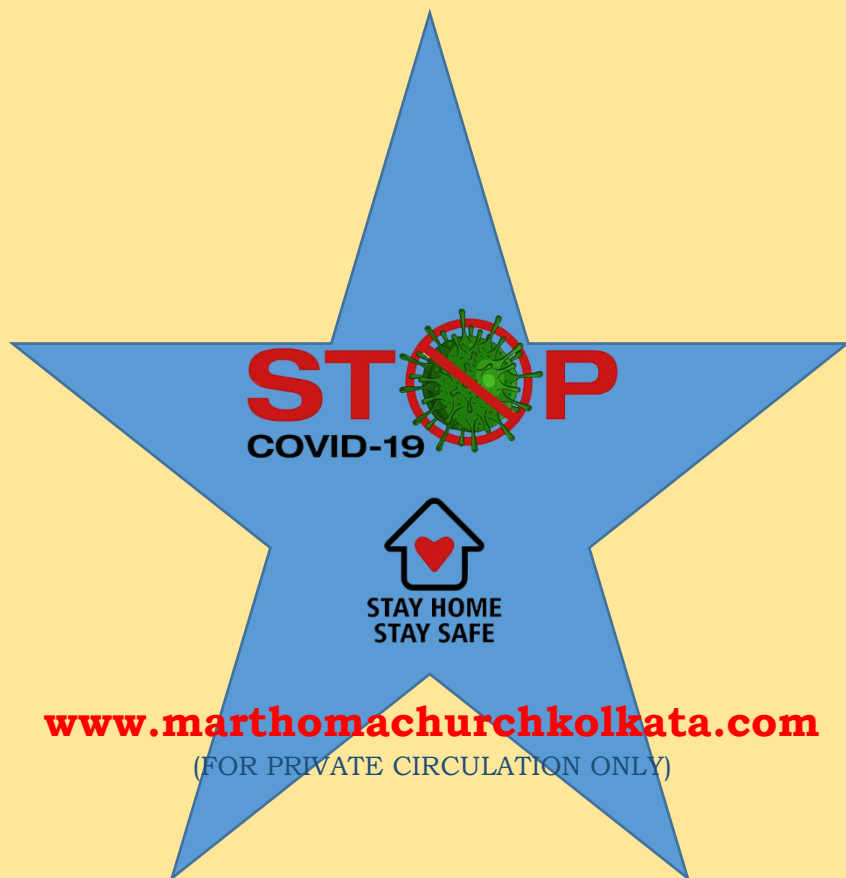


MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH KOLKATA



PARISH BULLETIN (QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER)

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER – 2020



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VICAR

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(FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY)

ONLINE SERVICE TIMINGS

Divine Service

Every First, Third & Fifth Sundays at 9:30 am-10:30 am
Second & Fourth Sundays Holy Communion Live from Kerala

Sunday School

General Session: Every First & Third Saturdays at 7:00 pm
Classes: At various times on weekdays

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Every First & Third Sundays after the divine service

Sevika Sangham

Every First & Third Fridays at 8:30 pm

Parish Mission

Every Second & Fourth Fridays at 8:30 pm

Combined Prayer Meeting

Every Second & Fourth Sundays at 8:00 pm

POST LOCKDOWN SERVICE TIMINGS

Holy Communion Service

Every Sunday at 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Sunday School

Every Sunday at 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Every First & Third Sundays after worship

Choir

Every Sunday after worship

Sevika Sangham

Every Second Sunday after worship

Parish Mission

Every Fourth Sunday after worship

Message from the Vicar

Dear members of the Parish,

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



The Holy Bible teaches us that, God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness....” (Gen.1:26a NRSV)

“Image and Likeness” reminds us of the prodigious responsibility entrusted to the human race. We have to reflect and represent the gracious loving presence of God in our surroundings.

I like to highlight a life example of a noted personality in sports.

In the December 2012 race held at Spain’s Burlada, Kenya’s champion Abel Kiprop Mutai was in the lead and certain of winning the event. But mistakenly thinking that he had crossed the finish line, Mutai pulled up nearly 10 metres before the finish.

The Spanish runner, Ivan Fernández Anaya, instead of grabbing the opportunity to win the gold, caught up with Mutai and guided him into the first place. Anaya preferred honesty to victory, and became a world hero. He was globally praised for his sportsmanship.

