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Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:12-13

Vicar's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Children,

Greetings to you in the Blessed & Holy Name of Lord Jesus Christ!

Let me express my thanks to all of you for welcoming me and my family in to the Parish of Christ Church, Galkissa, The Church of the Open Door. We are slowly settling in the Vicarage and getting used to the new environment and surroundings and meeting new people in our ministry of Christ Church, Galkissa. We anticipate your fullest corporation and support to engage in a meaningful and fruitful ministry to bring glory and honor to the Almighty God.

We have come to a time where the Sri Lankans are celebrating the 78th Independence Day of Sri Lanka. On the one hand we can give thanks and praise to God for the people who committed their time, energy, wisdom and life to gain the independence and on the other hand we have to think and meditate whether we are rightly enjoying this freedom and create space for the others to enjoy this freedom. However, FREEDOM or INDEPENDENCE is something that we all like and want to enjoy. Therefore, it is good for us to understand the Christian meaning and value of Freedom.

The God who created the entire world as well as the Adam and Eve wanted them to enjoy the freedom that He gave in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve enjoyed that freedom. But because of the influence of the Satan, they became selfish about the freedom and became disobedient to God. The result of disobedience was that they were sent out from the Garden of Eden. Satan taught them that they should not be slaves to God and obedience to God would minimize their freedom (Gen. 3: 4-5). But they never knew that if they disobey God and run away from the freedom that God gave them, will bring them to the Slavery of Satan. The Lord Jesus came in to this world in order to bring back the freedom to them which was lost in the Garden of Eden and also to bring the eternal life which is the maximum of freedom.

No doubt the sinful nature and the activities of the darkness in the present society are due to the influence of Satan. No matter how ever a person has money and wealth or how much power and authority a person has he /she would be caught by Satan if they listen and do what Satan tell them to say or do. Those who run away from God's freedom will be caught to the slavery of Satan. Once a person is caught by the Satan it will be very difficult to overcome his snares. In the present context the human being is not in a position to enjoy the physical, mental and spiritual freedom due to suspicion, faithlessness, disobedience, pride, jealousy, competition and profit-oriented intentions in families, institutions and in personal life as well.

St. Paul says that there is no life of freedom unless and until you become a slave of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 7:21-23). True Freedom can be explained in this way; and it is like a little infant in the arms of the parents or the little chicks under the wings of the mother hen. Beloved, our Father God provides us the same freedom. Let us enjoy that true freedom and let others also to enjoy the same. Also it is good for us to think and meditate upon FREEDOM as we approach the season of LENT.

Enjoy your Freedom and God bless you and your Families!

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ස්වාමීඬු ජේසුස් ක්‍රිස්තුස් වහන්සේගේ ආශීවරාද ලක් සහ ශුද්ධ වූ නාමයෙන් ඔබව අමතමි!

ගල්කිස්ස ක්‍රිස්තු දේවස්ථානයට, එනම් විවෘත වූ දොරටුවේ දේවස්ථානයට, මා සහ මගේ පවුලේ අයව පිළිගැනීම ගැන ඔබ සැමට මගේ ස්තූතිය ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමට මට ඉඩ දෙන්න. අපි ක්‍රමයෙන් දේවස්ථාන නිවසේ අවට නව පරිසරයට සහ වටපිටාවට හුරුවෙමින් සිටින අතර ගල්කිස්ස ක්‍රිස්තු දේවස්ථානයේ සාමාජිකයන්න හමුවෙමු. සවර්ඛලධාරී දෙවියන් වහන්සේට මනිමය හා ගෞරවය ගෙන ඒම සඳහා අපර්වත් හා ඵලදායී දේවසේවයක නිරත වීමට ඔබගේ පූර්ණ සහය සහ සහයෝගය අපි අපේක්ෂා කරමු.

ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයන් වශයෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ 78 වන නිදහස් දිනය සමරන කාලයකට අපි පැමිණ සිටිමු. එක් අතකින්, නිදහස ලබා ගැනීම සඳහා තම කාලය, ශක්තිය, ප්‍රඥාව සහ ජීවිතය කැප කළ මිනිසුන් වෙනුවෙන් අප දෙවියන් වහන්සේට ස්තූති හා ප්‍රශංසා කළ හැකි අතර, අනෙක් අතට, අපි මෙම නිදහස නිවැරදිව භුක්ති විඳිනවාද යන්න සහ අනෙක් අයට මෙම නිදහස භුක්ති විඳීමට අවකාශය නිමර්ණය කරනවාද යන්න සිතා මෙනෙහි කළ යුතුය. කෙසේ වෙතත්, නිදහස හෝ ස්වාධීනත්වය යනු අප සැමට භුක්ති විඳීමට අවශ්‍ය දෙයකි. එබැවින් නිදහසේ කිතුනු අපර්ව සහ වටිනාකම තේරුම් ගැනීම අප කළ යුතුවේ.

මුළු ලෝකයම මෙන්ම ආදම් සහ ඒවා මැවූ දෙවියන් වහන්සේ ඒදන් උයනේදී ඔහු ලබා දුන් නිදහස ඔවුන් භුක්ති විඳිනවාට කැමති විය. ආදම් සහ ඒව එම නිදහස භුක්ති වින්දා. නමුත් සාතන්ගේ බලපෑම නිසා ඔවුන් නිදහස ගැන ආත්මාචර්කාමී වී දෙවියන් වහන්සේට අකීකරු විය. අකීකරුකමේ ප්‍රතිඵලය වූයේ ඔවුන් ඒදන් උයනෙන් පිටතට යැවීමයි. සාතන් ඔවුන්ට ඉගැන්වූයේ ඔවුන් දෙවියන් වහන්සේට වහලුන් නොවිය යුතු බවත් දෙවියන් වහන්සේට කීකරු වීම ඔවුන්ගේ නිදහස අවම කරන බවත්ය (උත්පත්ති 3: 4-5). නමුත් ඔවුන් දෙවියන් වහන්සේට අකීකරු වී දෙවියන් වහන්සේ ඔවුන්ට දුන් නිදහසෙන් පලා ගියහොත් ඔවුන් සාතන්ගේ වහල්භාවයට ගෙන එන බව ඔවුන් කිසි විටෙකත් දැන සිටියේ නැත. ජේසුස් ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේ මේ ලෝකයට

පැමිණියේ ඒදත් උයනේ අහිමි වූ නිදහස ඔවුන්ට නැවත ගෙන ඒමට සහ නිදහසේ උපරිමය වන සදාකාලික ජීවිතය ගෙන ඒමටයි.

වත්මන් සමාජයේ පාපකාරී ස්වභාවය සහ අන්ධකාරයේ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් සාතන්ගේ බලපෑම නිසා ඇති බවට සැකයක් නැත. පුද්ගලයෙකුට මුදල් හා ධනය කොතරම් තිබුණත්, පුද්ගලයෙකුට කොතරම් බලයක් සහ අධිකාරියක් තිබුණත්, සාතන් පවසන දේට සවන් දී එය කළහොත් ඔහු / ඇය සාතන්ගේ ග්‍රහණයට හසු වනු ඇත. දෙවියන් වහන්සේගේ නිදහසෙන් පලා යන අය සාතන්ගේ වහල්භාවයට හසු වනු ඇත. පුද්ගලයෙකු සාතන්ගේ ග්‍රහණයට හසු වූ පසු ඔහුගේ උගුල් වලින් ජය ගැනීම ඉතා අපහසු වනු ඇත. වතර්මාන සන්දහර්ය තුළ, පවුල්, ආයතන සහ පෞද්ගලික ජීවිතයේ සැකය, ඇදහිල්ල නොමැතිකම, අකීකරුකම, උඩහුකම, ඊෂාරාව, තරහකාරිත්වය සහ ලාභ අරමුණු කරගත් අභිප්‍රායන් නිසා ශාරීරික, මානසික සහ අධ්‍යාත්මික නිදහස භුක්ති විඳීමට මිනිසාට හැකියාවක් නැත.

