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St. Paul's Church

# Newsletter



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## Please pray for: 75th Anniversary of DoK

(Parent, Father and Mother, Merciful) God, We thank you for the grace and blessing you have given us as a Diocese to engage in your mission for the past seventy four years. Especially we praise you for the ministry of the founder Bishop Lakdasa de Mel together with all succeeding Bishops, Clergy, Daham Sevaka/Sevikas and Lay leaders who led and strengthened us in this journey. We pray for your blessings in the many years ahead, and especially for a blessed ministry in the seventy fifth anniversary which we hope to celebrate. In the name of Jesus. Amen



## *Mother's Union Fundraising Sale 2024*

Above are some delightful pictures from the recent fundraising sale hosted by the Mother's Union of our parish. It was a joyous occasion, as our church community came together to support these dedicated ladies in their ministry endeavors. From delightful homemade treats to nearly new clothes and cherished books, the sale offered something for everyone. Thank you to all who contributed and participated in making this event a resounding success!

## *From the Vicar's Desk.....*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Triune God ...It is our sincere hope that you all are spiritually uplifted as we are passing through the most joyous Easter season.

The importance of family has never become more emphasized than in the modern day. We hear of such atrocities as family members themselves turning on each other. We hear of families in disarray and in situations where seeing the day through is a challenge.

While we all realize the importance of family and do our very best as members, the modern world leaves us plenty of cracks where we can drift off. The unfortunate aspect is that many Christian families themselves are not immune to the changing scenes of the modern day.

In the vows to Christian marriage, we find the first condition that was ordered into families was that 'the love of God' maybe visible to themselves and to others through that union. This is a tall order where even the most ideal amongst us might fail. The fact that we who are members of the basic unit of a family are then in turn members of larger families such as extended families, work families, parish families etc, enhance the need of us sharing God's love with all other members who in turn will become my family member.(Eph 4)

Therefore let us uphold ourselves in prayer as we pass another family day, where we become renewed and recommitted in our family dynamics. Then let us also uphold those families who undergo testing times beginning with those who are near to those who we may not know fully but we are aware that there are always hindrances that disturb this small unit.

May God journey with us in this endeavor.

*Rev. Rasika Abeyasinghe*

Acting Vicar

## *Roster for Readers / Intercessors*

### **5th – Rogation Sunday and Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Theme - “A New Commandment - Love”**

1st Reading	: Acts 10:44 - 48	Mother's Union
Psalm	: Psalm 98	
Epistle	: 1 John 5:1 – 6	
Gospel	: St. John 15:9 – 17	

### **12th – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday**

#### **Theme - “Asia for the Ascended and Glorified Christ”**

1st Reading	: Acts 1:1-11	Men's Fellowship
Psalm	: Psalm 47	
Epistle	: Ephesians 1:15-23	
Gospel	: St. Luke 24:44-53	

### **19th – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

#### **Theme - “The Spirit Poured Out”**

1st Reading	: Acts 2:1-21	Area Stewards
Psalm	: Psalm 104:24 - 34, 35b	
Epistle	: Romans 8:22 – 27	
Gospel	: John 15:26 – 27 and 16:4b – 15	

### **26th – Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost, This year Anglican Communion Sunday)**

#### **Theme: “God the Holy Trinity”**

1st Reading	: Isaiah 6:1 - 8	Worship Committee
Psalm	: Psalm 29	
Epistle	: Romans 8:12 – 17	
Gospel	: St. John 3:1 - 17	



## Regular Services

### Sundays

06:45 a.m. - Holy Communion Service in English

07:45 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon in English

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (සිංහල)

2nd Sunday - Main Service will be in Sinhala

### Wednesdays

09:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist in English

1st Wednesday - Healing and Anointing Service followed by Holy Communion

#### Contact Details of Our Clergy

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#### **Important Notice**

- Sunday School will resume for Term 2 from May 5th 2024
- Elders Home Committee meeting will be held on 15th May 2024
- Harvest Festival of our church will be held during the month of June. Kindly prepare to make your personal offerings.

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