

KCS announces the annual theme for 2021 “2021 - The year of the youth”

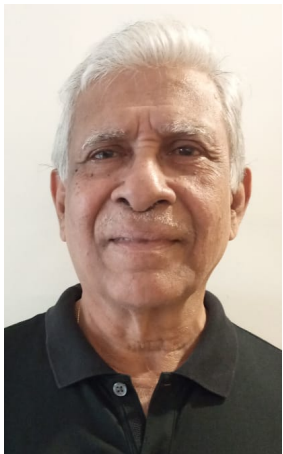
From the desk of KCS President

Dear friends,

Are we seeing the light at the end of the long covid tunnel? Hopefully, yes. Some of us could get the much-awaited vaccine in March or April and then we might be able to lead a normal life, visiting places of worship, meeting friends and relatives and partaking in family get-togethers. And soon in KCS activities too.

In the meantime, your GC is active in planning programs for the year 2021-2022. We had planned to call an EGM in March to debate and approve the Empowered Committee recommendations. However, we were informed that attendance by the seniors might be poor due to covid anxieties. At least 50% of the members must be present during the EGM as major changes to the KCS by-laws are to be approved. Therefore, we plan to combine the customary AGM with EGM in the month of May.

It was decided to install a state-of-the-art website with user friendly features for the benefit of members. The details are described elsewhere in this issue. KCS member directory was published in 2014 which must be updated. The website will include the directory with pictures of member families and with their essential background information.



I had informed members, as I took over KCS presidency, that KCS is not financially healthy, having a corpus of only about 4 lakhs plus at the beginning of April 1, 2020. We did not have income from KCS house until January 2021. The property tax and water taxes were substantially increased with retrospective effect. However, as we did not incur expenses due to family programs, we hope to have a corpus about 10 lakhs at the end of March 2021. Our target is to have a corpus of 25 lakhs in celebration of our Silver Jubilee. I invite more members to be life-time donor members to enable to reach that target.

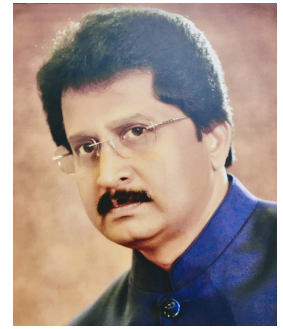
EC Thomas,
President.

KCS VISION STATEMENT

KCS shall evolve into a premier organisation

- By instilling a sense of pride in being associated with it and thereby motivating the young and the old of the Kerala Catholic families to join the society wholeheartedly.
- By creating an image in the city of Chennai and elsewhere by initiating special projects for the community, working in tandem with similar organisations, if necessary.
- By utilising the inherent talents and strengths of all its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship.
- By creating an atmosphere for constant, innovative, and timely improvements in the organisation and its structure.

From the desk of KCS Secretary



A gist of the activities carried out in the last GC meeting given below:

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the GC held on 23/01/2021 was circulated and approved after discussion.
2. Review of Accounts: Accounts for the month of January 2021 was circulated and approved after review.
3. Helpline Meeting through Video Conferencing: proposed to be from July 2021.
4. KCS website: Received further quotes. Finalisation under process.
5. Meeting with the Auditor: Meeting held on 23.01 2021. Subsequently conveyed the GC decision to assign Taxation works also along with Auditing to the Auditor Mr. Manuel Thomas of M/s Thomas (V.M.) & Co.
6. Empowered Committee Report: It is decided to convene the EGM/AGM in May 2021 and present it to the members.
7. Reconstitution of the GC with 10 members: Get it approved in the EGM/AGM.
8. Revised annual program: Mr. Oommen Abraham and Mr. Alfred Michael presented the proposed details of programs. Will be finalised in the next GC Meeting with venue and budget.
9. KCS Project Trust closure: will be taken up in the EGM/AGM.
10. Silver Jubilee Celebration: Will again be discussed in the next GC Meeting.

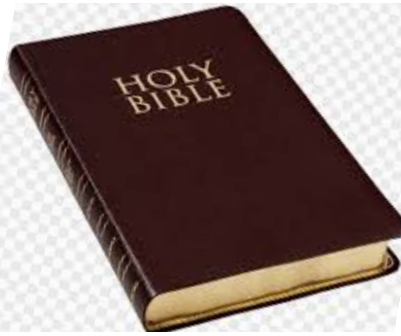
M S Abraham
Secretary



As noted in the President's message, sitemap for our proposed KCS website is developed and the same is available with KCS Manager. It is hoped that apart from our members, the website might be visited by public including people abroad. It is a website plus a member's portal for interaction and posting of information for members. It will have members directory, etc. The vendor who developed our first website has given us a quote. An advertisement on the website could be a marketing platform for our members and will be active on the website for a certain period. We invite participation by a member or members.

