

“I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.” ~ Pope Francis

Blessed August, Friends! As families begin traveling back toward Qatar, we pray for safe journeys and a blessed beginning to the school year for those starting next week. Our prayers continue for those who work in Qatar's brutal summer heat. We also continue to pray for the political situation in the Gulf, and for a swift and peaceful resolution. Next week, **18-25 August**, will be a **special week of prayer** for Qatar. Please join us, no matter where in the world you may be.

Thank-you for joining our All Together Service! Specifically designed for families with children, this service is meant to be a meaningful worship service for all ages. It's the ideal time to being friends. Our next will be 1 September at 11 AM. Please plan on joining us!

The summer taxi is back! Pick up our drive-in service from the scanner/security point between 10-11 on Friday mornings.

Food for the needy continues in the summer! Please bring your non-perishables to any service this week to help those in our community who are in need. Our next collection is 1-3 September.

Confirmation classes will begin on 16 September, preparing candidates for our bishop's visit at the end of the year. Please write to Fr. Jebaraj at jebarajd@epiphany-qatar.org or call him at [+97433053909](tel:+97433053909) if you are interested in classes for yourself or your child age 13+.

Our Anglican refreshment team continues to bless us with coffee and refreshment. They will be serving this week after the morning service. Thank-you, friends, for this wonderful fellowship ministry.

United Youth for Christ will hold an event in Qatar on 26 August from 7:30 to 10 PM at the Anglican Centre. Please email the church office for more information.

September 1 will be Epiphany Movie Day! The parish will be having a social event to see the 1:30 showing of *Hidden Figures* at the Novo Cinemas, Abu Hamour. Register to go – it's free, and transport can be provided. See Joseph Sargunam for more details.

Don't forget that many regular ministries continue through summer. If you are in Qatar and can help with or donate to the refreshments team and the flower ministry, please let us know. Also, keep in mind that the food collection on the first weekend, Daniel Recycling project and the WhatsApp Prayer group continue through the summer. See Beth Stevens or email her at pwarden@epiphany-qatar.org

We return to a weekly newsletter at the end of the month! During July & August, our weekly online newsletter goes to biweekly. Our next newsletter will be 31 August, which will end our summer schedule and return to our weekly schedule.

Important upcoming dates:

- ~ 1 September ~ All Together Service
- ~ 1-3 September – Food collection for the needy
- ~ 1 September Parish Afternoon at the Movies
- ~ 16 September – Confirmation classes begin
- ~22 September – Friday school resumes

Have a Blessed Week!

~ Epiphany Parish