



The Message of Easter

Easter is the most important religious festival for Christians. It celebrates Jesus' victory over death. It defines the beginning and the foundation of Christianity. For Christians, the resurrection is an important treasure.

It's also a great love story. Jesus did not come into the world simply to suffer and die. He came to bring God's message of unconditional love and forgiveness.



The Resurrection of Jesus takes us beyond the Cross to the joy and hope that comes from seeing the Risen Lord. Christ risen allowed us to know that there is a future for every human being and that our cry for unending life is indeed answered in Him. This is the true message of Easter! We

also have gives us a new sense of certitude, even if when it is very difficult in our lives, even if when we are facing death ourselves, because we know that Jesus rose from the dead. This is the true message of Easter.

Saint Mother Teresa said, "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen.". Yes, there are still trials and tragedies and difficulties in life. But because of Jesus Christ's triumph, because He has been raised from the dead, everything now is made new again. And we have the strength and the ability and the courage to continue to follow the Lord through death to new life.



Such is the message on Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus is also instilling hope in the face of lives trials.

Another thing that the resurrection tells us, is that we have got hope now. No matter how dark our life becomes, no matter how difficult our life becomes, there is hope. This hope is an anchor for our soul. Therefore, if we are going through difficulties, let us hold on to that anchor of hope. This is the basic proclamation of the gospel; the kerygma is the resurrection.

When Christ died on the cross, His message was one of salvation to the whole world. Not just for Christians. God's infinite love for each of us is the true message of Easter. And the reason it is our foremost religious festival is because it is a message of love and hope, that will continue into eternity. Accepting that message, is our choice.

Nilan James

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was first held in January 1989. The idea developed from an Australian Bicentenary event, "Clean-Up Lake Macquarie", which was instigated in 1987 by Ivan Welsh as Mayor of Lake Macquarie. Then followed the local "Clean Up Sydney Harbour" event in 1989, organised by Ian Kiernan and Kim McKay, with more than 40,000 volunteers who collected approximately 5,000 tonnes of rubbish. The 1990 Clean Up Australia Day event was launched by the then prime minister, Bob Hawke. Clean Up Australia has evolved into an organisation that works with community, government and businesses to "provide practical solutions to help Australians all live more sustainably every day of the year."

Today, the organisation's focuses are equal in preventing new rubbish from entering the environment as well as removing what rubbish is already present.

"The Rubbish Report" is produced each year from data collected by surveying participants. As of 1990, 94% of rubbish was from packaging. By 1993, the campaign was focusing more strongly on sorting the rubbish collected into recyclables, and Kiernan was using Clean Up Australia Day to advocate for changes to legislation surrounding reduction of packaging and returning packaging to companies. In 2008, Kiernan put a focus on bottled water, advocating for the expansion of container deposit refunds in Australia.

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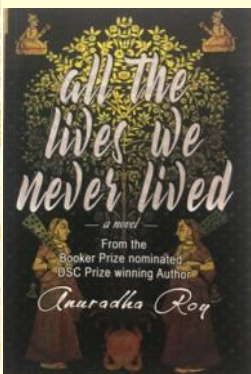


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Book Review: All the Lives We Never Lived by Anuradha Roy

Anuradha Roy, the author of “All the Lives we never lived” is a successful Indian novelist. This book is her fourth (published in 2018) hot on the heels of the highly acclaimed “Sleeping on Jupiter”. She and husband Rukun Advani reside in Ranikhet, in the foothills of the Himalayas, having founded “Permanent Black”, a publishing company focused on academic literature.



‘In my childhood, I was known as the boy whose mother had run-off with an Englishman. The man was in fact a German, but in a small town in India in those days, all white foreigners were largely thought to be British’.

