



# Mar Thoma Church Al Ain



## Parish Bulletin

"Engraved on the Palms of God"  
September 2018





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## Message

From the Vicar,

Greetings in the name of Triune God. "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". (Isaiah 49:16)

What is the meaning of being engraved? The Oxford Dictionary suggested its meaning is cut or carve a text, name or design on the surface of the hard object. Eg: In sports, Champions name is engraved on the trophy. In marriage ceremony the names of the bridegroom and bride are engraved on the wedding ring etc. Here, this Bible portion tells about the aggressive act of God with his compassionate love. The Lord inscribed us on his palms this is one of the most beautiful expression of God's everlasting love. "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that he should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even this may forget, yet I will not forget you". Let's remember and believe our Lord's promise: 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'. He is very present in all our better and bitter life situations.

The story of footprints gives more clarity about this verse. One night a man had a dream. He dreamt he was walking along the beach with Lord. In his life scenes one thing he noticed, the two sets of footprints on the sand. He identified the footprints one belong to the lord and another is himself. When go through the last scene, he noticed one set of footprint. He also noticed that this happened during the most difficult and saddest times of his life. With disturbance and anger he questioned Lord. "Lord you said to me that once I decide to follow you, you would walk all the ways with me. But I notice that during the most terrible times of my life there was one set of footprints. Lord I cannot understand why you forsaken me during my painful moment".

The Lord replied to him, " My beloved child, I love you and would never leave you. During the of your trials and tribulations, when see only one set of footprints, these were the time when I carried you in my arms. In Psalms 46 : 1 says God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Who did the engraving?. That is the Lord himself. Normally in ancient times a slave would bear the brand mark of his master. But here in Isaiah 49 : 16, we see an act of ineffable divine condescension in which the master inscribe the servant name on His palms. The implied truth of the verse is God's love is permanent and protective. It does not last for just a day, week, month or year. His love is eternal and everlasting. ( Jn : 3:16, 1Jn : 4:8 )

Let us look at the palms of Jesus. Our saviour Lord is showing His visible marks of crucifixion and invites everyone to come, see and touch my wounds. On the cross the lamb of God was pierced. The nails pierced His hands and feet, the spear pierced His side. "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; up him was the chastisement that brought us peace, with his stripes we are healed" . (Isa: 53: 5 )

What a secure place to be in His hand. Surely we are kept safe in the arms Jesus. May the Almighty God save and keep us all in His arms.

Your's in God's love,  
Rev. Jacob John



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#### CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Ushers
07//09/2018	9.00am	<i>Holy Communion, Birthday &amp; Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Service</i>	SevikaSangham
14/09/2018	9.00am		Senior Citizen Day
21/09/2018	9.00am		Tawam
28/09/2018	9.00am		Parish mission
05/10/2018	9.00am		KaisthanaSamithi

#### LECTIONARY

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle	Importance
07/09	Exod 1:15-22	Rom 16:1-16	Acts 16:11-15	Partners in God's Liberation
14/09	Josh 14:6-15	Phlm. 8-22	2Tim 4:1-8	Senior Citizen Day
21/09	Exod 12:21-28	Acts 2:37-47	1Cor 11:23-30	Sacrament of Offering
28/09	Mal 2:10-16	1Cor. 13:1-13, 14:1	Heb. 13:1-6	Honor the Bond of Marriage
05/10	1Sam 25:14-28	1Thess 4:1-12	1Thess 5:12-22	Voluntary Evangelist's Day

#### PRAYER MEETINGS

Date	Time	Venue	Tel. No.	Area
10/09	8.00pm	Res. of Mr. Varghese Mathew	055-5936393	Pallibhagam
11/09	8.00pm	Res.ofMrs. Roshan Sajan George	050-1127861	Tawam
17/09	8.00pm	Res. of Mr.Biji P. Kurien	0507421960	Oasis
23/09	8.00pm	Res.ofMr.SajiThankachen	037672139	Parish mission cottage meeting
24/09	8.00pm	Res..ofMr.Manoj Mathew	055-2217857	Tawam

#### CONDOLENCE

We express our heartfelt condolences to

- 1) Mr. Roshan Varghese Mathew ( Central Area)on the sad demise of his father –in- law Mr. Mathai Philip ( 67 years)
  - 2) Rev K.M .Issace ( our former Vicar) on the sad demise of his wife( Baskiomo) Mrs. Santhmma kochamma (65 years)
  - 3) Mr. Rogin Abraham (Tawam Area)on the sad demise of his father –in- law Mr. C.M Thomas (74 years)
- May Almighty God give peace and strengthen the bereaved family.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF THE MONTH & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 1)SEVIKA SANGHAM FASTING PATING PRAYER (HALF DAY) | :1ST SEPT.          |
| 2) SUNDAY SCHOOL RE-OPENING                       | : 7 TH SEPT         |
| 3) SEVIKA SANGHAM DAY                             | :7TH SEPT.          |
| 4)SUNDAY SCHOOL TALENT SEARCH                     | :14TH SEPT.         |
| 5) DHYANA YOGAM ( PARISH MISSION )                | :19TH TO 21ST SEPT. |
| 6) SUNDAY SCHOOL TALENT SEARCH ( BIBLE QUIZ)      | : 21ST SEPT.        |
| 7) SENIOR CITIZENS DAY                            | : 21ST SEPT         |
| 8) AGRICULTURE SEMINAR                            | : 28TH SEPT.        |
| 9) EPISCOPAL VISIT                                | : 2ND TO 4TH OCT.   |

