



JAFFNA CENTRAL COLLEGE

Founded on 1st August 1816

by

Rev. James Lynch

**Founder's Day
Thanksgiving Service**

by

**Jaffna Central College
Colombo Old Boys' Association**

at

**Methodist Memorial Church
Moor Road, Colombo - 06**

on

Sunday 4th August 2024 at 5.00 pm

PROGRAM

1. Call to Worship
— Mr. Dinesh Thambiapillai
2. Welcome Address
— Mr. Thushy David, President COBA
3. Hymn
— “Count Your Blessings”
4. Bible Reading I – Philippians 1:3-9
— Mr. R. Puniyamoorthy
5. Life and Ministry of JCC
— Mr. Lakshman Gnanapragasam
6. College Hymn
— Old Boys
7. Bible Reading II – John 21:15-19
— Mr. K. Rajkumar
8. Hymn
— கர்த்தரை நம்பியே ஜீவிப்போம்
9. Sermon
— Rev. S. S. Gnanarajah
10. Closing Hymn
— “This, This is the God We Adore”
11. Prayer and Benediction
— Rev. S. S. Gnanarajah
12. Vote of Thanks

Hymn

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings wealth can never buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Jaffna Central College

College Hymn

Lord of our life, on this glad day,
Praise we Thy name, and humbly pray
That grace divine and godly fear,
May crown, the labours of the year.

The best and highest glory, Lord
Help us to seek; Thy strength afford
With noble toil and joyous praise
Gladly to fill our round of days.

Let Central's sons afar who dwell,
In distant homes, the chorus swell;
Bless Thou their toil, and bind as one
Those present here, those long since gone.

Teach us to serve the land we love,
Steadfast for truth, all things to prove;
Bid us in dark or light to stand
In honour firm, a chosen band.

Teachers and taught may wisdom guide,
Through all the years with us abide;
Let this our College ever be
Home of one pure fraternity.

பாடல்

கர்த்தரை நம்பியே ஜீவிப்போம்

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கவலை கஷ்டங்கள் தீர்ந்திடும்
கைவிடா காத்திடும் பரமனின்
கரங்களை நாம் பற்றி கொள்வோம்

சரணங்கள்

ஜீவ தேவன் பின் செல்லுவோம்
ஜீவ ஒளிதனை கண்டடைவோம்
மனதின் காரிருள் நீங்கிடவே
மா சமாதானம் தங்கும்

உண்மை வழி நடந்திடும்
உத்தமனுக்கென்றும் கர்த்தர் துணை
கண்கள் அவன் மீது வைத்திடுவார்
கருத்தாய் காத்திடுவார்

உள்ளமதின் பாரங்கள்
ஊக்கமாய் கர்த்தரிடம் சொல்லுவோம்
இக்கட்டு நேரத்தில் கூப்பிடுவோம்
இயேசு வந்தாதரிப்பார்

அன்புமிகும் அண்ணலிவர்
அருமை இயேசுவை நெருங்குவோம்
தம்மண்டை வந்தோரைத் தள்ளிடாரே
தாங்கி அணைத்திடுவார்

நீதிமானின் சிரசின் மேல்
நித்திய ஆசிர வந்திறங்குமே
கிருபை நன்மைகள் தொடருமே
கேட்பது கிடைக்குமே

இம்மைக் கேற்ற இன்பங்களை
நம்மை விட்டே முற்றும் அகற்றுவோம்
மாறாத சந்தோசம் தேடிடுவோம்
மறுமை இராச்சியத்தில்

Hymn

THIS, THIS IS THE GOD WE ADORE

This, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful unchangeable friend;
Whose goodness is great as His power,
And neither knows measure nor end.

'Tis Jesus the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home,
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come

COLLEGE SONG

1. Wet the ground and wind opposing,
Just ten minutes yet to play;
Play up Central, no reposing
On the gains of yesterday.
Now's the time for combined action;
Pass the ball from man to man;
Never selfish play nor faction,
Proved worthwhile since sport began.

Chorus:

Central! Rally for the school then,
Take the field with one accord;
Keep your courage cool and clean then
Central's flag must ne'er be lowered.

2. On the field of life when striving,
Keep your honour true and bright.
Play up, Central! Ever thriving
On the fruits of grace and light;
For your comrades of the old days,
Scattered far though they may be;
For your school, and for her true praise,
Live in service glad and free!

Chorus:

History of Jaffna Central College

A group of Methodist missionaries from Britain first came to Ceylon in the year 1814 arriving on the 29th June which date is observed every year by the Methodist Church in our country as Methodist Day. After they arrived, they learnt that there was also a need to establish English Schools in the country. Rev. James Lynch and Rev. Thomas Sequence, two of the original group of six missionaries traveled to Jaffna to start their mission there.

On 1st August 1816, they purchased a centrally and ideally situated property, opposite the esplanade, that had earlier been used as an Orphanage that had closed down. The buildings and Chapel were quite adequate for their purpose and they established an English School. This School which has a continuous history from that date was reorganized by Rev. Dr. Peter Percival, a great scholar and Principal who named it Jaffna Central. This School is the oldest Methodist Mission Institution in South East Asia and has a long line of missionary Principals who were also educationalists of their time and they worked untiringly and with indomitable will and spirit to leave the place much better than when they entered it. The Staff too worked with devotion and dedication. The School grew from strength to strength.

Academic education was unbeatable for quality and standards. The School progressed, achieved Collegiate status, became affiliated to the Calcutta University preparing students for the FA Examinations of Calcutta and Madras, Junior and Senior Cambridge, London Matriculation and Commerce examinations. The School continued to grow and expand. New buildings were started on the original site and the school expanded. Several students attained academic distinction and went on for higher studies to the University in Colombo or abroad. In the forties of this century, after the University of Ceylon came into being, the first batch of students prepared for the medical entrance examination, all were successful and all of them entered the medical faculty. University entrance to all faculties has been a regular feature with very good results in the entrance examinations. This school holds record for introducing Cricket, Football and Scouting to the Northern Province. In 2016, School celebrated 200 years of service and 100 years of scouting. The spirit of Central still grows and glows. We Centralities are justly proud of the past. But now we know and realize that the past should challenge the present and bring hope and fulfillment to the future.