We are stepping to the last quarter of this year. All of us welcomed the year 2020 with high expectations and dreams. Everything turned upside down due to the Novel Corona Virus Disease. But God has a definite plan about the future. The image and likeness remind us of the promise of the Almighty...‘I am always with you’. Let us look to the face of the Crucified God in Jesus and sharpen our faith. In the midst of tormenting life realities let us take care of our fellow beings. Be a support to those who are in chaos, sufferings, struggling due to traumatic conditions, etc.

In the last quarter, we were able to meet for the activities using online platforms. The fellowship meetings of our Parish and its Organizations were blessed with the graceful leadership of Our beloved Diocesan Thirumeni Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, our former Vicars and many other resource persons. The inter-Parish fellowship with the Mar Thoma Churches at Guwahati and Patna was a good experience. Thanks to the Vicars and members of those Parishes. Education Sunday and Sevika Sangham Day services were remarkably well arranged.

In the new quarter, let us hopefully wait for more blessed time of service and fellowship. We will be meeting at the Church as soon as we get the Circular regarding the arrangements. Post Lockdown gatherings need more care and attention. Asymptomatic cases are very common. Those who have no symptoms and unaware that they are carrying the virus, spread the disease very fast because they think they are not carriers of the virus. So, even when we get the opportunity to meet physically at the Church, the social responsibility to stop the spread of the Virus must be taken very seriously. The upcoming arrangements will be updated using our existing communication method. So, watch the Church notifications carefully and follow the guidelines.

Let us earnestly pray to the Almighty God to erase the pandemic from the face of Earth, so that the world could face the future with new dreams and expectations.

Wish you all grace and happiness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In His ministry,

Renuachen.

30th September, 2020

Announcements

There will be **No Worship Services** at our Church on Sundays until further announcement due to the **Coronavirus (Covid-19) Restrictions** imposed by the Government.

As we are unable to convene the Holy Qurbana, Area Prayer Meetings and other Organisational Meetings in the Church Center and houses, we will continue Divine Worship Service, Combined Prayer Meetings and Organisations' Meetings through the online video conferencing platform, Google Meet.

Special Sundays and Offertories, which are reserved for various missions and organizations, will be arranged after the normal worship service begins.

Further updates will be communicated through church official WhatsApp Group & website **<http://marthomachurchkolkata.com>**

Arrangements for the Worship Service

The prayer groups should arrange for:

- Lesson Reading - 1 male and 1 female
- Assisting in the Holy Qurbana - 1 male
- Collection of Offertory - 1 male and 1 female
- Kiss of Peace - 2 members of one family

NEWS & NOTES

HOLY BAPTISM

Children newly admitted to parish membership by holy baptism.

- ❖ **Mast. Nevan Robin Thomas** S/o Mr. Robin Thomas and Mrs. Sukanya Deka, was baptised on 20-09-2020.
- ❖ **Ms. Leona Liril Thomas** D/o Mr. Liril Thomas & Mrs. Sherin C. D, was baptised on 27-09-2020.

OBITUARY

With deep sorrow, we place on record the sad demise of our members and relatives of our members during the last quarter.

- ❖ **Dr. Philip Keerikkadu** (91 years), our former member till 1978, passed away on 07-07-2020 at Houston. Funeral service conducted on 11-07-2020.
- ❖ **Mr. K A Philipose** (93 years) Father of our member Mr. Samuel Philips (Kunjumon, Park Circus) passed away on 17-07-2020 at Nilambur, Kerala.
- ❖ **Mrs. Rachel Thomas** (75 years), wife of Mr. V S Thomas (cousin of Mr. V P Abraham), our former member till 1974, passed away on 20-07-2020 at Houston.
- ❖ **Rev. Dr. V E Varghese**, Ex Professor in Bishops College passed away on 26-07-2020 at Vellore hospital. Achen was professor of Ethics when Stephanos Episcopa was studying at Bishop's college. He is a relative of Mrs. Annamma Zachariah & Mr. Mathew V Koshy (Behala).
- ❖ **Mr. V. M. Mathews**, (former member) father of KMTSC members Mrs. Leena Jacob & Mrs Sally Varghese of Behala prayer group passed away on 15-08-2020 and conducted the

funeral on 16-08-2020 at Sehion Mar Thoma Church, Varikkadu, Kerala.

