

BETHEL VOICE

JULY 2026

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36th Parish Day

Sunday 12th July 2026

Guest : Rev. Abin Srampickal Abraham

5th July Choir Sunday, 26th July Sunday Anduvar Collection

Dedication of students for new Academic year on 05th July 26.

From the Vicar's Desk.....

Called to Connect

Belonging, Building, Becoming

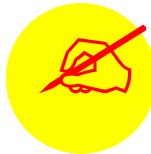
Scripture Reading: *"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."* — 1 Corinthians 12:27

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The month of July holds special significance for our parish family as we come together to celebrate **Parish Day** on the second Sunday of this month. Such occasions are not merely ceremonial observances; they are sacred reminders that God has called us not only to believe individually, but also to belong collectively. The Christian faith is deeply personal, yet it is never private. We are created for communion — with God and with one another.

In an age where people are highly connected digitally but increasingly disconnected emotionally, the role of the parish becomes more important than ever. Many today struggle with isolation, anxiety, competition, and the pressure to prove their worth. Amid such realities, the Church is called to



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become a healing fellowship — a place where grace is experienced, burdens are shared, and lives are strengthened together.

The New Testament never presents the Church as a crowd of spectators. Instead, it describes a living body where every member matters and every gift has value. St. Paul reminds us that we are "the body of Christ." This means the parish is not sustained by a few leaders alone, but by the participation, prayer, commitment, and compassion of every believer. God works through ordinary people who are willing to serve with extraordinary faithfulness.

Someone once said, *"The Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners."* The beauty of parish life lies not in perfection, but in participation. We gather not because we have everything together, but because together we seek God's transforming grace.

Belonging with Purpose

A parish becomes meaningful when people move beyond attendance into involvement. True belonging is not simply knowing people's names; it is carrying one another's joys and struggles with sincerity and love. In the early Christian community, believers prayed together, ate together, wept together, and supported one another. Their fellowship itself became a witness to the world.

Today, our parish is called to rediscover this spirit of shared responsibility. Whether through worship, choir, Sunday School, youth ministry, outreach programs, visitation, prayer groups, or silent acts of support, every contribution becomes part of God's greater work. No ministry is small when it is done with love.

Pope Francis once observed, *"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit. Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you."* These words challenge us to see faith not as self-preservation, but as self-giving.

The parish must therefore become a space where people of different generations walk together in mutual respect. The wisdom of elders, the energy of youth, the innocence of children, and the dedication of families together create the beauty of a living Church. We are strongest not when everyone thinks alike, but when everyone works together in Christ-like love.

Building with Participation

The mission of the Church in the modern world goes far beyond Sunday worship. Society today longs for hope, authenticity, justice, compassion, and moral clarity. The parish cannot remain isolated from the realities around

it. We are called to become co-workers with God in building communities of peace, reconciliation, and human dignity.

This calling becomes practical in simple ways — listening to someone who feels forgotten, encouraging a struggling family, mentoring young minds, supporting those in grief, caring for creation, and standing for truth with humility. Faith becomes alive when it moves from words into witness.

An old African proverb says, “A person is a person through other persons.” Christian spirituality echoes the same truth. We grow not in isolation, but in fellowship. God often shapes us through relationships, shared service, and collective worship.

As we celebrate **Parish Day**, let us ask ourselves: What kind of parish are we building for the next generation? A parish that merely preserves structures, or a parish that inspires lives? A parish divided by differences, or united by mission? A parish of passive observers, or a parish of active co-workers with God?

May this celebration renew our vision and deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church. Let us continue to build a parish where people encounter not only tradition, but also compassion; not only activities, but also spiritual depth; not only organization, but also genuine fellowship.

May God strengthen our parish to become a community that connects hearts, builds faith, and becomes a living witness to His love in the world.