Thus begins “All the Lives we never lived”, set around the time of the fight for Indian Independence and World War 2. The beautifully written novel features famous individuals from history (Rabindranath Tagore, Walter Spies, etc.) who enter the lives of fictional characters. Narrated by Myshkin (an endearing nickname), it tells the story of his mother Gayathri (a Bengali Hindu) who left the family to pursue her dreams. Myshkin was only nine when Gayathri moved to Bali embarking on a new life with Spies, a celebrated painter and curator of German heritage.

After his mother’s departure, Myshkin’s life is spent anxiously waiting for her letters from Bali with the hope she will return. In later years he compares that waiting to ‘blood being drained away from our bodies until one day there was no more left’. He seeks to understand why his mother made the choice she did.

India in the 1930s was defined by arranged marriages and rigid customs. Gayathri was the pampered daughter of a free thinker and her unconventional interests made her ill suited for the Indian marriage mart. The only man who would have her was Nek, an Anglo-Indian academic. The marriage was doomed after a short spell. Nek saw art as irrelevant and dance as scandalous. Nek was a member of an anticolonial organisation of patriots directed towards ending British rule in India. The arrival of Walter Spies to their lives (he was an admirer of Tagore) brings possibilities for Gayathri but distrust of the white skin by Nek. Gayathri, spellbound by Spies follows him to Dutch-held Bali where he is a prominent resident. Nek wanders off seeking redemption and returns with a new bride from a village, a step mother for Myshkin.

Anuradha Roy tackles this scenario tactfully. Her skill as a writer is shown in her ability to reveal the consequences of a mother’s choice. The absent mother is not condemned but there is compassion for the choices made. Nek’s anti-imperial activities are not treated as being impressive while his tyrant behaviour at home is highlighted as a contrast to the freedom he seeks from being ruled. Roy seamlessly shuttles between time, overlaying the past with the present, to create a brilliant tapestry that is the story.

It is a novel of how families fall apart and of what remains in the aftermath.

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George resides in Brisbane and is currently retired.

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Visiting Galle

Galle always evokes a deep sense of history and an unparalleled sense of multiculturalism.

As the formerly primary trading city of Sri Lanka, it is a place that is confident in its identity and its past. Compared to its younger and more recently glamorous city of Colombo, Galle appears to be almost stately in its character.



As we stared out over the ramparts of the ancient Galle Fort, built by enslaved Afro Ceylonese people, we were overcome with the weight of multicultural history in this place. Walking across the beaches of Galle, we wondered how many ancient peoples from around the world set foot on these same sandy shores and stared across the churning ocean, before finally turning back and deciding to settle in this place.

An ancient city known to the Romans, Arabs, Persians, Greeks and Egyptians, Galle was occupied for 50,000 years or more by indigenous people of Sri Lanka, whose descendants still exist there and are celebrated in the Galle maritime museum.

Walking through the fort, we were reminded of Ancient Arab traders from Yemen and the Middle East, including Ibn-Batuta who visited and settled here nearly a millennium ago. Their descendants still live and work within the walls of the fort and pray in mosques dotted all around the city.

The Portuguese Ceylonese people, fiercely defended this very fort from the Dutch East India company, giving rise to the saying “Gold in Malacca, lead in Galle”. Those same Dutchmen became the Dutch Burghers who still maintain a presence all over Galle. The Portuguese history of Galle is proudly encapsulated within the famous stairway at Jetwing Lighthouse designed by Geoffrey Bawa memorialising the Portuguese conflict with the Sri Wikrama Rajasinghe. The influences of Portuguese lacewear (Beeralu) and cuisine are evident throughout the dining culture and fashion of this city.



The imprints of multiculturalism are in the very place names, Leyn Baan Street (rope making street), Queen Street, Parawa Street referencing the Southern Indian fish traders. Galle itself is a Portuguese word originating in the word “Gallo” a reference to a rooster which is

seen as a positive omen in Portuguese culture. The rooster remains on various crests related to Galle. The fort contains a mosque, church and temple reflecting the religious diversity of the local area.