- ❖ **Mr. P V George**, 93 years, father of Mrs. Annie Zachariah of Dum Dum prayer group passed away on 22-08-2020 at Mallappally, Kerala.
- ❖ **Dr. Pulak Kumar Shaw**, MBBS, 69 years of age, passed away on 11th September 2020 at Kolkata. Since 2018, he was associated with Janata Medical Service

Our condolences to the bereaved families and may God grant them His grace and strength during this time of grief. Kindly uphold the members of the families in your prayers.

MEMBERS MOVED ON TRANSFER

Mr. Robinson Kurian & Family (Park Circus) left for Mumbai on 30-09-2020 on retirement from job.

Our Prayers and best wishes for a happy and blessed life ahead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Jacob George (Saju)

Ozone Srijan
Block – 5, Flat - 11D
E M Bypass
Opp. Pepsi Bottling Factory
2060, Dakhin Kumrakhali
Kolkata 700 103
Mob. 98310 55670

LECTIONARY FOR THE QUARTER

04 OCTOBER

Witnessing Life of the Laity (Voluntary Evangelist's Day),
Lessons Amos 7:10-17 1Pet 2:1-10
Epistle Gospel 1Thess 4:1-8 Luke 10:30-37
Evening Reading Neh 1:1-11 Ps 3:1-8

11 OCTOBER

Accepting the Difference of God's Creation Day for the
people with Special Skills,
Lessons Isa 42:16-20 Acts 3:1-10
Epistle Gospel 2Cor 12:1-10 John 5:1-9
Evening Reading 2Sam 9:1-13 Ps 37:1-40

18 OCTOBER

Youth: Life focused on the Word of God (Youth Sunday),
Lessons Gen 41:37-43 Phil 3:1-16
Epistle Gospel 1Tim 4:7-16 Luke 10:25-28
Evening Reading 1Sam 17:32-50 Ps 111:1-10

25 OCTOBER

Family: Place of Faith Formation (Family Dedication
Sunday),
Lessons Josh 24:14-22 Titus 2:1-8
Epistle Gospel Eph 3:14-21 Luke 19:1-10
Evening Reading Gen 2:18-25 1John 2:7-17

01 NOVEMBER

Kudosh Eetho Sanctification of the Church: Beginning of
the Liturgical Year – Learning and Nurturing of the Faith
and Practice (World Sunday School Day) All Saints Day -
Lessons Prov 23:15-26 Heb 12:1-13
Epistle Gospel 1John 2:7-17 John 6:1-14
Evening Reading 1Sam 3:1-12 Ps 127:1-5

08 NOVEMBER

Hudos Eetho-Renewal of the Church Festival of Unity of
the Communion of Churches in India (CCI) CSI-CNI-
MTC

Lessons Mic 6:1-8 2Cor 4:7-15

Epistle Gospel 1Cor 12:12-20 Luke 10:1-9

Evening Reading Jer 29:1-9 Ps 106:1-12

15 NOVEMBER

Annunciation to Zechariah -

Lessons 1 Chro. 24:1-19 Heb. 5:1-10

Epistle Gospel 2 Cor. 2:12-17 St.Luke. 1:5-23

Evening Reading Ps. 145 Prov. 8:1-8

22 NOVEMBER

Annunciation to Virgin Mary -

Lessons Zech. 2:10-13 1 John. 3:1-16

Epistle Gospel Eph. 1:3-10 St.Luke. 1:26-38

Evening Reading Gen. 18:1-15 Acts. 18:17-24

29 NOVEMBER

Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

(Inauguration Day of the Church of North India-CNI)-

Lessons Gen. 18:1-16 1 Pet. 1:8-12

Epistle Gospel 2 Cor. 1:3-11 St.Luke. 1:39-45

Evening Reading Gen. 33:1-17 Ps. 146

06 DECEMBER

Birth of John the Baptist (Bible Sunday)-

Lessons Isa. 55:6-13 Heb. 4:1-13

Epistle Gospel Gal. 1:11-17 St.Luke. 1:57-66

Evening Reading Zech. 1:1-6 Ps. 119:100-112

13 DECEMBER

Annunciation to Joseph

Lessons Zep. 3:14-20 Rom. 1:5-16

Epistle Gospel Phil. 4:4-10 St.Mat. 1:18-23

Evening Reading Isa. 35:1-10 Ps. 43

20 DECEMBER

Our Lord is Coming - Sunday before Christmas -
Lessons Micah. 4:1-7 1 John. 4:7-21
Epistle Gospel Rom. 1:8-17 St.John. 1:1-14
Evening Reading Neh. 12:27-43 2 Cor. 7:1-16

