



CSI Diocese of Vellore

St. John's Church

Fort, Vellore - 632004

Church Office 0416 - 2220607

Bulletin August & September 2026

Teach us to

number our days,

that we may gain a

heart of wisdom.

— Psalm 90:12

Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy
Presbyter-in-charge

Dr. Gigi Achamma Chandy
Hon. Secretary

Dr. Prabhu Premkumar
Hon. Treasurer

Pastoral Letter

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As we step into the months of August and September, let us thank God for His abundant grace that has sustained us through June and July. His faithfulness has been our strength, and His mercies continue to be new every morning.

God's Faithful Presence

By God's grace, we have successfully journeyed through the past two months. During July, we were blessed to conduct the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our church. It provided us with an opportunity to prayerfully review and evaluate the ministries carried out over the past year. Through sincere reflection and renewed commitment, we now move forward with fresh vision, strength, and enthusiasm to continue God's mission entrusted to us.

God's Guiding Hand

We praise God for His guidance in all our ministries. We thank Him for the successful conduct of our worship services, Area Fellowships, Women's Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, outreach ministries, and mission support programmes. May the Lord continue to bless every ministry and every volunteer who serves faithfully.

God's Work Through His People

We are delighted to share that the construction of the church building at Ragimenapenta has recently begun through the Evangelistic Committee, in memory of Rev. J.J. Pratt, who faithfully served as a missionary in that region.

We thank God for blessing us with Er. Nirmala Sam C. Raj, who has graciously taken up the responsibility of serving as the engineer for this project. Along with her husband, Dr. Sam C. Raj, she has also committed herself to ministering at Ragimenapenta

once every month by sharing God's Word while overseeing the construction works. As we build this church, let us also continue building lives for Christ.

Progress in the Cemetery Development Project

We thank God that encouraging progress is being made regarding the cemetery development project. The Executive Committee of our Diocese, which met on 30 June 2026, resolved to entrust this project to our church. The proposed work includes landscaping, construction of a compound wall, creation of essential infrastructure, and on-going maintenance.

An MOU between the Diocese and the Church is currently being prepared to facilitate these developments. We earnestly request your prayers for the successful completion of this important project.

Growing Together in Ministry

Plans are underway for a Sunday School Retreat and a Workshop for Altar Servers, which will be conducted in the near future. If God wills, we also look forward to commissioning three long-serving church members as Lay Readers. Let us uphold these ministries in our prayers as we continue to nurture and equip God's people for His service.

A Call to Pray for Peace

As followers of Christ, we are called to be people of prayer. We especially pray for peace in the Middle East and in every region affected by conflict. Although there have been moments of hope through ceasefires, violence continues to claim many innocent lives. Let us faithfully intercede for God's peace, justice, comfort, and healing for all who suffer.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

Our Diocesan Mission Festival - A Call to Prayer

Our Vellore Diocese will celebrate its annual Mission Festival on 7th and 8th August 2026. This is one of the most significant

events in the life of our Diocese, with participation expected from nearly 3,00,000 members. Our St. John's Church will also have a meaningful role in this great celebration.

As we prepare for this blessed gathering, let us unite in prayer for the following:

That God's Word may be powerfully proclaimed, leading many to become a true Kingdom community, committed to Christ and His mission.

That God may bless the Mission Festival offering, enabling us to achieve our target of 1 crore, which will be dedicated entirely to mission and evangelism.

That God may grant wisdom, knowledge, and strength to all the organisers, especially as I serve as the Co-Convenor of the Mission Festival, so that every responsibility may be carried out faithfully and for His glory.

Faithful Stewardship: Honouring God with Our Lives

Stewardship is far more than giving offerings. It is the faithful management of everything God has entrusted to us - our time, talents, relationships, opportunities, resources, and vocation - for His glory.

The Apostle Paul reminds us: "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16)

As we move into these coming months, let us recommit ourselves to living as faithful stewards, using every gift God has given us to serve Him and bless others.

May the Lord continue to guide, strengthen, and bless each one of you and your families.