With prayers and blessings,

The Vicar

PRAYER MEETINGS

Address	Date	Time	Prayer Group
Mr. Manoj K. Joshn, RZ-2686/29, A2, Karan Appt, Tuglakabad Extn	12 Sun.	07:00PM	Bethlehem
Mr. Jacob Mathew Shubham apartment, ward no 8, mehraul	18 Sat.	07.00 PM	Hebron

PARISH ACTIVITIES: JULY 2026

Holy Qurbana	At 8.00 AM Malayalam and English Service on 3rd Sun (i.e. on 19th July 26)
Parish Day 2026	Parish Day for the year 2026 will be celebrated on 12 July 2026.
Edavaka Mission	Fasting Prayer: 1 st Friday 10.30AM. (3 rd July 2026)
	3 rd Friday 10.30AM. (17 th July 2026)
	Evening Prayer: 2 nd Friday 07.30PM (10 th July 2026),
	4 th Friday 07.30PM (24 July 2026)
	5 th Friday at 7.30 PM (31 July 2026)
Senior Citizen Fellowship	After worship service on the 1 st Sun (05 July 2026)
Sevika Sangam	Bethel Poshanam will be held on 3 rd Saturday (18 July 2026)
	After worship service on the 2 nd & 4 th Sunday (12 July 2026 and 26 July 2026)
	One day conf at St. James Mar Thoma Church Dwaraka on 11 July 2026 Saturday from 09:00AM onwards.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	3 rd Sunday after worship service (19 July 2026).
Sunday School	Sunday School reopen from 1 st Sunday 05 July 2026.
	Dedication of students for new Academic year on Sunday 05 July 26.
Choir	We are celebrating first Sunday i.e 05 July 2026 as Choir Sunday.
	Every Saturday 07.00 PM at church

LECTIONARY

05 July Choir		
Sharing God's Gift with Joy		
1st Lesson-	1 Chr: 29: 10-18 Ann Sara Lino	Epistle – 2Cor 9: 06 - 11
2nd Lesson-	1Thim 6: 17 – 22 Aslin Binu	Gospel - St. Luke 16: 19 – 31
Assisting	: George V. Abraham	
Offertory	: Jaden James and Susan George	
12 July Gathsemane Prayer Group		
Ordained Ministry : Call to be sacrifice		
1st Lesson-	Jer 01 : 04 – 10 Binoy K. Varughese	Epistle-1Pet 05 : 01 – 04
2nd Lesson-	Eph 04 : 07-16 : Jenny Thomas	Gospel-St. Matt : 20 : 20 – 28
Assisting	: Sam K. Thomas	
Offertory	: Mr. Raji Easow and Mrs. Mini Raji	
19 July Yuvajana Sakhyam		
Edification of the Church through theological education		
1st Lesson -	Neh 08 : 01-12 Abel Easow	Epistle 1Pet 2 : 01-10
2nd Lesson –	Acts 28 : 23 – 30 Alana Grace Shiju	Gospel St.Matt 13 : 16 – 23
Asst	: Subin A. Varkey and Jijo Alexander	
Offertory	: Jason James and Jills Anna Sam	
26 July Hebron Prayer Group		
Marriage : Celebration of Unity and Partnership		
1st Lesson-	Gen 1 : 28 – 31 Alka Jacob	Epistle Eph 05 : 21 – 32

2nd Lesson-	1 Cor 13 : 1 – 13 Sheril Shaji	Gospel St. Matt 19 : 04 – 06
Assisting	: Christin Roy	
Offertory	: Hanna Susan Lino, Aaron Daniel	

BIRTHDAY JULY 2026

Name	HOF	Prayer Group	Date
Abhay S.George	Sunny George	Ararat	1
Niya Susan Reji	Reji.S	Ararat	2
Nidhin Babu	Babu Abraham	Canaan	2
Akhil Manoj John	Manoj K John	Bethlehem	3
Jithin S George	George A Zachariah	Eden	5
Leelamma Philipose	Philipose Oommen	Eden	5
Sachin Samuel	Samuel M.P	Eden	5
Asha Charly	Charly Simon	Kadesh	5
Abel Easow	Easow Issac	Bethlehem	6
Jijo Alexander	John Alex	Kadesh	6
Sharin Thomas	Thomas Abraham	Kadesh	7
Subin A. Thomas	Thomas P.A	Eden	8
Noble M. John	Sosamma John	Gethsemane	10
Joemole Saju	Saju K Zachariah	Canaan	10
Jose K. George	Jose K. George	Kadesh	10
Sosamma John	Sosamma John	Gethsemane	12
Jessy Mathew	Mathai P.C	Bethlehem	13
Moncy Idicula	Idicula Oommen	Hebron	13
Thomas V T	Thomas V T	Canaan	14
Derin Lijo	R.Joy	Gethsemane	14
Reny Shiju	Shiju Samuel	Bethlehem	15
Abraham P.S	Abraham P.S	Kadesh	15
Aaron Daniel	Liju P. Daniel	Hebron	15
Annamma Paul	Paul Vijayan	Kadesh	19