ශු. පාවුළු තුමා පවසන්නේ ඔබ ස්වාමීන් වන ජේසුස් ක්‍රිස්තුන් වහන්සේගේ දාසයෙකු වන තුරු නිදහස් ජීවිතයක් නොමැති බවයි (I කොරි. 7:21-23). සැබෑ නිදහස මේ ආකාරයෙන් පැහැදිලි කළ හැකිය; එය දෙමව්පියන්ගේ අතේ සිටින කුඩා ළදරුවෙකු හෝ කිකිළියෙක්ගේ පියාපත් යට සිටින කුඩා පැටවුන් වැනි ය. ආදරණීය, අපගේ පියාණන් වන දෙවියන් වහන්සේ අපට එම නිදහසම ලබා දෙයි. අපි එම සැබෑ නිදහසක්ම භුක්ති විඳිමු, අන් අයටද එය භුක්ති විඳීමට ඉඩ දෙමු. වතාරික සමය ළඟා වන විට නිදහස ගැන සිතීම සහ මෙතෙහි කිරීම අප කල යුතුවේ.

ඔබේ නිදහස භුක්ති විඳින්න, දෙවියන් වහන්සේ ඔබට සහ ඔබේ පවුල්වලට ආශීවර්ෂාද කරයි!

ක්‍රිස්ටි ජෝසප් පියතුමා
දේවගැති

பொறுப்பு அருட்பணியாளரின் செய்தி

அன்பின் சகோதர சகோதரிகளே பிள்ளைகளே!

ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்ட புனித பெயராலே உங்களை வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

என்னையும் என் மனைவி பிள்ளைகளையும் வாழ்த்தி வரவேற்றுமைக்காக கல்கிஸ்ச திறந்த வாயில் கிறிஸ்து நாதர ஆலய சமூகத்தில் அனைவருக்கும் முதற்கண் நன்றி கூறுகிறேன். அருட்ப பணியாளர் இல்லத்தில் மெது மெதுவாக ஒழுங்கினை மேற்கொள்கின்றோம். சுற்றுச்சூழலில் உள்ளவர்களை சந்திக்கின்றோம். கிறிஸ்து நாதர் ஆலய ஊழியத்தின் மக்களையும் சந்திக்கின்றோம். அனைத்தும் அல்ல மகிமை மிகு கடவுளை கௌரவிக்கும் வண்ணம் கருத்தாழம் மிக்க திருப்பணி நிறைவேற உங்கள் ஒத்துழைப்பை எதிர்பார்க்கின்றேன்.

இலங்கை 78 வது சுதந்திர தினத்தை கொண்டாடும் காலகட்டத்தில் நான் வந்திருக்கின்றோம். நாட்டின் சுதந்திரத்திற்காக கால நேரத்தை அர்ப்பணித்து உழைத்தவர்களின் ஞானம், அறிவு, திறமை அனைத்திற்காகவும் கடவுளுக்கு நன்றி கூறுவோம். அதே நேரம் சரியான வகையில் சுதந்திரத்தை அனுபவிக்கின்றோமா? அடுத்தவர்கள் சுதந்திரத்தை அனுபவிப்பதற்கான சூழ்நிலைகளை உருவாக்குகின்றோமா? எவ்வாறான சுதந்திரத்தை எப்படி நாம் அனுபவிக்கின்றோம். ஆதலால் சுதந்திரம் என்பதன் கிறிஸ்தவ கருத்தியலையும் அதன் பெறுமதியினையும் அறிந்து கொள்வது நல்லது.

