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*Let's Set
Our Hearts
On Jesus*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas In The Midst Of Uncertainty

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with GOD, and the Word was GOD. And the Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth"

JOHN 1: 1, 14

My Dear Parishioners,

The Corona virus disease (COVID-19) has spread globally affecting almost every country and society, straining and paralyzing the health infrastructure. It has disrupted the various spheres of our political, social and economic lives. It has even intruded into our spiritual domain. Religious places of worship including mosques, churches and temples were shut down. The public celebrations of the Holy Eucharist were suspended. Now, that the places of worship are being opened, we are permitted to conduct liturgical services, albeit with very many restrictions. The celebration of Christmas this year will be dramatically different from that of yesteryears, which we are accustomed to. The virus is still a threat among us. Our social interactions are greatly restricted. The usual festive activities, events and invitations will not happen this year. Our Parish will not be organizing the traditional '**Christmas Float**' or the solemn '**Christmas Vigil Holy Mass**' on the parish grounds or any of the other celebrations.

This pandemic leaves many of us at '**dis-ease**'. We wonder what is happening to the world and what will the future be like. People are worried; nations and societies are in turmoil. There is deep trouble and anxiety everywhere.

Perhaps, this is the time to remember the truth that Christmas brings us. The scripture verse, "**The Word became flesh and lived among us**" (**John 1:14**) is a reminder of GOD's commitment and unfailing presence in our lives. GOD comes to us in the very real person of JESUS. Christian theology teaches us that God does not and cannot remain aloof from us, from our world or our circumstances. The

birth of Jesus is precisely God's revelation of His deepest desire to be in communion with us. God willingly takes on human flesh and willingly lives the complete expression of an earthly experience. This is God's commitment to us. God enters into our world, with all of its 'dis-ease' and unrest. God comes to us in the uncertainties of life, especially during these difficult times and offers us new hope - hope and expectation for Christ to come into our hearts.

A somewhat similar reality existed when Jesus was to be born. God chose an unknown but humble couple, Mary and Joseph in an insignificant town of Nazareth to bring His Son into the world. The story of Christ's birth encourages us to cope when our dreams are being shattered, we are consumed by fear and discouragement is overwhelming. The Christmas story will strengthen us to deal with the challenges that all of us are facing today.

Yes, God comes to us in our uncertainties - reminding us of this message of hope and redemption, that even when we are unsure of the next step, even when we are anxious about what the future holds, **GOD IS WITH US**. He will never leave us. He will be there with us in the midst of uncertainty.

As we prepare for **Christmas and New Year**, I encourage you to open your hearts to receive the **Peace and Healing of JESUS** as the firm foundation for your life. Approach Jesus in prayer and discern what He is inviting you to do, to bring His light into our confused and chaotic times. From the manger in Bethlehem, Jesus is telling us that God arranges all things for those who belong to Him. **The world may seem to be out of control, but still, God is in charge.**

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and your loved ones at this blessed time of Hope and Grace!

May Mary, the mother of child Jesus and our own Mother, watch over you and our Sacred Heart Parish always!

Along with the clergy team, *I wish you a most Blessed Christmas and a Grace-Filled and Wonderful, Covid-Free New Year 2021.*

**- Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
Parish Priest**

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LET'S SET OUR HEARTS ON JESUS

"Jesus Christ could be born in Bethlehem a thousand times but all in vain until He is born in me." These are the profound words of a German mystic, Angelus Silesius, which prompts us to introspect and set our hearts on Jesus.

In the Bible, there are three great promises that God made to the people of Israel.

The first, through Abraham, was a promise of descendants.

The second, through Moses, was of a Promised land.

The third promise, through David, was a royal dynasty, a leadership that would last.

Jesus is from that royal dynasty of David. Jesus Christ is the name most mentioned in the Holy Bible. Jesus is mentioned 973 times, Christ 555 times, and both Jesus Christ together 1,528 times.