Persians, Malays, Greeks, Chinese and various groups from India, Europe and the British Isles all passed through the ancient port of Galle leaving behind cultural, linguistic, ethnic, gastronomic and fashion influences.

Even the schools in Galle are ancient. Schools such as Southlands College and Rippon Girls School were built in the 1800’s; to educate girls at a time when educating women was a rare occurrence around the world.

Galle also has Malay, Tamil, Sinhalese and other communities whose descendants continue to live on and mix into the multi-ethnic melting pot of Galle. The historic homeland of Demon Dancing (Yak natum)

which is an ancient amalgamation of Indigenous Demonology with Buddhist and Hindu traditions still echoes through the nights of this ancient city.

Galle is a microcosm of the diversity and intellectualism inherent in Sri Lankans and its dedication to sophistication are evident in the 1832 logo of the Galle Library “Reading maketh a full man”. No wonder the Galle literary festival is so globally renowned.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

Among Randika and Jerome’s many interests is a deep passion to understand Sri Lankan history and culture.

Sri Lanka Society of Queensland Annual General Meeting 2024

Date Sunday, 24 March 2024
Time 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Venue Toowong Community Hall
Josling Street, Toowong

Light Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please inform us of your attendance for catering purposes. Dinner packets will be available for a nominal price. Please reserve these in advance.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

ALAGALLA

Alagalla is near Mawanella on the Kandy - Colombo Road. Alagalla mountain is a popular spot for the hill climbers in Sri Lanka and many a mountain climbing competitions are often held here. When descending from the hill capital Kandy this mountain appears very beautiful. A regular climb happens here for the Independence Day of Sri Lanka, the 4th of February.



Often, there are more than one story behind the formation of names of places. I will relate only one of them pertaining to ALAGALLA.

The story is based on a family, where the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law had disputes. Though the mother-in-law did not like the daughter-in-law very much she tolerated her as she was the wife of her only child.

The family had enough wealth to manage affairs and the mother-in-law expected only one thing to be done to her by the daughter-in-law. That was that she should cook and offer all three meals to the mother-in-law. This was happening uninterrupted.

One day, the daughter-in-law was boiling SWEET POTATOES (බකල අල) for lunch. The daughter-in-law had a special liking for sweet potatoes, and she was planning to eat them alone. When the sweet potatoes were boiling, the aroma began to spread in the house and the mother-in-law was also happy that for lunch, she would have sweet potatoes. She walked to the kitchen and happily commented on the aroma of boiling sweet potatoes.

“Daughter, it is a nice aroma from the boiling Sweet potatoes”.

The daughter-in-law promptly replied: “I am not cooking any sweet potatoes. How do you get the aroma of sweet potatoes?” she questioned.

She retreated without any argument. She ate a part of the sweet potatoes alone and served the mother-in-law rice with other curries and she went to have a bath to the spout thinking of eating the balance potatoes (බකල) on returning from the shower.

She returned after the shower and with a plate in hand opened the pot to serve the sweet potatoes. She was surprised to see that all the potatoes had turned into stones. The Sinhala word for stones is “Gal” so the potatoes turned in to stones made the name “අලගල්ල”.

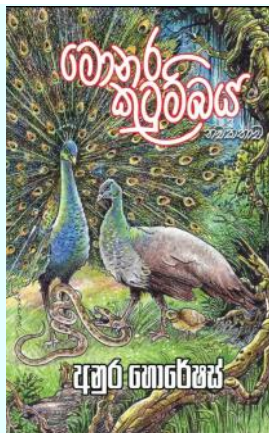


By Dr Nimal Sedara

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Collaborative Initiatives for a Resilient Future: The Role of IESL Overseas Chapters

The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) Queensland Chapter hosted its 18th Continuing Professional Development event on 27th January 2024, featuring the distinguished President of the Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL), Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake, and Associate Prof. Chaminda Gallage.



Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake visited Brisbane, and the IESL QLD Chapter organised this event as part of that. Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake spoke about the overseas chapter role from the President's point of view. Associate Prof. Chaminda Gallage discussed improvements to engineering education in Sri Lanka and what IESL could do. Participants expressed their ideas in a Q & A session to support Sri Lankan Engineering Education and Engineering Profession.

The Management Committee of the Chapter takes this opportunity to thank Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake and Associate Professor Chaminda Gallage for their excellent presentations, everyone who attended the event and 4EB Sri Lankan Radio Group for media coverage.

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Former Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel Passes Away

Ronnie de Mel (Ronald Joseph Godfrey de Mel), the visionary figure credited with the introduction of Sri Lanka's open economy in 1978, passed away on 27 February at the age of 99.



Assuming the role of Finance Minister within the cabinet of the late President J.R. Jayawardene in 1977, Ronnie de Mel spearheaded the transformation towards an open economic model in Sri Lanka. His bold initiatives paved the way for significant economic reforms that reshaped the nation's economic landscape.

Mr. de Mel holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Finance Minister in Sri Lanka's history, having presented a record number of budgets from 1977 to 1987. His tenure was marked by notable efforts to modernise and streamline the country's fiscal policies, leaving a lasting impact on Sri Lanka's economic trajectory.

A political journey that began with the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) saw Ronnie de Mel later aligning with the United National Party (UNP), where his strategic vision and deep understanding of economic principles continued to guide national policies.

The passing of Ronnie de Mel marks the end of an era for Sri Lanka's economic history, leaving behind a legacy of innovation and progress that will endure in the annals of the nation's development.

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Award of Appreciation to Victor Melder

Victor Melder, the founder of the Victor Melder Library (<https://www.vmsl-library.com/>) in Melbourne and a willing supporter of Daehaena was given an Award of Appreciation by the Consul General for Sri Lanka in Melbourne at the Sri Lanka Independence Day commemoration.

Victor started his library in 1968 with one book and today it has a collection of over 5000 books, and over 2000 magazines and journals.



The Library is used mainly by students, academics, writers and authors, expatriate Sri Lankans and in short, by anyone who needs any information on Sri Lanka. A number of quasi government departments, non-governmental organisations and associations also use this valuable collection of material on Sri Lanka.

The books in the Library are classified into many headings, some of which are: History (Portuguese Period, Dutch Period, British Period), Geography, Politics, Religion, Tourism, Culture, Sports, Language/Literature/Writing, Agriculture, Economics, Art/Architecture, Dictionaries, Bibliographies, Biographies, Education, Cookery, Year Books, Anthropology, Flora/Fauna, Ethnic Issues etc.

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Current services provide a range of activities including yoga, tai chi, line dancing, craft and board games, bare foot bowls, cinema visits and lunch groups.

Find out more at [Staying connected in your community](#) or Visit the [website](#) to find out more about the grants.

Applications for the peak body grant closes 3pm, Friday 15 March 2024 and the grants for the services close 3pm Friday 22 March 2024.

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GCSLA Tree Planting Project

GOLD COAST SRI LANKANS' ASSOCIATION TOGETHER WITH THE CITY OF GOLD COAST WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU FOR A "COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROJECT"

Naturally GC Landcare-Nerang River Tree planting

By participating you will be able to;
 Make a difference to our community
 Help offset carbon emission
 Be part of a research study
 Have a fun day with family and friends

Children will also receive a Certificate of participation from GCSLA

Date & Time : 09th of March 2024 at 8.30am
Location : In Nerang
 (Exact address will be announced after registration)

Please use the below link to get your FREE ticket

[Click Here](#)

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Monthly News Digest: February 2024

