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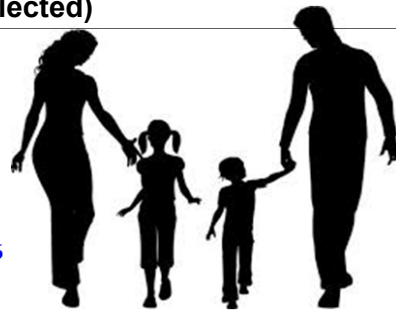
Speaker : Rev. K P Johnson.

Vicar : St. Thomas MTC Karolbagh

Friday	23-10-2026	7.00 p.m.	Singing Session
		7.30 P.m.	Intercessory Prayer
		7.45 p.m.	Message.
Saturday	24-10-2026	6.00 p.m.	Youth Convention
		7.00 p.m.	Singing Session
		7.30 P.m.	Intercessory Prayer
		7.45 p.m.	Message.
Sunday	25-10-2026	8.00 a.m.	Holy Qurbana & Family dedication Service
		10.30 a.m.	Concluding Message (Tithe will be collected)

- **COME**
- **PARTICIPATE**
- **PRAY**

**Renew Your Life &
Family**



Fasting Prayer

Friday, 16th & 30th Oct., 2026 at 10.30am



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From the Vicar's Desk.....



Family: A Place to Belong

"Bear with one another in love." — Ephesians 4:2

Introduction

Family is not always a perfect picture; it is a **place of people, pain and possibilities**. We often imagine family as a husband, wife and children living happily together. But real families are far more diverse. Some experience divorce or separation; some are single-parent families; some live with loss, loneliness or broken relationships. Some find family not only through blood, but through friendship, care and the community of faith.

The Bible itself does not portray perfect families. It speaks honestly of conflict, failure, forgiveness and reconciliation. This reminds us that **family is not defined by perfection, but by participation; not merely by relation, but by relationship.**

1. Beyond the Picture

Ruth's words to Naomi—*"Where you go, I will go... your people shall be my people"* (Ruth 1:16)—show that family can be created through commitment and care, not merely through blood.

Desmond Tutu reminds us, **"My humanity is bound up in yours."** We need one another to become fully human.

Therefore, we should never make the traditional family picture a test of someone's worth. **Divorce does not diminish dignity; separation does not erase belonging; singleness does not mean loneliness.** Every person carries a story known fully only to God.

Let us learn to see people before we see their circumstances.

2. From Perfection to Protection

Paul calls us to live “*with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love*” (Ephesians 4:2).

This is the heart of Christian family life: **less perfection, more protection; less judgement, more acceptance; less exclusion, more inclusion.**

A family is made up of imperfect people who learn to **listen, forgive, support and restore**. This does not mean accepting abuse or injustice. Rather, it means creating relationships where every person is treated with dignity and care.

Our parish too is called to be such a family. There should be room for the married and unmarried, the divorced and separated, the widowed and the single, those surrounded by family and those who feel alone.

Conclusion

Perhaps the real question is not, “**Does this family look perfect?**” but “**Does this family make room for love?**”

Let our homes be places of **care, not comparison; grace, not disgrace; welcome, not rejection**. Let our parish be a family where people can come with their joys and sorrows, their strengths and struggles, their stories and scars.

Family is not where perfect people live together; it is where imperfect people learn to love, live and belong together.

May Christ make our families **less about fitting a picture and more about creating a place of grace.**