கடவுள் தம்மால் படைக்கப்பட்ட உலகில் ஆதாம் ஏவாள் இருவரும் ஏதேனும் தோட்டத்தில் முழு சுதந்திரத்தையும் அனுபவிக்க வேண்டும் என விரும்பினார். அவர்களும் சுதந்திரத்தை அனுபவித்தனர். தீமையின் சிந்தினையினால் அவர்கள் சுயநலவாதிகளாகினர். கடவுளுக்கு கீழ்ப்படியாதவர்களாகினர். கீழ்ப்படியாமை காரணமாக ஏதேனும் தோட்டத்தில் இருந்து வெளியேற்றப்பட்டனர். தீமைமையானவன் கடவுளுக்கு அடிமையாக இருக்க தேவையில்லை என்றும், கீழ்ப்படிய தேவையில்லை என்றும் போதித்தான். கடவுளுக்கு கீழ்ப்படியாமல் அவர் கொடுத்த சுதந்திரத்திலிருந்து விலகி ஓடினர். தீமையானவனுக்கு அடிமையாக நேரிடும் என அவர்கள் அறிந்திருக்கவில்லை.

ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு ஏதேன் தோட்டத்தில் கணாமற்போன சுதந்திரத்தை மீள் கொண்டு வருவதற்கு உலகிற்கு வந்தார். அது மாத்திரமல்ல நிலை வாழ்வை உறுதிப்படுத்தவுமே உலகிற்கு வந்தார். அதுவே சுதந்திரத்தின் உச்சம் எனலாம்.

தீமையானவனின் ஆதிக்கம் காரணமாகவே பாவ சுபாவமான செயற்பாடுகளும் இருளும் எம் சமூகத்தில் காணப்படுகின்றன. ஒருவருக்கு பணம், செல்வம், ஆளுமை, அதிகாரம் இருந்தாலும் அவர்கள் தீமை சார்ந்த செயற்பாட்டுக்கு இணங்கினால் இருளின் தன்மைகளே நிகழும். கடவுளின் சுதந்திரத்திலிருந்து ஓடும் போது அவர்கள் தீமையானவனுக்கு அடிமையாவார்கள். அதனை இன்று விடுபடவே முடியாது. தற்போதைய சமூக சூழ்நிலையில் சரீர, உதவியல் மற்றும் ஆன்மீக ரீதியில் சுதந்திரத்தை அனுபவிக்க முடியாது நிலையே காணப்படுகின்றது. காரணம் சந்தேகம், நம்பிக்கையின்மை, கீழ்ப்படியாமை, இலஞ்சம், போட்டி, பொறாமை, இலாப நோக்குடன் செயல்பாடு தனிப்பட்ட வாழ்விலும், குடும்ப வாழ்விலும், நிறுவனங்களிலும் காணப்படுகின்றது.

புனித பவுல் அடிகளார் "இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவிற்கு அடிமையாகா விட்டாள் சுதந்திர வாழ்வை அனுபவிக்க முடியாது" என்கின்றார். உண்மையான சுதந்திரத்தை இவ்வாறு விளக்கலாம். ஒரு சிறு குழந்தை பெற்றோரின் கையில் இருக்கிறது. அல்லது குஞ்சுகள் தாய் கோழியின் சிறகுகள் இருக்கின்றன. அது அடிமை நிலை அல்ல. அதுவே பாதுகாப்பான சுதந்திர நிலையாகும். அதேபோன்று கடவுளாகிய தந்தையும் எமக்கு சுதந்திரத்தை அருளுகின்றார். உண்மையான சுதந்திரத்தை நாம் அனுபவிப்போம். அதே சுதந்திரத்தினை மற்றவர்களும் அனுபவிக்க இடமளிப்போம். தவக்காலத்திற்கும் நுலைகையில் அத்தகையே பார்வையில் சுதந்திரம் தொடர்பாக தியானிப்போம்.