03	Keheliya Rambukwella remanded until February 15	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Keheliya-Rambukwella-remanded-until-February-15/155-276281
03	FTA signed between Thailand and Sri Lanka	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/FTA-signed-between-Thailand-and-Sri-Lanka/108-276286
04	From waste to wardrobe – SLINTEC's king coconut natural dye launched	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240204/business-times/from-waste-to-wardrobe-slintecs-king-coconut-natural-dye-launched-546886.html
04	Lanka signs World Bank \$150 Mn deposit insurance loan	https://island.lk/lanka-signs-world-bank-150-mn-deposit-insurance-loan/
06	Keheliya resigns as Environment Minister	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=97047
06	Sri Lanka appoint Craig Howard as spin coach	https://www.adaderana.lk/sportsnews.php?nid=10184
06	Sri Lanka approves lifting some limits on rupee conversion for outward remittances	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/tVC4UZO.AoU7NRqIBBORV/
07	Cornell University and University of Moratuwa students pilot innovative industry collaboration with Brandix	https://island.lk/cornell-university-and-university-of-moratuwa-students-pilot-innovative-industry-collaboration-with-brandix/
08	Jagath Priyankara sworn in as MP to fill Sanath Nishantha's vacancy	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Jagath-Priyankara-sworn-in-as-MP-to-fill-Sanath-Nishanthas-vacancy/108-276571
09	Largest inscription from Dimbulagala of 2nd century BC or earlier found	https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/front-page/Largest-inscription-from-Dimbulagala-of-2nd-century-BC-or-earlier-found/238-276649#google_vignette
13	Sri Lanka honored as UN world restoration flagship for mangrove conservation efforts	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/rFolqIFk00zr10KEXnU/
14	Tri-forces halt general recruitment	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Tri-forces-halt-general-recruitment/108-276947
14	Restructured SOEs to be converted into limited liability companies – Suresh Shah	https://island.lk/restructured-soes-to-be-converted-into-limited-liability-companies-suresh-shah/
14	Sri Lanka thrash Afghanistan in final ODI to complete 3-0 series sweep	https://www.adaderana.lk/sportsnews.php?nid=10208
15	UGC to be replaced by Higher Education Development Commission – Dr. Suren Raghavan	https://island.lk/ugc-to-be-replaced-by-higher-education-development-commission-dr-suren-raghavan/
15	Japan funds UNDP-led anti-corruption initiative, pledges about one million USD	https://island.lk/japan-funds-undp-led-anti-corruption-initiative-pledges-about-one-million-usd/
15	Israel and Sri Lanka ink direct air service agreement	https://island.lk/israel-and-sri-lanka-ink-direct-air-service-agreement/
11	Pathum Nissanka smashes historic unbeaten ODI double ton	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F05uEg-OHJA
17	Britain's oldest warship named HMS Trincomalee	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Britains-oldest-warship-named-HMS-Trincomalee/108-277239
18	New flyover to connect Kotte and Nawala	https://www.sundayobserver.lk/2024/02/18/news-features/16978/new-flyover-to-connect-kotte-and-nawala/
19	Sugar tax scam takes shocking turn: Parliament directive to recover Rs 16 bn disregarded	https://island.lk/sugar-tax-scam-takes-shocking-turn-parliament-directive-to-recover-rs-16-bn-disregarded/
19	Sri Lanka win second T20 by 72 runs to clinch series	https://www.adaderana.lk/sports/10221/sri-lanka-win-second-t20-by-72-runs-to-clinch-series-
21	Jaffna International Airport upgrade initiatives begin	https://www.dailymirror.lk/business/Jaffna-International-Airport-upgrade-initiatives-begin/215-277441
21	Sri Lanka's January consumer price inflation rises to 6.5%	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/97436/sri-lankas-january-consumer-price-inflation-rises-to-65
21	WHO team to travel to Sri Lanka to help eliminate leprosy	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/97424/who-team-to-travel-to-sri-lanka-to-help-eliminate-leprosy
24	Sri Lanka's debt woes deepen as it joins IMF surcharge list	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lanka-has-to-start-paying-surcharge-now-on-IMF-loan/108-277587
24	Amid mass migration, Sri Lanka to recruit volunteers as English teachers	https://economynext.com/amid-mass-migration-sri-lanka-to-recruit-volunteers-as-english-teachers-152028/
24	Unauthorized national awards, honorary titles to be stopped	https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/02/24/admin-categories/breaking-news/414178/unauthorized-national-awards-honorary-titles-to-be-stopped/
26	Deshabandu Tennakoon appointed IGP	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/97549/deshabandu-tennakoon-appointed-igp
27	US, Australia donate Beechcraft aircraft to SLAF	https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/02/27/local/418140/us-australia-donate-beechcraft-aircraft-to-slaf/
27	Uddika Premaratne resigns from Parliament	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Uddika-Premaratne-resigns-from-Parliament/108-277803