The name of David is mentioned 1,011 times and Moses is mentioned 828 times. David lived and reigned almost a thousand years before Jesus, and is a key person in God's salvation plan. This youngest son of Jesse, David was a shepherd, a king, a poet, a musician and a prophet. He wrote many of the psalms. Even though he was a sinner and a murderer, God did not erase the role he had to play in the salvation history.

The third promise of our ever-reliable and ever-dependable God was fulfilled when the Angel Gabriel said to Mary: ***"Look you are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name Him Jesus. The Lord will give Him the throne of His ancestor David, and His reign will have no end."***

"The Lord be with you" are the opening words and greeting of the Angel Gabriel. King Saul said these very same words to David, and he defeated Goliath. Five times during the celebration of every single Holy Mass every priest says the same words - The Lord be with you.

As Christmas draws near, may we rejoice in being chosen to be the dwelling place of God.

Mary reminds us that the best Christmas, in fact, the only true Christmas, is one in which Christ is born in the inner sanctuary of our hearts, not merely in the little town of Bethlehem.

Let's set our hearts on Jesus because Jesus Christ could be born in Bethlehem a thousand times but all in vain until He is born in me.

Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD

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Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

– St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa)



***May the Peace and Blessings of Christmas be yours
and may the coming Year be filled with happiness !***

CCO ON THE MOVE

As we usher in the season of Christmas let us take time to eliminate inequalities, heal injustices, motivate our less fortunate brethren and put smiles on the faces of people around us. For Christmas is about cherishing and celebrating the love we share.

Here is a glimpse of the various activities initiated by our Cells and Associations.

THE PARISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL: A virtual meeting was held on 28th September 2020, attended by the heads of Cells and Associations. The Spiritual Directors for the year 2020-21 were announced and few forthcoming activities were discussed.

The meeting was followed by a training session titled '**From Survival to Revival**' conducted by the Office for Lay Collaboration Ministry (OLCM) team. It was based on the Holy Father's message of 'hope' for life after the Pandemic. The Resource persons were Fabian Rose, Anthony Correa and Prakash Nazareth. It was an interactive, enlightening and informative session and appreciated by all.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: A virtual **Training Program** was conducted by Fr. Patrick D'Mello and the team of Laity Centre on 13th September and repeated on 20th September. Many of our animators attended the session which was useful and enlightening and had practical tips for leading a stress-free life.

On 31st October, the SCC Project team organized the closing of the **Rosary** month. It was well attended with over 60 members.

Various **Reach-Out Activities** were organized by the communities during the pandemic:

- Phone calls and WhatsApp messages to families especially to Senior Citizens with the objective of staying connected
- Providing assistance in purchasing groceries and supplying meals to Senior citizens
- Financial help by individuals, families and communities to support the "Feed the Hungry" initiative
- Supporting families to pay the school and college fees of the children
- Distribution of essentials to identified families, road workers and poor families in the slums

On-line Parish Census: Our Parish took the initiative during the lockdown to digitally update the Parish census. Coordinators and animators connected with the families in their communities and ensured that the records were updated.

PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL: An online interactive program for the youth 'Find your Silver Lining' was conducted by Fr. Tony Menezes SVD on 27th September 2020.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Parish began online Sunday school classes for children of Class I to IX as also Confirmation Classes.

The Sunday School Catechists along with Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD and Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD organized the online **Nativity Novena**.

FAMILY CELL: The Family Cell of our parish conducted an online session titled '**Coping in COVID time**' - spiritually and emotionally' on 24th October 2020. Fr. Cajetan Menezes was the resource person.

The **CCO** continues to help our marginalized families by assisting in the filling of forms for Educational, Medical and Housing Assistance in collaboration with the **Community Welfare Fund**. The pandemic has adversely affected several of our parishioners. Consequently, the number of requests received by the Parish for medical, education and housing assistance has more than doubled. To tide over this crisis, on request, all the communities willingly agreed to make available their 15% share of the community fund, so that the Parish could provide financial assistance to the needy.

COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND: 82 families were provided aid during the period April- October 2020:-

Educational Assistance	-	31 families
Medical Aid	-	27 families
Housing Assistance	-	24 families

Many people benefitted from the assistance extended by the CCO in obtaining jobs, especially as patient-attendants, domestic helps and house-keeping staff.

The Dental Clinic and Homeopathy Clinic are not functioning and will be closed until further notice.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Association (SVP) continues to render help to the adopted and aided families of our Parish.

May Baby Jesus be the ray of hope and light in our life during this pandemic and may each of you be blessed and transformed by His presence. A joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Ida Quinny
CCO Co-ordinator

HEARTY LAUGHTER

SMART TALK

If you don't succeed at first, hide all evidence that you tried.

I'm never wrong. Just different levels of right.

Maybe if we tell people the brain is an App, they'll start using it.

Lazy people fact #2347827309018287. You were too lazy to read that number.

I've learned so much from my mistakes, I'm thinking of making a few more.

What do I do for a living? I breathe in and out.

I have lots of hidden talents. The problem is, even I can't find them.

I love my job only when I'm on vacation.

Everyone wants your happiness. Don't let them take it!!

Some people are like clouds. When they go away, it's a brighter day.

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, *"We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?"*

Tommy blurted out, *"I know, Aces."*

TOO KEEN TO KNOW

The Sunday School teacher was reading Bible stories to the class. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. One child asked, *"What happened to the flea?"*

HEARD AT A WORKPLACE

A guy goes in for a job interview and sits down with the boss.

The boss asks him, *"What do you think is your worst quality?"*

The man says, *"I'm probably too honest."*

The boss says, *"That's not a bad thing, I think being honest is a good quality."*

The man replies, "I don't care about what you think!"

An employee is getting to know her new co-workers when the topic of her last job comes up. One co-worker asks why she left that job.

"It was something my boss said," the woman replied.

"Why? What did he say?" the co-worker asked.

"You're fired."

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss then says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

TRIVIAL ISSUE

A couple was having a quarrel in a lodge. The man calls the manager and says, *"I'm having an argument with my wife, and now she wants to jump out of the window please come fast!"*

The Manager angrily responds, *"I am sorry sir this is your personal issue, please do not waste my time again."*

The Husband replies back, *"The window is not opening. This is not a personal issue, this is a maintenance issue."*

AFTERTHOUGHT

An angel appears in a puff of smoke to a man and says to him, *"Because you have lived a good and virtuous life, I can offer you a gift: you can be the most handsome man in the world, or you can have infinite wisdom, or you can have limitless wealth."* Reflecting, the man says, *"I'll take the wisdom"*

"Wisdom is yours," says the angel, disappearing in another puff.

The smoke is barely clear before the man thinks, *"I should have taken the money."*

COURT HEARING

An officer and a lawyer were having a discussion in court.

Lawyer: *"A woman shot her husband because he stepped on her freshly mopped floor."*

Officer: *"That is correct."*

Lawyer: *"Officer, can you explain why it took you 20 minutes to arrest the woman once you got there?"*

Officer: *"The floor was still wet."*

FAMILY BIBLE QUIZ II 2020

I) IDENTIFY THE PERSONS FROM THE BIBLE WHO SPOKE THUS

1. "Lord, if You don't go with us or before us, we are not going anywhere." _____
2. "The Lord will provide." _____
3. "I won't let go of You unless you bless me." _____
4. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." _____
5. "Speak, Lord for Your servant is listening." _____
6. "The joy of the Lord is my strength." _____
7. "'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." _____
8. "The Lord has plans to prosper me and not harm or fail me." _____
9. "Oh that You may bless me and enlarge my territory." _____
10. "No weapon formed against me shall prosper." _____

II) ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. What present did the Magi not bring to Jesus?
a) Gold b) Silver c) Myrrh
2. Who was the man who would not die until he saw the Messiah of the Lord?
a) Simeon b) Caiphas c) John
3. What is a manger?
a) A stable b) A plate c) A feeding trough
4. Which Old Testament prophet speaks the most about the birth of Jesus?
a) Amos b) Isaiah c) Joel
5. Which gospel(s) tell us the Christmas story?
a) Luke only b) Matthew, Mark, Luke & John
c) Mathew & Luke
6. The wise men came from the
a) East b) North c) West

III) UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS AND FIND THEIR MATCH

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| 1) MANORS | - a) The Bible has two of these |
| 2) OVERPASS | - b) Transgression of God's law |
| 3) STATEMENTS | - c) First of the Pauline Epistles |
| 4) GLEAN | - d) Jewish feast |
| 5) INS | - e) Each Chapter in the Bible has many of these |
| 6) SERVE | - f) Messenger of God |

IV) FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS AND MENTION THE SCRIPTURE VERSE

1. The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in Your name even the _____ submit to us!" (Luke 10:____)
2. But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become _____ of God. (John 1:____)
3. She will bear a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will _____ His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:____)
4. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving _____ to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:____)
5. So that at the name of Jesus every _____ should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every _____ confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:____)
6. "I have no _____ or _____, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, _____ and _____." (Acts 3:____)
7. " _____ and be _____ every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the _____. (Acts 2:____)
8. For I am convinced that neither _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor things present, nor things to come, nor _____, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:____)
9. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named _____. (Isaiah 9:____)
10. My _____ is sufficient for you, for power is made _____ in _____. (2 Corinthians 12:____)

V) COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING BIBLE VERSES AND MENTION THE SCRIPTURE VERSE

1. May all kings fall down before Him _____ (Psalm 72:____)
2. A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse; _____ (Isaiah 11:____)
3. Rejoice greatly O daughter Zion, Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem, _____ (Zechariah 9:____)
4. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, _____ (John 1:____)
5. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that _____ (John 3:____)

Full Name (Head of Family) _____

Names of Participants _____

Telephone/Mobile No _____

Community No _____ Family No. _____

Address: _____

- **Email the answers to h2h.bulletin@gmail.com latest by 13th January 2021 along with the above details.**
- **There are 3 prizes. If there are many right answers the prizes will be determined by casting lots.**
- **The decision of the Editorial board will be final and binding.**

ANSWERS OF FAMILY QUIZ - I

- I. 1. Adam 2. Abraham 3. Cain 4. David 5. Jacob 6. Moses 7. Satan
8. Gideon
- II. 1) King Agag 2) Nehemiah 3) Moses & Elijah 4) Philip 5) Chapter VI
6) Jephthah 7) Susannah 8) Lydia 9) Joseph 10) Tobias
- III. 1) cowardice, power, love, self-discipline (2 Tim 1:7)
2) The Lord is my banner (Ex 17:15)
3) Presence, carry (Ex 33:15)
4) law, depart, mouth, meditate, day, night (Joshua 1:8)
5) Lord, besides, Rock, God (1 Samuel 2:2)
6) strong, courageous, walking, statutes, commandments, ordinances,
testimonies (1 Kings 2:2,3)
- IV. 1. Father, forgive them for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)
2. Today you shall be with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:43)
3. Woman, behold thy son; Son, Behold thy mother (John 19:26, 27)
4. My God, My God, why have You forsaken me (Matthew 27:46 &
Mark 15:34)
5. I thirst (John 19:28)
6. It is finished (John 19:30)
7. Father into Thy hands I commend My Spirit (Luke 23:46)
- V. Holy, Heathen, Heaven, Haggai, Hagar, Hosea, Hosanna, Hebrews,
Herod, Hittites

Hearty Congratulations

to winner of Family Quiz I 2020

**Philip & Mabel Crasto,
Shalom Community No. 30**

MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS

It has been a difficult year,
That has gripped humanity with fear.
Enveloped with anxiety, death, and doom
Has cast a dreadful pall of gloom.
In our sad tears and deep fears
We beseech Lord, our pleas to hear
We raise a plaintive voice, we cry
Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

Come Lord, into our fragmented world,
Into our suffering communities
Be the Hope of the unemployed,
The Healer of the sick and feeble,
The Refuge of those in despair,
The Light of the spiritually blind
Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