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ECUMENICAL LECTIONARY –FEBRUARY 2026

Date: 01.02.2026 – Presentation Sunday		
Theme: “Jesus Christ reveals His glory”		
READING	PASSAGE	
Old Testament Lesson	Malachi	3 : 1 - 5
Epistle	Hebrews	2 : 14 - 18
Gospel	St.Luke	2 : 22 - 40
Date: 08th February 2026		
Theme: “Jesus Christ: The New Authority”		
READING	PASSAGE	
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah	58 : 1 -9
Epistle	1 Corin.	2 : 1 – 12
Gospel	St. Mathew	5 : 13 - 20
Date: 15th February 2026 CCG 183RD Anniversary Trilingual		
Eucharist - Transfiguration Sunday		
Theme : “Jesus Christ The Light of the World”		
READING	PASSAGE	
Old Testament Lesson	Exodus	24 : 12 - 18
Epistle	1 Peter	1 : 16 - 21
Gospel	St. Mathew	17 : 1 - 9
Date: 18th February 2026 Ash Wednesday		
Theme: “Be reconciled to God; Fast, pray and serve others”		
READING	PASSAGE	
Old Testament Lesson	Joel	2 : 1 – 2, 12 - 17
Epistle	2 Corin	5 : 20– 6 : 10
Gospel	St.Mathew	6 : 1- 6, 16 - 21
Date: 22nd February 2026 - Lent 1		
Theme: “Preparing for the joys of Easter – The Temptations’		
READING	PASSAGE	
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis	2 : 15 – 17, 3 : 1 - 7
Epistle	Romans	5 : 12 - 19
Gospel	St. Mathew	4 : 1 – 11

MONTHLY EVENTS

Medical Clinic

The medical clinic will offer blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol tests free of charge and necessary advice will be provided by the team of doctors available. The medical clinic will be held every month, on the third Saturday of the month from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen is held every Saturday in our Church. Those who wish to contribute to this please handover your contributions to the Parish office.

Anyone who need lunch packets, please collect a token from the Parish office by Friday or by 8.30 am on Saturday.

The Community Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare and distribute meals every Saturday. Anyone wishing to volunteer please come to church by 8am on Saturday morning.

We invite all parishioners to **update their contact details** to the Parish Office and to join all Social Media pages such as Parish Whatsapp group, Facebook page, and the newly opened Instagram Page of Christ Church Galkissa.

Celebrating special occasions

Anyone celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries or any other special occasion may give their names to the church office to be included in our intercession prayers during any service.

Service times of Eucharist Service on Sundays

- ❖ Services in English at 6.00 am, 7.15 am and 5.30 pm
- ❖ Service in Tamil at 9.00 am
- ❖ Service in Sinhala at 10.30 am

Ash Wednesday Service on 18th February 2026.

6.00 a.m Service in English

6.00 p.m Trilingual Service

Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.00 a.m to 7.30 a.m to commemorate the 78th Independence Day of Sri Lanka followed by hoisting of National Flag.

Holy Communion Service on Wednesday

A Holy Communion Service will be held every Wednesday from 6.30 am to 7.00 am.

Praise and worship reflection and Bible study also is held in Tamil and Sinhala from 9.30 a.m to 11.00 a.m. We invite all to participate.

**Vicar**

Rev. Christie Joseph	077 7567178
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Assistant Curates

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Ms. Nimalka Fernando	077 3070228
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Ms. Namali Ratnayake	077 6439445
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Parish Stewards

Mrs. Kanchana Jayatilakke	077 7330124	Mrs. Vanajula Somasundaram	077 2887458
Mr. Dirk Jansen	077 2034789	Mrs. Sabrina Karunanayake	077 6303283
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Mrs. Shiromi Edwards	077 1552517	Mrs. Amirthini Dilipkumar	076 7172925
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Church organisations

Sunday School	Mrs. Miranthen Fernando	077 2442431
Mother's Union	Ms. Saby Karunanayake	077 6303283
Evergreens	Mrs. Susheela Hensman	071 8319738
Youth Fellowship	Ms. Shanika Samarasundara	077 4291678
Social Concern	Mr. Eksith Fernando	077 7707346
Community Kitchen	Ms. Trinushka Perera	077 5943303

Church Office

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