Yours in His Service,
Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy
Pastor

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2026

Hymn of the Month: 168 - If thou but suffer God to guide thee

First Day of the Month - 1st August 2026 - Saturday @ 7.00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service

Celebrant & Preacher : Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

2nd August 2026, - 9th Week after Pentecost

Mission Sunday

Theme: Mission: Compassion in Action

Lessons:

Isaiah	58:6-10	1 John	3:16-18
Matthew	9:35-38	Psalm	82

Hymns: 197,168,41,139,91

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Lord's Supper	9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lay Readers	Mrs. Vasugi George & Dr. Devamani Pandian	Mr. Durai Jasper
PCs	Dr. Suresh David	Dr. Jackwin Sam Paul
Ushers	Ms. Daniella Paul	Mr. Ruby Nakka
Organists	Mr. Abel Juan Thomas	Dr. J.V. Peter

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev. Noah James, General Secretary, NMSI

9th August 2026 - 10th Week after Pentecost

Theme: Identity in Christ Marked by Baptism

Lessons:

Genesis	11:7-24	1 Peter	3:18-22
John	3:1-8	Psalm	32

Hymns: 18, 168, 134, 152, 291

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper
Lay Readers	Dr. Mary Jesudason	Dr. Alfred Job & Dr. Sunil Chandy
PCs	Dr. Prabhu Premkumar	Dr. Anita Alfred
Ushers	Mrs. Merlyn Tilak	Mr. Boaz Prasad
Organists	Dr. Devamani Pandian	Dr. Vinod Abraham

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Aruldoss

15th August 2026 - 79th Independence Day Celebration

Flag hoisting at Church Premises - Saturday @ 10:00 am

All are invited to participate

16th August 2026 - 11th Week after Pentecost

Theme: Holy Eucharist: Table of Reconciliation

Lessons:	Exodus 24:3-11	1 Corinthians 10:14-22
	Matthew 5:23-26	Psalm 85

Hymns: 7.30 a.m. 140, 168, 329, 204, 147 9.30 a.m. 14, 168, 38, 289, 254

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Lord's Supper	9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lay Readers	Dr. Anika Amritanand & Mr. Ashok Davis	Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan
PCs	Mrs. Suja Balraj	Dr. Jayaraj Premkumar
Ushers	Dr. Jeeva Devakumar	Mr. Joseph Sampathkumar
Organists	Mr. Wilson Navaraj	Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev. Jeevan Mathew Sajan

Asst. Director, Marthoma Guidance Centre, Chittoor.

19th August 2026 - Wednesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Mid-Month Holy Communion Service for Senior Citizens

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

23rd August 2026 - 12th Week after Pentecost

Dalit and Adivasi Sunday

Theme: From Bondage to Freedom: God Walks with the Oppressed

Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:5-11 Philemon 10-18
John 4:5-14 Psalm 146

Hymns: 293, 168, 298, 147, 350

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper
Lay Readers	Dr. Tilak Francis	Dr. George Chandy & Dr. Ernest David
PC	Mrs. Sharon Roshan	Dr. Joseph Nathaniel
Usher	Dr. Ebi Ashley	Mrs. Merlyn Tilak
Organist	Dr. Sam C. Raj	Dr. Vineeth Abraham

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

30th August 2026, - 13th Week after Pentecost

Family Sunday - Single Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Theme: Strangers No More: Welcoming the Migrants and Refugees

Lessons: Leviticus 19:9-10,33-37 Ephesians 2:11-22
Luke 10:25-37 Psalm 146

Hymns: 325, 168, 373, 258, 308

Lay Readers : Dr. Ezhil Christudoss
PCs : Mrs. Sneha Kuruvila
Ushers : Dr. Jayaraj Premkumar
Organists : Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Celebrant: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev.Dr. J.J. Harris

Secretary, Church Mission Relation & Partnership, Chennai. FMPB.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Hymn of the Month: 66 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind

First Day of the Month - 1st September 2026 - Tuesday @ 7:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

6th September 2026 - 14th Week after Pentecost

Education Sunday - Teachers' Day

Theme: Education: Shaping Minds, Changing Lives

Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-7 Titus 2:1-10
Luke 5:1-11 Psalm 119:9-16

Hymns: 293, 66, 359, 410, 91

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Lord's Supper 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Lay Readers Dr. Anika Amritanand & Mr. Durai Jasper
Dr. Devamani Pandian

PCs Dr. Suresh David Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis

Ushers Ms. Daniella Paul Mr. Ruby Nakka

Organists Mr. Abel Juan Thomas Dr. J.V. Peter

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

13th September 2026 - 15th Week after Pentecost

Theme: Pluralism: Faith and Friendship

Lessons: Jeremiah 29:1-7 Romans 12:9-18
Luke 11:5-10 Psalm 37:1-24

Hymns: 349, 66, 192, 17, 375

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper
Lay Readers	Dr. Jeeva Devakumar	Dr. Ernest David & Dr. Sunil Chandy
PCs	Dr. Arun Bennett	Dr. Gigi Chandy
Ushers	Mr. Boaz Prasad	Dr. Austin Christudoss
Organists	Mr. Wilson Navaraj	Dr. Vinod Abraham

Celebrant: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: A Senior Naga Pastor from the Institute of Psychotherapy Counselling, Vellore.