21 DECEMBER

Mar Thoma Church Day
Lessons Isa. 22:20-24 1 Cor. 1:18-25
Epistle Gospel Phil. 3:12-21 St.John. 14:1-7
Evening Reading Ps. 100 St.Mat. 16:13-20

25 DECEMBER

Yaldho - Feast of Nativity: The Birth of our Lord -
End of 25 Day's Lent-
Lessons Micah. 5:1-9 Col. 1:13-20
Epistle Gospel Gal. 4:1-7 St.Luke. 2:1-14
Evening Reading Isa. 7:10-14 Ps. 128

27 DECEMBER

Joyful Expectation of Christ's Coming
Lessons Mal. 3:13-4:2 Acts. 1:6-11
Epistle Gospel 1 Thes. 4:13-18 St.Mark. 13:28-37
Evening Reading 2 Sam. 18:24-33 Ps. 15

31 DECEMBER

Year Ending - Watch Night Service -
God our Helper and Redeemer
Lessons 1 Sam. 7:5-17 1 Pet. 5:6-11
Epistle Gospel Heb. 13:7-11 St.Luke. 12:22-34

ACTIVITIES OF OUR ORGANISATIONS

All Church organizations arranged their meetings online within the confines of the situation.

Sunday School Examinations

The annual examination of Sunday School will be held on 15th November and Birudh Examination on 6th December 2020.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2020

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Date	Name & Mobile No	Area
<i>Thanks Giving Service on 4th October 2020</i>		
2nd Oct	Mr. Jobel Varghese 9892337639	Behala
3rd Oct	Mrs. Bettina Philip 22878070	Park Circus
3rd Oct	Mast. Jyothis Mathew Soby 9433046848	Park Circus
<i>Thanks Giving Service on 11th October 2020</i>		
6th Oct	Mr. Ponnachen A. C 9830341542	Kidderpore
7th Oct	Mr. Abraham George 9831024065	CIT/Central
8th Oct	Mr. Thomas John M. 9836133250	Park Circus

8th Oct	Mr. T. M. Thomas 9748121215	Behala
8th Oct	Ms. Hazel Sara Behanan 9748294020	Dum Dum
10th Oct	Mrs. Chandana Mathew 9830309717	Park Circus
10th Oct	Mast. Ryan Jacob 9830066280	Alipore
10th Oct	Ms. Rini Chacko 9830861993	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 18th October 2020

12th Oct	Mr. Jasil Ponnachen 9830341542	Kidderpore
12th Oct	Miss. Christa M Thomas 9681350646	South Kolkata
12th Oct	Mrs. Leena Jacob 9830040169	Behala
13th Oct	Miss. Aimee S Joseph 22878070	Park Circus
14th Oct	Ms. Sheena Ponnachen 8981346390	Behala
15th Oct	Mr. K. A. Samuel 9433056903	Kidderpore
17th Oct	Mrs. Dorothy Mathew 9831172444	Park Circus

Thanks Giving Service on 25th October 2020

20th Oct	Mrs. Rachamma Thomas 9674320430	Behala
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20th Oct	Mr. Alan Koshy Mathew 9339278771	Behala
21st Oct	Mr. Bejoy Jacob Koshy 9830074464	South Kolkata
24th Oct	Mr. V.M. Samuel 9432240701	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 1st November 2020

27th Oct	Mr. Akash Easow Mathew 24660690	South Kolkata
28th Oct	Mr. Akhil Alex Mathew 9831249315	Behala
28th Oct	Mr. Saji V.George 9830583721	Behala
29th Oct	Ms. Tincy K. Titus 6380065802	Behala
29th Oct	Mr. Rejo Varghese 9903398271	Behala
29th Oct	Ms. Samantha Sanish Samuel 9433056903	Kidderpore
29th Oct	Mrs. Raji Elizabeth Jacob 8420645838	Dum Dum
30th Oct	Mrs. Alice Jacob 9830888432	Alipore
1st Nov	Mrs. Cicily Pappachen 9903898762	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 8th November 2020