Request to members:

1. Any member who has the capacity to develop the website for KCS are requested to give your commercials. We are in the process of talking to external agencies to develop the site. However, we would like to give preference to our internal members.
2. Anybody who wants to sponsor the development of KCS website is welcome and they can run their advertisement banner in the home page for a fixed period of time.



Kerala Catholic Society - Biblical Quiz 2021

We are now in the season of lent. Here is a quiz from the Gospel of St. Mathew to kindle our thoughts on the words of our Lord. Answers are to be sent to eckcs21@gmail.com, before March 15, 2021.

Reference : Holy Bible The New revised standard version. Quote the reference for eg: Mt: 1:1-1

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, For...ii. Blessed are those, who are prosecuted in my name....
2. No one after lighting the lamp The same way let your light shine before others.
3. Those who are well have no need of a physician. For I have come to call ... sinners.
4. "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well" Your faith has made you well."
5. They cried, "Have mercy on us, Son of David"..... "Yes Lord"
6. A demoniac who was brought to him,.... Never has anything like this happened in Israel.
7. "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them..... Spread the good News.
8. " See I am sending you out as sheep..... so wise as Serpents and innocent as doves."
9. "Then they brought him to a demoniac , who was blind.... Can this be son of David?
10. I tell you, on the day of judgment, you will have to give an account of Condemned.
11. For just as Jonah was three days and three night..... Resurrection after three days.
12. When he went ashore,... he had compassion for them, and cured their sick.
13. Just then a cananite woman and her daughter was healed instantly.
14. Feeding the 5000. References in Mathew, Mark , Luke and John.
15. "Yes Father , for such was your gracious will, anyone the son chooses to reveal him".
16. "You wicked slave..... As I had mercy for you.
17. Heavenly Father,.. . those who accept him as the Lord.....of his generosity."
18. " Come you that are blessed by my Father, . . . I was in prison and you visited me."
19. "Why do you trouble the woman..... she has prepared me for the burial.
20. Blessed are the merciful for they
21. Name the first 4 disciples
22. Name of the son of King Herod.
23. Name of "The place of a skull".
24. Name of the father of JOSEPH husband of Mary.

Note: The quiz was sent to us by Mr. P.C. Joseph, KCF No. 0042. He informs that the quiz was very popular among the parishioners of Votive Shrine Church, Kilpauk.

The first response with all correct answers or maximum rights will get a Prize

Visit to Mother Teresa Home for Mentally Retarded & Dying Destitute, Ennore.

Many of us are not aware of the activities of our Vice- president, Oommen Abraham and his family during his leisure time. I have pressured him to put a couple of pictures of his activities when he visited the homes of Mother Theresa during the last republic day. I am sure that under his leadership KCS will not only have great fellowship programmes, but also activities towards the less fortunate. Let us give him full support.

EC Thomas, President.



On 26 Jan 1991, Oommen Abraham, then doing MSW I year collected some of his close friends and visited Mother Teresa Home for Mentally Retarded & Dying Destitute, Ennore. Since then, they have been visiting the home for the last 30 years on every Jan 26th.

They meet at Mother's home, cook food and have shared lunch (Chicken Biryani) with inmates and workers there. They entertain the inmates with games, cultural programmes, gifts, prizes and the day ends with evening coffee, sweets and snacks. Everyone carries lots of memories and long for the next Jan 26th.

Those youngsters then are now married, have children and some of them even have grandchildren, but the spirit of visiting Mother's Home on 26th Jan with their whole family members is a magic which only Mother knows. No invitations, no phone calls, but everyone knows that all will be there and every year new members join the group and the strength keeps growing.



Nancy with Volunteers who assist in cooking & packing food

More than 100 youngsters visit that day and give various entertainment programmes. Some of them though settled outside for work fly down for a day to spent together at Mother's home. They say that spending the day at home and the smiles of those inmates are the best blessings for them and they do not want to miss it. Of course the biriyani we have together is a great fun. The greatest blessing is that most of them are involved in some or other service to the society as per their capacity in their surroundings.