Little baby Jesus in the manger,
The second person in the Trinity,
The Word made flesh,
Shower on every one of us
Bountiful blessings of love and peace,
Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

Franzina Gomes
Our Lady of Nazareth, Community No. 16



INSPIRATION FROM SAINTS

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Feast day: September 23

Patron Saint: Civil Defence Volunteers, Adolescents

Francesco Forgione, known as Padre Pio was born on May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, a small town in Southern Italy to devout Catholic parents, Grazio Forgione and Maria Giuseppa di Nuncio. Though from a poor farming community, they were rich in their faith life and their love of God. Francesco's childhood and teenage years were spent between home, Church and school in Pietrelcina.

Around the age of five, on the main altar, the Heart of Jesus appeared to him signalling him to approach the altar and place his hand on his head. From then onwards the intensity of his love for Jesus grew and he desired to give himself over to God completely. As a young boy, he was able to see and communicate with, not only his guardian angel but also with Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

At age fifteen he joined the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor in Morcone, Italy and took the name Pio in honour of St. Pius I. He was admired by his fellow students and by his Superiors for his exemplary behaviour and his deep piety.

At the age of twenty-three, Padre Pio was ordained to the priesthood. The celebration of the Holy Mass was the centre of his spirituality. His Mass could sometimes last for several hours because of the long pauses of contemplative silence into which he entered at various parts of the Holy Sacrifice. When asked to shorten his Mass, Padre Pio replied, ***"God knows that I want to say Mass just like any other priest, but I cannot do it"***.

In 1910, the year in which he became a priest, he received the stigmata (the wounds of the crucified Christ) for the first time, though they eventually healed. Again on September 20, 1918, the stigmata appeared on Padre Pio's body while he was praying before a crucifix and making his thanksgiving after Mass. He was thirty-one years old and became the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. With resignation and serenity, he bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet and side for fifty years.

Padre Pio suffered from poor health his entire life. Although the cause of his prolonged and debilitating illnesses remained a mystery to his doctors, Padre Pio did not become discouraged. He offered all his bodily sufferings to God as a sacrifice, for the conversion of souls. He experienced many spiritual sufferings as well. ***"I am fully convinced that my illness is due to a special permission of God"***, he said.



Being a man of prayer, Padre Pio prayed almost continuously. His prayers were usually very simple. He loved to pray the Rosary and recommended it to others. When asked as to what legacy he wished to leave to his spiritual children, his brief reply was, ***"My child, the Rosary."*** He had a special mission to the souls in Purgatory and encouraged everyone to pray for them. He used to say, ***"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers."***

God endowed Padre Pio with many extraordinary gifts and charisms including the gift of healing, bilocation, prophecy, miracles, discernment of spirits, the ability to abstain beyond man's natural powers from both sleep and nourishment, the ability to read hearts, the gift of tongues, the gift of conversions, the grace to see angelic beings in form and the fragrance which emanated from his wounds and which frequently announced his invisible presence. When a friend once questioned him about these charisms, Padre Pio said, ***"You know, they are a mystery to me, too."*** He never sought the spiritual gifts and never felt worthy of them. He always remained humble, constantly at the disposal of the Almighty God.

His day began at 2.30 am when he would rise to begin his prayers and to make his preparation for Mass. In between Mass and confessions, his workday lasted 19 hours. He rarely left the monastery and never took even a day's vacation from his gruelling schedule in 51 years. He never read a newspaper or listened to the radio. He cautioned his spiritual children against watching television.

In his lifetime, Padre Pio reconciled thousands back to their faith. He saw the image of Christ in the poor, the suffering and the sick and founded ***"The Home for the Relief of Suffering."*** He once said, ***"Bring God to all those who are sick. This will help them more than any other remedy."***

He died as he had lived, with his Rosary in his hands on September 23, 1968, at the age of eighty-one. His last words were Jesus - Mary, which he repeated over and over until he breathed his last. He had often said, ***"After my death, I will do more. My real mission will begin after my death."***

Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002. San Giovanni Rotondo, the place where Padre Pio lived and is now buried is the second most visited pilgrim place in the world drawing approximately eight million pilgrims each year.