16th September 2026 - Wednesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Mid-Month Holy Communion Service for Senior Citizens

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

20th September 2026 - 16th Week after Pentecost
Senior Citizen's Sunday

Theme: Purposeful Living: The Best is yet to come

Lessons:	Joshua 14:6-13	Philippians 3:12-16
	John 21:18-23	Psalms 16

Hymns: 2, 66, 24, 425, 327

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Lord's Supper	9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lay Readers	Dr. Ezhil Christudoss & Dr. George Chandy Mr. Ashok Davis	
PCs	Dr. Prabhu Premkumar	Dr. Jackwin Sam Paul
Ushers	Dr. Jeeva Devakumar	Mr. Joseph Sampathkumar
Organists	Dr. Sam C. Raj	Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Celebrant: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Col. Jeyaraj Azaria (Retd.)

Alumnus of National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy

27th September 2026 - 17th Week after Pentecost

Women's Sunday

Theme: Women Who Trust God: Faithful and Fearless

Lessons: 2 Kings 22:11-20 Romans 16:1-17
Matthew 15:21-28 Psalm 18:1-19

Hymns: 250, 66, 2, 425, 127

Altar Service	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper
Lay Readers	Dr. Mary Jesudason	Mrs. Vasugi George & Dr. Jeeva Devakumar
PCs	Ms. Lydia Nakka	Mrs. Sharon Roshan
Ushers	Dr. Ebi Ashley	Mrs. Merlyn Tilak
Organists	Dr. Vineeth Abraham	Dr. Devamani Pandian

Celebrant: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Dr. Anika Anmritanand

News & Notices

PC MEETING

The Pastorate Committee will meet on Friday, the **14th August 2026** and **11th September 2026** at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. at Rev. J.J. Pratt Memorial Hall. All the youth of the Church are invited to attend this Fellowship. Parents kindly ensure that your children participate in the Fellowship and be blessed.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Meeting will be held on Saturday, 15.08.2026 and 19.09.2026 at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, 22nd August, 2026 and 26th September 2026 at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All the women of the Church are invited to attend this meeting. Please try and bring in more young women for the Fellowship so that we will be able to do greater things for the glory of God.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are conducted after the second service every week. Candidates who have enrolled for Confirmation are requested to attend the weekly classes without fail.

OBITUARY

With a deep sense of sorrow, profound faith, and Hope of Resurrection, we inform you the home call of those who entered into eternal glory:

1. 11th June, 2026 - Mrs. Jebamani Augustin, former Nursing Superintendent of CMCH, wife of Mr. Mathuram Augustine
2. 24th June 2026 - Ms. Anita Vinod, wife of Mr. Vinod Joseph
3. 15th July 2026 - Ms. Lorna Christopher, sister of Ms. Dulcie Daniel

Kindly uphold the bereaved families in your prayers during this time of bereavement.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for:

- ❖ Our children looking for admission into professional courses
- ❖ The Nation as we celebrate 79 years of Independence
- ❖ Our Confirmation candidates
- ❖ Peace among nations
- ❖ Church leadership and mission organizations
- ❖ God's protective care on all the families of our Church
- ❖ The Lancaster Community
- ❖ Ragimanupenta Church Building Work
- ❖ Cemetery Land Project

AREA FELLOWSHIP

Area	Date & Time	Place
College	21.08.2026 Friday @ 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Barney Isaac & Dr. Anitha Barney (9894024581) 244 Off Ring Road, CMC College Campus, Bagayam
	18.09.2026 Friday @ 6:00 p.m.	Dr. John Roshan & Dr. Sharon Roshan (9442312680)
Gandhi Nagar	07.08.2026 Friday @ 06:00 p.m.	Mrs. Jean Jepagnanam (9442411411) No.13, 12 th East Cross Road, Gandhinagar East, Vellore-632 006
	04.09.26 Friday@ 06:00 p.m.	Mrs. Mary Mammen (9360065460) No.44-B, Fourth Cross, E.B. Colony, Gandhinagar West, Vellore- 632006