Tom & friends packing biriyani



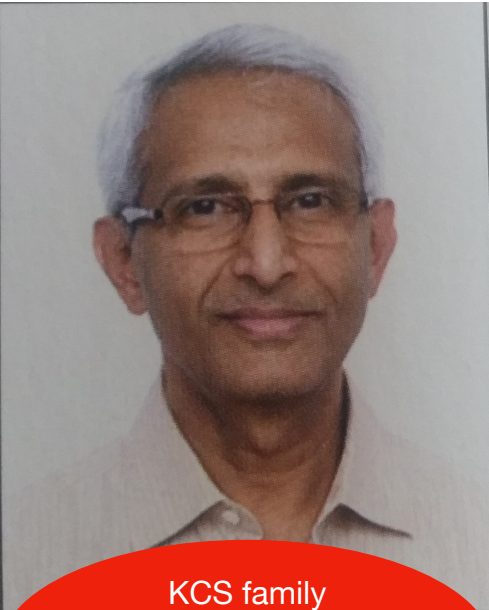
Anne distributing Sarees



Children dancing - Tom 2nd from right



2021 - group photo



KCS family wishing Dr. Kurian Mathew all the best for his services to the needy

Dr. Kurian Mathew, KCF No. 117
Vice President - Mithra Rehabilitation Centre, Anna Nagar East

MITHRA was started in 1977 by Sr. Mary Theodore OAM an Australian nun. She came to India in 1951. During her service in various institutions of her congregation she was driven by divine inspiration to do something worthwhile for the most neglected section of the society --- Physically and Mentally challenged poor children----. She decided to respond to the call and founded Mithra. MITHRA means Friend. As it's name suggests Mithra extends it's helping hand to all intellectually and physically challenged children and young adults to maximize their potential and become as independent as possible. Towards this a variety of services are offered for the relief and rehabilitation of persons afflicted with disabling conditions like cerebral palsy, mental retardation, autism, downs syndrome and multiple disabilities. Visit <http://mithra.org.in> for more details



Ms. Binita Jacob, Author of "Dangers of the New Age"
Daughter of our senior member Mr. Babu Jacob, KCF No.026

Ms. Binita Jacob is currently pursuing her Licentiate in Theology from John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies. She recently started her own youtube - **Check out Binita Jacob in youtube.** The purpose of the channel is to teach objective truths by the way of a rational approach. The topics that are broadly covered are virtues, vices, marriage, family, sexuality. Her second book that is focussed on marriage is due for launch soon.

KCS family wishing you all the very best for your 2nd book launch



Dr. Deepak Victor, KCF No. 241
Orthodontist, Chennai & Dubai

Dr. Deepak Victor successfully conducted the 2nd National webinar & case mentoring session after becoming the 1st Asia Pacific Faculty & KOL (Key Opinion Leader) for Invisalign from South India.

In this photo Dr. Deepak Victor is receiving the prestigious South Asia Invisalign Platinum & Diamond Awards 2020.



Hearty congratulations from KCS Family

Obituary

**We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved
KCS families.**



Mrs. Ammini Mathew, mother of our member Mr. Regi Mathew, KCF No. 66 passed away on 4th February 2021 in Kottayam. She was born on 27/08/1934 in Ponkunnam. She was the first batch of Assumption College, Changanassery when Prem Nazir was her senior in SB College. She was Amminichechi for Shri A K Antony and Shri Oommen Chandy. She was like a big sister to them from 1941 onwards. Helping others including poor people was her nature.

The above details were as shared by Mr. Regi Mathew



Mr. Joseph E Thomas, brother of Mr. E C Thomas, KCF No. 148 our President passed away in Abu Dhabi on the 17th February 2021

May their souls rest in peace.





March Born KCS members

- 2 - Alfred Michael
- 3 - Binu James
- 5 - Alfy Mathew
- 6 - Mary Terry
- 10 - Mary Kutty Mathew
- 11 - Felix Madiath
- 12 - CJ Jimmy
- 12 - Gracy Sunny
- 13 - George KCD
- 13 - Subi Regi
- 14 - Jiffy Joem
- 19 - Jose J Sebastin
- 22 - Molly Babu
- 25 - Mariamma Johny
- 26 - P T Jacob
- 27 - CD Jose
- 27 - George Samuel
- 28 - Minoo Alfred
- 28 - Thankamma Joseph
- 30 - Louis Franco
- 31 - Lalu George
- 31 - Valsa George



March- Wedding anniversaries

Hearty Congratulations from KCS family wishing to all the couples celebrating wedding anniversary in March

- 7 - George Samuel & Shini
- 29 - Binu James & Hazel Binu