St. Pio's whole life might be summed up in the words of St. Paul to the Colossians, ***"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the Church."***

PARISH ACTIVITIES

COPING IN COVID TIMES

With grateful hearts we thank the Parish Family Cell for inviting Fr. Cajetan Menezes - **Director Kripa Foundation** to address us on October 24th, 2020 on the topic: **Coping in COVID times – Spiritually and Emotionally**. The virtual session was well attended. Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD along with Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD, the Spiritual Director of the Family Cell, were also on the call.

The pandemic and the consequent lockdown have been very challenging for most of us. Kids, youth, the middle-aged and seniors feel restricted and have had to adapt to a change in lifestyle. In this session, Fr. Cajetan gave us some very practical and doable suggestions to cope with this unusual situation.

In his opening address, he expressed that **“thinking influences feelings and feelings influence action”**, which means, we have to be in touch with positive people and stay away from toxic people. To help us achieve this, he suggested:

- **Connect with self:** Introspect and find out who we really are and what would make us truly happy.
- **Connect with nature:** Engage in outdoor activities like gardening, growing plants, spending time with your pets, going for a moonlight walk with your spouse, admire and appreciate God's creation.
- **Connect with family:** The lockdown has forced us to stay indoors 24x7. This can be exasperating at times. To ease the situation, play indoor games, sing together, watch a movie, help in the household chores, appreciate one another etc.
- **Connect with God:** Set a time for personal and family prayer, participate in the online Eucharist, Retreats, Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries, spiritual talks etc.

Self-monitor our exposure to social media, television and the internet, as **‘we become what we watch’**. Avoid reading and watching negative news, as **‘input influences output’** and leads to depression, sadness and anxiety. Instead, we should watch programmes which motivate us, making us mentally happy and productive.

He also suggested we use the **CCG method (Connect, Correct and Grow)**:

Connect: Stay connected with people. Social contact is very important. Reconnect with childhood friends, neighbours, and relatives, by means of a voice or video call. Help the needy. Offer spiritual guidance and counselling to addicts of alcohol, drugs, pornography etc. Spiritual bankruptcy and rejection has made them feel unwanted and has lowered their self-esteem.

Correct: Make peace and reconcile with family, friends and relatives. Attempt to change your bad habits and addictions, stay away from toxic people/talk/gossip.

Grow: Add something to the daily routine, take care of your health and fitness, get involved in the household chores, revisit an old hobby, learn a musical instrument, participate in educational and spiritual talks online.

In conclusion, Fr. Cajetan reiterated the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), of maintaining social distancing, personal hygiene and wearing a mask at all times when outdoors. Social gatherings as far as possible he said, should be avoided, unless absolutely necessary.

Treffy D'Souza
Our Lady of the Rosary, Community No. 29



This is a serious warning cry: Surrender

without reservation to the Lord who has called us. This is required of us so that the face of the earth may be renewed.

– St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)



JOYFUL IN HOPE – ADVENT MESSAGE

What best way to begin the Advent season but being **'Joyful in Hope'**. The Family cell did just that, conducted a virtual Advent session on this theme, in preparation for Christmas, on 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent. The resource person was Royston Braganza, member of the Archdiocesan Proclamation Commission. The response was overwhelming as about 70 families joined with our Spiritual Director Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD and our Parish Priest Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD.

It is incredible that something so small, born in obscurity among the animals, has impacted millions around the world. Tiny baby Jesus, born in a manger has a global influence and continues to transform lives daily.

Royston explained the meaning of the theological virtues of Hope, Love and Faith. ***"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love."*** (1 Cor 13:13) was expounded.

Faith – Trusting confidence in God, not controlled by reason.

Hope – In the midst of the worst situation, while in the deep pit of suffering, I can still be joyful and hopeful.

Love – To will the good of others and do something about it.