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

March 2024

02	Concert: Sasara Wasanathuru	Sathsara Entertainment
03	StageDrama: Aphrodite Mal Kollaya	Radio 4EB SL Group
08	Black Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment
09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
09	Tree Planting Project	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
16	Annual bus trip to Wivenhoe and Somerset dams	SAQ Seniors
16	"Jeewithe Windinna" Musical Show	Neth Sri Lanka Cultural Association
17	Musical Enjoyment Evening with Narada Wijesuriya	Agricola Qld
22	Billy 242 Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
23	Prathibha Concert	Forest Lake Temple
24	Annual General Meeting	Sri Lanka Society
30	Annual General Meeting	Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery: Forest Lake Temple

April 2024

6	New Year Festival Music Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
13	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations	Forest Lake Temple
13	Celebration Sinhala & Hindu New Year	Goodna Temple
14	New Year Festival	SAQ

May 2024

03-06	Annual Camp: Lake Perseverance	Silver Fawn Club
11	Chamara and Damith	Sathsara Entertainment
18	Vesak Festival at Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
25	Vesak Celebration at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
25	Vesak Festival: Special Sermon, Bodhi Puja, Bakthi Gee, Lantern Display	Forest Lake Temple

June 2024

08	Dance Night: Sarith & Surith	Sathsara Entertainment
15	Poson Pinkama at Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
15	Ananda Maroons' Night	Old Anandians Assn.
15	Musical Event: Fallen Adria, Anjali Herath	Aradhana Entertainment
22	Poson Festival: Mihindu Sangamitta Perahera, Mihintalagama Display	Forest Lake Temple

July 2024

18	Professional Engineer of the Year 2024 Queensland	IESL Qld Chapter
20	Deshabhimancee	Forest Lake Temple

July 2024 (contd..)

20	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Goodna Temple
27	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
27	Madhu Feast at Cunnungra	Sri Lankan Catholics
27	Fund Raising Event	Goodna Temple

August 2024

03	Hanthane Nite 2024 University of Peradeniya Alumni Get-together - Queensland	Peradeniya Alumni Group
24	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple

September 2024

15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
28	Saralanga 2024	SAQ

October 2024

12	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
20	Annual Katina Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
26,27	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting & Dana	Goodna Temple

Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
03 Mar	Kumara Dissanayake, Lakmini & Programming Group/ Sameera Samarasinghe
10 Mar	Kanthi Wijesoma/ Janaka Weerasinghe
17 Mar	Darshika Koggalahewa and Himaya SWA/ Sameera Samarasinghe
24 Mar	Sam Fernando, Nadeeka Fernando/ Sam Fernando
31 Mar	Derrick Fernando (Easter Program)/ Samanmal Gunaratne, Darshika Koggalahewa
07 Apr	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
06 Mar	Yovun Sandella/ Dhanushka Bandara
13 Mar	Dushan & Pulastha/ Dinesh Kumara
20 Mar	Sameera Samarasinghe & Guest/ Sameera Samarasinghe
27 Mar	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Kanchana/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
03 Apr	Yovun Sandella/ Dhanushka Bandara

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