With prayers and pastoral affection,

Vicar

PARISH ACTIVITIES: OCT 2026

Holy Qurbana	Malayalam at 8.00AM and English Service on 2nd Sunday (i.e. on 11th Oct 2026)
Edavaka Mission	Evening Prayer : 2nd Fri at 7.30 PM (09 Oct 2026) Fasting Prayer : 3rd Fri 10.30AM. (16 Oct 2026) Fasting Prayer : 5th Friday 10.30AM. (30 Oct 2026) Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day on 04 Oct 2026
Sevika Sangam	Bethel Poshanam will be held on 3rd Sat (17 Oct 2026) After worship service on the 2 nd Sun (11th Oct 2026)
Yuvajana Sakhyam	2 nd Sunday after worship service (11 Oct 2026). Delhi Diocese Youth Conf from 17 to 19 Oct at Gyandee Bhavan, Jaipur
Parish Convention	Date : 23 Oct 2026 to 25 Oct 2026 at Church Time : 7.00 PM onwards. Speaker : Rev. K P Johnson
Sunday School	The Vacation Bible School (VBS) of 2026 will be held from 02 nd Oct to 04 th Oct 2026.
Choir	Choir Practice : Every Saturday 0700 PM at church

PRAYER MEETING

Address	Date	Time	Prayer Group Organisation
Ms. Jessica Mariam Sam 4A, Pocket K, Shiekhsari-II	11 Sun	5.00 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam
Mr. Renosh 55B, 1 st floor, pocket A11, Kalkaji extn.	11 Sun	7.00 PM	Bethlehem
Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai 59, MIG Suraj Apts, Pulprahladpur	17 (Sat)	4.30 PM	Sevika Sangham
Mr Babu Samuel C-108/3, Paryavaran Complex	18 (Sun)	07:00PM	Eden
Mr Shibu A Thomas. F-49/402 Tara Apts, Khanpur	25 (Sun)	07:00 PM	Canan

LECTIONARY

04 Oct Edavaka Mission

Members of the Church : Ministers of the Kingdom of God

1st Lesson - : Num 11 : 24-30
 Mathew Mammen Epistle – 2nd Cor 04 : 01 – 06
 2nd Lesson- : Acts 06 : 01-07
 Mariamma Abraham Gospel – St John 15 : 12 - 19
 Assisting : Abraham Varkey
 Offertory : Thomas Zacharia and Mary Mathew

11 Oct Youth

Unshaken faith life in a Fleeting World

1st Lesson : Dan 06 : 01-10
 Alan Alexander Epistle Rom 12 : 01 -08
 2nd Lesson : Heb 11 : 17-31
 Aksa Mariam Reji Gospel St.Matt 07 : 21 – 27
 Assisting : Adwin Binu
 Offertory : Roshan Raju, Ashlie Mary Lalu

18 Oct Eden Prayer Group

Sufficiency of God Grace

1st Lesson- : Isa 35 : 01 – 10
 Babu Samuel Epistle 2nd Cor 04 : 16 - 18
 2nd Lesson- : 2nd Cor 12 : 01-10
 Reena Jausline Gospel St. John 09 : 01 - 07
 Asst : Raju Yohannan
 Offertory : Jithin Toms Jacob and Neeba Ann Aby

25 Oct Gethsemene Prayer Group

Family : Celebration of Relationship

1st Lesson- : Zec 08 : 01 - 08
 Alexander Daniel Epistle Col 03 : 12-20
 2nd Lesson- : 1st John 02 : 07-14
 Lally Alex Gospel St. Mark 03 : 31-35
 Assisting : Sam K. Thomas
 Offertory : Alen Alex and Abdiel Varughese Binoy

CONDOLENCE



Mr. Jobin Joy (30) Son of our Parish Member Mr. Joy PB (Hebron PG) was called to eternity on 03 Sep 2026 at Delhi. Funeral of Mr Jobin Joy was carried out on 06 Sep 2026 at St. Thomas Christian Cemetery, Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi. Rt Rev Zacharias Mar Aprem Thirumeni, Delhi Diocesan Bishop of Mar Thoma Syrian Church was led the Funeral Service.

Condolences and prayers for the grieving family on behalf of Bethel Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Saket

Mrs. Aliyamma Oommen (91) Mother of Mr. Philipose Oommen, Eden Prayer Group was called to eternal glory, on 24 Sep 2026. Kadavaram Paniyil Puthen Veetil, Karukone, Anchal, Kerala. The funeral held on 26 September 2026, at Anchal Kannamkode Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church.

