr.Shevin Bobin Varughese & Mrs. Raji Anie Mathew
Dec-10 Mr.Vilayil Ruben George & Mrs. Lisa Sebastian T
Dec-30 Mr.Shaji George & Mrs. Binu Shaji
Dec-30 Mr.Joy Varghese & Mrs. Rosamma Joy

SEAWOODS

Dec-30 Dr.Philip Mathew & Mrs. Anuja Joseph Cherian

ULWE

Dec-27 Mr.Shabu P John & Mrs. Minu Shabu
Dec-30 Mr.George Abraham Plachira & Mrs. Priya Joseph

MARRIAGE

Son of Mr Ranji Joseph and Mrs Mary Joseph,
Nishant Joseph George marriage with Sneha Liza George was solemnized at
St Thomas MTC SCS Tiruvalla on Saturday, 27th November 2021. On behalf of IMTC,
we wish the newly wedded couple are happy and blessed married life.