Abraham K C	Abraham K C	Hebron	21
Varkey Mathew	Varkey Mathew	Hebron	22
Emma Ashni Varghese	Varghese Skariah	Bethlehem	23
Jinzy Jinoy	Jinoy. Y	Gethsemane	23
Isabel Mary Reuben	Varkey Mathew	Hebron	24
Luxy Saiju	Saiju Areekuzhiyil Chacko	Hebron	24
Aleyamma Joy	Joy M.O	Kadesh	26
Ethan Thomas Alsh	Mercy Samuel	Hebron	26
Elizabeth Abraham	Abraham P.T.	Ararat	27
Salini Binu	Binu Thomas	Ararat	27
Mathew Kurian	Mathew Kurian	Hebron	27
Bryan Manu George	Mariamamma George	Eden	27
Mareya Susan Abraham	Mareya Susan Abraham	Hebron	27
Reshma Raj	Idicula Oommen	Hebron	28
George John	George John	Eden	29
Pheba Susan John	John Koshy	Bethlehem	30
Jeremiah Mobin	Varghese Scaria	Ararat	30
Robin Joseph	Robin Joseph	Eden	30
Aliyamma Mathai	Mathai V K	Canaan	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JULY 2026

Name	Spouse	Prayer Group	Date
Raju Yohannan	Lovely Raju	Eden	1
Johnson P. Varghese	Suma Johnson	Bethlehem	1
Samuel K.C	Mary Samuel	Kadesh	2
Chacko V.P	Mariamamma Chacko	Eden	3
Varghese Skariah	Thresiamma Skariah (Sally)	Bethlehem	6
Philip T V	Shyla Philip	Ararat	6
Binoy Joseph John	Leena Binoy	Canaan	11
Santhosh Philip	Suni Santhosh	Canaan	12
Mathew Mammen	Letha Mammen	Canaan	15
Jose K. George	Rachel Jose	Kadesh	15

CONDOLENCE

With deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Mr. C.O. Kurian (88), beloved father of our member Mrs. Susan George and father-in-law of Mr. George John (Sabu), Eden Prayer Group, who was called to eternal rest on 07 June 2026 at Chethicadu House, Kadavanthra P.O., Kochi, Kerala. The funeral service was held on 09 June 2026 at Elamkulam Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Kochi. We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the bereaved family on behalf of Bethel Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Saket. May the comforting presence of our Lord strengthen and uphold them during this time of grief.

Congratulations

Heartfelt congratulations to all the students who have successfully completed the 10th and 12th examinations this year. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have truly borne fruit. May God continue to bless and guide each one of you in your higher studies and future endeavors. Wishing you a bright and successful future ahead.

The Bethel Family joyfully congratulates Adv. Arlene Abraham (Hebron Prayer Group), daughter of Mr. Abraham Thomas and Mrs. Liji Abraham, and Adv. Gautham T. Koshy, Panachamootil, son of our former Vicar Rev. Thomas Koshy Panachamootil and Mrs. Lovely Thomas, on the blessed occasion of their Holy Matrimony held at Immanuel Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Pazhavangadikara, Ranni, on 04 June 2026.

We prayerfully wish the newly married couple a life filled with God's abundant blessings, enduring love, joy, peace, and happiness.

Farewell Note

The Parish places on record its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. John C.V. and Mrs. Santhamma John, D-10, Phase 4, Aya Nagar, New Delhi, for their long and faithful association with our parish since its early years. After nearly four decades of active presence, fellowship, and dedicated support, they have relocated to the Philadelphia St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Delaware Valley.

We deeply appreciate their commitment and contributions to the life and growth of our parish community. The Parish warmly wishes them God's abundant blessings, good health, and grace in all their future endeavours.

Notice

The *Anduvary Collection* will be held on Sunday, 26th July 2026. The Holy Communion Service will be led by Rev. Ronald Raju.