Condolences and prayers for the grieving family on behalf of Bethel Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Saket

BIRTHDAYS

Name	HOF	Prayer Group	Date
Akhin Chacko	Jose Chacko	Canaan	2
Biju K. George	Biju K. George	Ararat	3
Siji Mobin	Varghese Scaria	Ararat	3
Nidhi Sara John	Saramma Philip	Ararat	3
Shibu A Thomas	Shibu A Thomas	Canaan	6
Benoy Samuel Mathew	Babu Samuel	Eden	7
Seena Raju	Joji Georgi Chacko	Kadesh	7
Sebin Thomas	Thomas Abraham	Kadesh	8

Aleyamma Reju	Reju Abraham	Hebron	9
Glincy Esther Jenu	Jenu John Abraham	Eden	9
Thomas S	Thomas S	Bethlehem	10
Mariamamma George	Mariamamma George	Eden	10
Neha D Johnson	Johnson David	Canaan	11
Manoj K John	Manoj K John	Bethlehem	12
Nihal D Johnson	Johnson David	Canaan	12
Sheemol Saji	Saji Baby	Bethlehem	13
Sheeba Ajith	Ajith Sam	Gethsemane	13
Mini Raji	Raji Easow	Gethsemane	13
Shibin Oommen Abraham	Abraham Varkey	Eden	13
Jenet Sara Sam	Sam K.Thomas	Gethsemane	15
Lino C. Koshy Thomas	Lino C. Koshy Thomas	Hebron	15
Soju Tom Varghese	Varghese Mathew	Eden	16
Bincy Mol S	Shiju P Varghese	Hebron	16
Aslin P. Binu	Binu Thomas	Ararat	17
Jinsu Ann George	George.P.Chacko	Bethlehem	17
Annamma John	Annamma John	Bethlehem	19
Georgy Thomas Skariah	Thomas S	Bethlehem	19
Jose Chacko	Jose Chacko	Canaan	19
Saiju Areekuzhiyil Chacko	Saiju Areekuzhiyil Chacko	Hebron	19
Mathew K.M	Mathew K.M	Ararat	20
Thresiamma Skariah (Sally)	Varghese Skariah	Bethlehem	20
George Sam	George Sam	Bethlehem	22
Blossom Thomas	Thomas S	Bethlehem	22
Abin Cherian Bobby	Bobby Cherian	Hebron	22
Alsh Samuel	Mercy Samuel	Hebron	22

Prijil Thomas Jose	Jose G.Thomas	Kadesh	23
Justin Johnson George	Johnson P. Varghese	Bethlehem	24
Jensen John George	Jensen John George	Kadesh	24
Eva Noble	Sosamma John	Gethsemane	25
Anita James	James George	Eden	27
Lijo Philip	Philipose Oommen	Eden	27
Shobin Abraham	Abraham A	Ararat	28
Subin Abraham Varkey	Abraham Varkey	Eden	28
Serin Elizabeth George	George John	Eden	28
Merlin Mariam Mathew	Mathew K John	Ararat	29
Lijo Joy	R.Joy	Gethsemane	29
Esther Susan Jithin	George A Zachariah	Eden	30
Abel Thomas Skariah	Thomas S	Bethlehem	31
Adam Shiju Abraham	Abraham K C	Hebron	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Prayer Group	Date
Babu Abraham	Molly Babu	Canaan	9
Mathew E.C	Mary Mathew	Eden	17
Abraham Varkey	Mariamamma Abraham	Eden	19
Stanley P Stephen	Leena Stanley	Gethsemane	20
Thomas Abraham	Theresiamma Thomas	Kadesh	21
Thomas V T	Chinnamma Thomas	Canaan	29
Babu Samuel	Elizabeth P.S	Eden	30
Thomas P.Mathew	Sopheyamma Mathew	Gethsemane	30
Alsh Samuel	Pinjika Sara Alsh	Hebron	31

FAREWELL

On 13th Sep 2026 the Bethel Mar Thoma Church family bids a heartfelt farewell to Mr Jinoy Yohannan. We thank God for your fellowship, dedication and love shared with our church community. May His grace guide and bless you in every step of your journey ahead.