AREA FELLOWSHIP

Area	Date & Time	Place
Sathuvachari	27.08.26 Thursday @ 06:30 p.m.	Dr. Vijaykumar Aruldas & Kumudha Aruldas (9811208375) Plot No.60, Indira Nagar, Perumugai, Vellore
	03.09.26 Thursday @ 06:30 p.m.	Dr. Naveen Joseph Muliyl & Merlin Muliyl, Muliyl House, 185, Indira Nagar, Perumugai, Vellore
Town	21.08.26 Friday @ 06.00 p.m.	Drs. Lionel & Jessie Lionel 441, Godown Street, Otteri, Bagayam, Vellore - 2
	Sep.	Drs. Abraham Joseph & Sulochana Abraham, 446, Civil Suply Godwon St., Kamalashipuram, Vellore - 2
Hospital Area (Ranipet Campus)	August	Drs. Viji Samuel & Sanita Korah, House V1, CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus, Milminnal - 632517
	Sep.	Dr. Jeyaraj Premkumar & Cheryl Lydia
Hospital Area (KPTR Campus)	August	Will be intimated later
	Sep.	Will be intimated later

COFFEE, FLOWER, BREAKFAST/ LUNCH CALENDAR

August 2026

Date	Flowers (Rs.1,000)	Coffee (Rs.3,200)	Breakfast (Rs.3,000) / 4th/5th week Lunch (Rs.5,000)
02.08.26	-	-	Breakfast
09.08.26	-	-	Breakfast - George & Susheela Koshi
16.08.26		-	Breakfast -
23.08.26		-	Breakfast -
30.08.26	-	-	Spl. Lunch - Ravi. S

September 2026

Date	Flowers (Rs.1,000)	Coffee (Rs.3,200)	Breakfast (Rs.3,000) / 4th/5th week Lunch (Rs.5,000)
06.09.26	-	-	Breakfast
13.09.26	Harika	Harika	Breakfast -
20.09.26	Abhishek Thanusha	-	Breakfast -
27.09.26	Santosh Benjamin	Santosh Benjamin	Spl. Lunch Santosh Benjamin

The coffee, flowers, breakfast & special lunch Calendar for 2026 is kept at the Church entrance. We request members to kindly sign up in all the empty spaces. The approximate cost per week is given below:

Flowers for Church altar	Rs.1,000/-
Breakfast for Tamil Sunday School	Rs.3,000/-
Special lunch for Tamil Sunday School (last week)	Rs.5,000/-
Coffee / juice for those attending church	Rs.3,200/-

We request all members who have signed up now and earlier too, to please pay only through the scan code available at the Church entrance area during Sunday services or at the Church Office, mentioning your name, date sponsored and for what is sponsored.

Payments can also be made through online transfers.

Church Bank Details:

Account Name	:	St. John's Church
Bank Name	:	Federal Bank
Bank Branch	:	Vellore
Account Number	:	11920100015045
IFSC	:	FDRL0001192
Type of Account	:	Savings

Kindly inform the Church Office and Dr. Prabhu Premkumar, our Treasurer (9443815189) or send an email to the Church Office at stjohnschurchvellore@gmail.com about your payments. Payments in cash are not entertained and members are advised to make payments only through the scan code available at church entrance or the Church Office or through online payments for the expenses sponsored.