2nd Nov	Miss. Nimmi Thomas 9674617058	Behala
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06th Nov	Mrs. Annamma Zachariah 9903415902	Behala
06th Nov	Mr. Joby Sam John 9830326145	CIT
08th Nov	Mr. Shajan Varghese 9903543322	South Kolkata
08th Nov	Mrs. Jeenu George 9432354544	Park Circus
08th Nov	Mr. Alexander Mathew 9831249315	Behala
08th Nov	Mr. Mohan Rajagopal 9830370083	South Kolkata

Thanks Giving Service on 15th November 2020

10th Nov	Mr. P. M. Thomas 24469151	Behala
10th Nov	Mr. A. M. Geevarghese 9748169788	Behala
10th Nov	Mr. Binu Koshy 9830074464	South Kolkata
10th Nov	Mrs. Miriam Chacko 9830140140	Park Circus
11th Nov	Mr. Saji Samuel 9831747901	Behala
12th Nov	Mr. Thomas Koshy 9830074464	South Kolkata
12th Nov	Mast. Jubin Mathew Varghese 9433911701	Dum Dum
14th Nov	Mr. Rohit Alexander 9830029366	Alipore

15th Nov	Mr. Nikhil Jacob 9830040169	Behala
15th Nov	Mr. Thomas Mathew K. 9051652269	Dum Dum

Thanks Giving Service on 22nd November 2020

17th Nov	Ms. Janis Ann Jacob 9830066280	Alipore
18th Nov	Mrs. Mini Achenkunju 9831414373	Mominpur
22nd Nov	Mrs. Sherin Mariyam Chacko 9874394028	Kidderpore
22nd Nov	Dr. (Mrs.) Poonam V. Kuruvilla 8420586710	Behala
22nd Nov	Ms. Nisha Ponnachen 8981346390	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 29th November 2020

24th Nov	Miss. Tabitha Susan Philip 22878070	Park Circus
27th Nov	Mr. Levin V. Mathews 9831204267	South Kolkata
29th Nov	Mr. Vineeth G. Varghese 9748087006	CIT
29th Nov	Mr. Alex Mathew 9051011669	Park Circus

Thanks Giving Service on 6th December 2020

30th Nov	Mrs. Bini Mariyam Koshy 9433031979	Dum Dum
01st Dec	Mr. Sijo Samuel 9009635053	Behala

02nd Dec	Mrs. Annie Varghese 9433911701	Dum Dum
04th Dec	Mr. Alexander Philip (Ranjan) 9830029366	Alipore
05th Dec	Mr. Abhishai Joseph Philip 22878070	Park Circus
06th Dec	Mrs. Priyanka Sam 9681447570	South Kolkata

Thanks Giving Service on 13th December 2020

07th Dec	Mr. Tony Rajan 9836317025	South Kolkata
08th Dec	Mrs. Saramma George 9831024065	CIT
08th Dec	Mr. Joseph Kuruvila 9831797567	Behala
10th Dec	Mr. Raji Varghese 9836534460	Behala
12th Dec.	Mr. Nobin Mathew Jacob 9163012052	Dum Dum
13th Dec	Mrs. Lilly Jacob 9874168888	Park Circus
13th Dec	Mr. V. M. Geevarghese 9433911701	Dum Dum
13th Dec.	Ms. Angel Anna Dibin 9433191942	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 20th December 2020

14th Dec	Mr. Zachariah Mathew 9830028197	Dum Dum
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15th Dec	Mrs. Jessy Thomas 9903431300	Dum Dum
16th Dec	Mr. George Job T. 9830172461	Park Circus
17th Dec.	Mr. Thomas Joseph 9830451298	Park Circus
19th Dec	Mr. Pradeep Thomas 9831000129	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 27th December 2020