#### U.A.E CENTRE MEETING

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| 1) YUVAJANA SAKHYAM           | -RASAL KHAIMAH | :7 TH SEPT @2PM     |
| 2)SEVIKA SANGHAM              | -ABU DHABI     | :14THSEPT@ 2.30PM   |
| 3) PARISH MISSION             | -FUJAIRAH      | :21ST SEPT @ 2.30PM |
| 4) SEVIKA SANGHAM (CENTENARY) | - DUBAI        | :5TH OCT. @ 6PM     |



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### GREETINGS

*Thanks to God Almighty for His mercy that kept you safe and sound during the past year. Praying to Lord God to shower all His Blessings, on each of you, all through the year ahead.*

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"**

Sl.No	Name	Area	Dir. Pg. No	DOB	Telephone No.
1	Anie Johncy	O	60	02/09	050 5630487
2	Noel John Vinu	T	107	03/06	05-7673361
3	Seona Liz Mathew	PB	46	05/09	037664193
4	Cyril Jacob Thomas	J	197	05/09	0505234712
5	Joe Jose Thomas	PB	62	06/09	050-6739137
6	Annamma Saji	T	167	06/09	037672139
7	Jobin Chacko	C	101	06/09	0556321599
8	Jewel Liya Mathew	T	103	07/09	037851918
9	Rhea Chinna Wilson	O	221	07/09	037610227
10	Anu Mathew Kurian	T	38	09/09	0501108765
11	Vinoda Binil Koshy	M	74	09/09	037610608
12	Shebin Chacko Philip	O	149	09/09	0504711423
13	Joel Jacob John	PB	25	10/09	03 7825858
14	Ani Thomas	J	33	10/09	0569965534
15	Steve P. Anil	M	33	11/09	037229837
16	Biju George Karavaloor	T	71	11/09	0505730829
17	Saiju Priya Sinu	M	189	12/09	037630985
18	Sera Mary Roshan	C	162	12/09	0559180260
19	Joan Mariam Mathew	T	103	14/09	037851918
20	Evelin V. Samson	T	173	14/09	037850976
21	Alvina Elsa Vinesh	T	182	16/09	0527612048
22	Scaria Abraham	J	177	16/09	0501327069
23	Saritha Molly Babu	T	220	17/09	037673361
24	Dr.Mercy Abraham	T	41	19/09	0507634356
25	Saramma Anil	M	33	20/09	037229837
26	Veenus Roby	J	160	20/09	037542453
27	Tanya Grace Zachariah	T	117	22/09	037647590
28	Merlyn Titten	T	212	23/09	0503177189
29	Angelo Anu Achankunju	M	59	24/09	037824132
30	Aju Zachariah	PB	47	26/09	0508650396
31	Leenamol George	T	144	27/09	0566985624
32	Susan Manoj	T	134	28/09	0552217587
33	Aina Elsa Biju	J	70	29/09	0505313432
34	Blucy M.Samson	T	85	29/09	0551043794
35	Thomas T.J	T	206	30/09	037672129

**Birthday wishes to our beloved Thirumeni  
Rt.Rev.Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa ( 08th Sept )**



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### "HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY"

SL.No	Name (Mr & Mrs)	Area	Dir. Pg. No	DOW	Telephone No.
1	Dr. Bert V. Mathew & Swapna	J	64	01/09	037554262
2	Dr. Benjamin Mathew & Rajani	T	New	02/09	037675383
3	Appuraj Yohannan & Reena	T	60	03/09	037519903
4	Samuel C. Abraham & Anitha	C	174	03/09	037640850
5	Titten C. Yohannan & Merlyn	T	212	08/09	0503177189
6	Josemon Thomas & Biji	PB	118	15/09	0506739137
7	Jinu Abraham John & Preeta	M	99	20/09	0555907364
8	George Varghese P. & Annamma	N	90	21/09	037376134
9	Koshy Mathew T & Bilji	PB	127	28/09	037824836

### NEW MEMBER



**Mr. LIJU VARGHESE OOMMEN and Family**

Home parish :  
Mallappally Marthoma Church, Keezhuvaipur

Permanent address:  
Chackalayil puthen purackal (H)  
Mallappally east P.O , Pathanamthitta, kerala  
Mob: 0554397559 - Area Tawam

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Friday	11.30am at Church	Annamma Saji (Secretary)
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### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	11.30am at Church	Allan Abraham (Secretary)
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### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	11.30am at Church	Susan Babu
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### PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday	8.00pm at Church	T.J .Thomas (Secretary)
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### CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday	8.30pm at Church	Sonu John Mathew
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### FASTING PRAYER, PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Friday	11.30am	Jubilee Hall
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### SEVIKA SANGHAM

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	8.00pm Church & Houses	Valsamma Scaria (Secretary)
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### CHAIN PRAYER

Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	6.00am to Sunday 6.00am	Leena Abraham (Convenor)
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