AUGUST

1st

Ajoy Oommen
Eunice Snehalatha Nirmal
Prathap Tharyan
Praveen Venkatesan

2nd

Olivia Rachel P
Runal John Steve

4th

Abishai Rohan Doss
John Sushil Packiaraj
Priya Felix N

5th

Serena Ebenezer
Sophy Korula

6th

Angeline Sanjana J
Antony Devasia
Ethan Mathew Samuel
Merlin Muliyl

Divvy M

7th

Anica Sharon. A
Ezra Thomas
Shyamala Chittaranjan

8th

Beulah Herbert
Roul. R.K
Yashika Sarah Angeline. S

9th

George Thomas

10th

Anil Kiran Vincent
Mariam Priya Alexander
Rani Diana David
Rohit Samuel P

11th

Joshua Giftson P

12th

Rebecca Pamela Promod

13th

Binu T. Zachariah

Dheeba. J

Paulin Kiruba Priyadharshini

14th

Alison Ruth

Ashwatha Aaron Naik

Dimple Gaikwad

Mary Jesudason. V

Minu Susan Mathews

Ruma Nayak

15th

Avisha Christina

Gadde Rajan Babu

Karuna. J

Paul Praveen Kumar

16th

Daniel K Mani

David D. Kollur

17th

Rishi John Mathew

Swarna Joshua

18th

Joyce Ponnaiya

Karen Elizabeth Nathaniel

Nihara Koshy

Vijay T.K. Titus

19th

Rachel George

Ruth Grace. A

Ranjini Paul

20th

Annie Jyothirmayi

Anushka Celine Selvakumar

Sharon Nikitha

21st

Mary John

Nethanya Olive Solomon

Prabhu Premkumar

Rachel Mamatha

Ruth Namratha

Shireen Renate Chacko

22nd

Abhay Gahukamble

23rd

Aashish Mathew Chandy
Anika Sarah Thomson
Jessie Lionel
Simon Rajaratnam

24th

Lisa Rachel Roy
Mark David Devanesan
Ravi Padmakar

25th

Durai Jasper
Madhuri Evangeline
Samyuktha V N

26th

Anjali Pragati Dennis
Arpith Thomas
Emil David Prasanna
Hannah Mary Thomas
Johann Obed S N
Jolly Chandran
Mihael Philip George

27th

Lazarus Udyakumar
Priya Abraham
Tanya Samuel

28th

Ann Mary Augustine
Rajiv Charles Michael

29th

Elena Harshad Vanjare
Gershom Abeth Felix
Mithra Jesudasan

30th

John C Muthusami
Jolene Ruth Kumari
Lovely Thomas
Mammen Chandy
Pamela Christudoss
Vijaya Venkatesan

31st

Anu Shanthi R
Isaiah Gunasingam
Kavin Viswas

Serina Ruth Stephen

Ann Miriam

SEPTEMBER

2nd

Alexander John Velutheril

Angelin Renisha Hubert

3rd

Aidan George Samuel

Deepak Paul Mithran

Priya Aley Joseph

Arun Paul

4th

Savina Jeevan

Susie Tharyan

5th

Sarah Joanna Samuel

6th

Abraham Joseph

Bijin Oliver John

Joanna Susan George

Mihir Itty Zachariah

7th

Mahiban Thomas

Ruth Prasad

Samuel Thomas

8th

John Ethan Nathaniel

Naveen S V

Shefali Elizabeth Mathew

Joshua Isaac Prakash Kancharla

9th

Enoch Das

Noel Prabhu

11th

Abraham Speedie

Andrew Avinash

Arpith Samuel Thomas

Ryka Sarojini Balukrishna

Karen Nirushana Deepak

13th

Anita Shirley

Benjamin Jepegnanam

Liam Nischay Reddy

Joanna Augustine

Paul Yohan George

Shantidani Minz

14th

Reuben Kurien

15th

Jeshurun Roy Suman Nirmal

Leena Samuel

Rachel Jesudasan

Victor Raj. D

16th

Liji Sarah Zedek

Sundaram Rajah. K

17th

Anora Jesse. J

Reema Samuel

Vivek Titus

18th

Deepa Oliver D.Y.

Gina Maryann Chandy

Harika Vuyyala

Nishan John K Jacob

Selva Titus Chacko

Selwyn Selvakumar D

19th

Rajiv Paul Mukha

20th

Abraham Joel S

Arman Zachariah Chacko

Leela Varshan V

Rachel Deepa

Renita Muthusami

George Mathew

21st

Anitha Jasper

Kalyani Premkumar

22nd

Anantha Kumari Rajan

Rikki John

Sneha Joanna David

23rd

Adithya Edwin

Renu Mohandas

24th

Joseph Nathanael
Nehemy Deborah
Pritish John Korula

25th

Eben Josiah Jesudas
Roshan Samuel Livingstone
Sonali Mondal
Thilak Jepeganam
Jeshma Joan. B

26th

Ethan Harshad Vanjare
Mary Sulakshini
Viju Moses

27th

Benita Nathaniel
Menaka P

28th

Ajit Mammen
Ian Edwin Chandran
Samara Keziah David

29th

Jacob Mathew
Junita Rachel John
Priscilla Paul
Sharon Subathra
Hannah Vijayanand

30th

Aditi Susan Joseph
Asha Vanitha
Ashwin Oliver. A
Rohit Ninan Benjamin
Jenolin Bruna. J F

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Choir Celebrates Risen Christ on 26.04.2026





Easter Choir Special Service on 26.04.2026





Ragimanupenta Visit and dedicaiton on 05.07.2026