22nd Dec	Mast. Mebin John Jobby 9809934268	Alipore
22nd Dec	Mr. Liril Thomas 8100247227	Behala
23rd Dec	Miss. Riya Miriyam Paul 9433230135	Park Circus
23rd Dec	Mr. Shabana Joby 9830326145	CIT
23rd Dec	Mr. Collin Mathew 9830658665	Behala
24th Dec.	Mr. Philip Joseph 22878070	Park Circus
25th Dec	Mrs. Mariyamma Thomas 9051652269	Dum Dum
27th Dec	Mr. George Kuruvila 9831797567	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 5th January 2020

29th Dec	Mrs. Gracy Cherian 9007560790	CIT
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29th Dec	Mrs. Ajitha Alexander 9830029366	Mominpur
30th Dec	Mrs. Aleyamma Philips 9674947056	Park Circus
30th Dec	Mrs. Elizabeth Sushil Joseph 22878070	Park Circus
30th Dec	Mrs. Susamma V.K. 9674756626	Behala
31st Dec	Mr. Thomas Daniel 9674320431	Behala
31st Dec	Miss. Nimmi Merrin Thomas 9433014606	Behala

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Date	Name & Mobile No.	Area
<i>Thanks Giving Service on 04th October 2020</i>		
03rd Oct	Mr. Alexander Mathew & Mrs. Valsamma Alexander 9831249315	Behala
<i>Thanks Giving Service on 11th October 2020</i>		
09th Oct	Mr. Mathew V Koshy & Mrs. Meena Mathew 9339278771	Behala
10th Oct	Mr. Ponnachen Daniel & Mrs. Lissy Ponnachan 9433191942	Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 18th October 2020

18th Oct Mr. Jobby John & Mrs. Shanu Thomas
9809934268 Alipore

Thanks Giving Service on 25th October 2020

22nd Oct Mr. P. Achenkunju & Mrs. Mini Achenkunju
9831414373 Mominpur

25th Oct Mr. V.M. Samuel & Mrs. Saramma Samuel
9432240701 Behala

25th Oct Dr. Mathew P. John & Mrs. Tara John
9830041518 Alipore

Thanks Giving Service on 1st November 2020

30th Oct Mr. Mathai Mathew & Mrs. Sosamma Mathew
9831894648 Behala

30th Oct Mr. Sijo Samuel & Mrs. Alin Elsa Samuel
9009635053 Behala

Thanks Giving Service on 8th November 2020

04th Nov Mr. T. S. Thomas & Mrs. Reena Thomas
9681350646 South Kolkata

05th Nov Mr. Joby Sam John & Mrs. Shabana Joby
9830326145 CIT

08th Nov Mr. Jacob Thomas & Mrs. Alice Jacob
9830888432 Alipore

Thanks Giving Service on 15th November 2020

09th Nov Mr. Tinu Thankachen & Kidderpore
Mrs. Ansu Sara Vargheese
9836025290

Thanks Giving Service on 22th November 2020

18th Nov Mr. Pradeep John & Dum Dum
Mrs. Meera Joseph
9840490836

20th Nov Mr. Rejo Varghese & Behala
Mrs. Nisha Rejo Varghese
9903358271

Thanks Giving Service on 20th December 2020

15th Dec Mr. R. Rajagopal & South Kolkata
Mrs. Mini Elizabeth Ninan
9830370083

Thanks Giving Service on 27th December 2020

26th Dec Dr. Kuruvilla V. C. & Behala
Dr. (Mrs.) Poonam V Kuruvilla
8420586710

Thanks Giving Service on 3rd January 2021

30th Dec Mr. Varghese Thomas & Dum Dum
Mrs. Jessy Thomas
9903431300

DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTION & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Those who want to give the special offertories on the blessings received from the God and those who are celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries can deposit their special offertories and contribution directly to the church account.

Also, kindly remit your Subscription & Other Contributions in the following Account and inform the Trustees.

Account Name : **MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH**

Name of the Bank : The Federal Bank Ltd.

Branch : Shakespeare Sarani Branch

SB Account No. : 14000100021769

IFSC Code : FDRL0001400

After remittance is made to inform the Trustees, so that the amount can be accounted.

Mr. Joseph Mathew (Trustee) : 98302 41285

Mr. George Job T (Accountant) : 98301 72461

Any change in the information mentioned in this Parish
Bulletin will be announced during the worship service and
updated on the Church Website

<http://marthomachurchkolkata.com>

Soby Mathew Medayil
(Hony. Secretary of the Parish)