We cannot be hopeful and anxious at the same time. We must believe that God is in control.

The session emphasized the theological virtue of Hope. ***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"***. (Romans 12:12)

H – HE (Jesus) is with US.

Even in today's situation, when life throws varied challenges at us, He is with us. It is not sufficient for us to just tick a box marked "Spiritual Obligation" in our schedules by attending Sunday Mass now and then as an activity. We just cannot be lukewarm Catholics anymore because "He is with us".

O – Open to GOD and His presence.

If we think about it, every single breath we take is a miracle. There are no coincidences that happen. God calls us to open our eyes of faith in all situations.

P – Perspective (God's Perspective).

Jesus always prioritised the healing of the soul above the healing of the flesh. Therefore we are called to change ourselves and understand God's perspective.

A new dimension to the meaning of the word Sacrament was put forth as ***"Power that comes from Jesus Christ that flows into me"***.

E- Evangelize. We are not called to convert people to Christianity rather we are encouraged to bring as many people to know Jesus.

The take-away message for us this Advent is to be an OASIS OF MERCY so that whoever we come in contact with get to know Jesus Christ in our little acts of Faith, Hope and Love. In the words of St. Arnold Janssen ***"The greatest act of charity, we can do for our neighbour, is 'Give them the Good News'."***

The session was surprisingly also quite interactive, with many questions thrown at the audience. Royston's enthusiasm and conviction of thought was contagious.

We thank the Family Cell for taking the initiative to conduct such thought-provoking sessions for the parishioners.

Nirmala Pinto D'Souza
St Theresa of the Child Jesus,
Community No. 10

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Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to Him in prayer and in love. Ask Him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

– St. John Paul II



SCC UPDATE

A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS UNITED FOREVER



'A Community that prays together, bonds with each other and will stay united forever.'

In these trying times of the pandemic, the **'Good Shepherd Community'**, No. 7, decided to be a COVID community, in the (CO) Company of Jesus and Mary with (VI) Vibrant Individuals sharing their (D) Diverse talents.

October being the month of the Rosary we prayed the Rosary daily through the virtual tour of the Holy Land and Bible reflection. Children and adults, despite their busy schedules of online examinations and work, volunteered to use their talents and offer gratitude to God and honour His mother by making 31st October very special.

Our Spiritual Director Fr. Sundar SVD enlightened us on 'The Rosary' - A Powerful Weapon that helps us overcome all evil. Participating community members showcased their talent as an offering to our Lord and Mother Mary.

- Beautiful hymns **"As I Kneel Before You"** and **"Maria Mai Kurpechi"** were sung by members to honour Our Lady.

- The children through their art conveyed their message of love and devotion to our Lady. One drew a picture of Mother Mary while another drew the Rosary and implored the blessings of Mother Mary on us all, and yet another depicted Mary as the center of our lives.
- Some families beautifully created the rosary - A colourful rosary was made reminding us of our Baptism and the life we are given. One beaded a rosary from grains of Channa and Dal inspiring us to pray the Rosary daily.
- Altars were creatively decorated reminding all to pray the Rosary.
- A non-Christian neighbor assisted in creating the rosary from palm leaves, hay and food grains depicting the difficulty the villages faced during the Cyclone and COVID.
- A dance was performed expressing gratitude to our Lady
- Participants shared prayers and reflection. **"When we pray in a group, the prayer of each one belongs to all."**
- Jesus offered Mary to be our Mother when He said to His disciple, **"Behold your mother"**. Members made us realize that just as Mary stood by Jesus at the cross, she stands by us always in times of trial and temptation, comforting us in our loneliness and pain.
- Senior members thanked Mary for her blessings and asked her to intercede for us with her Son Jesus Christ. Another family member expressed that they place their trust in Mother Mary and always pray the Rosary.
- A couple who were blessed with a healthy son affirmed that a family that prays together is always blessed by the Almighty.

Life is challenging with the lockdown and organising the Rosary seemed a challenge, however, we firmly believed that for God nothing is impossible. Thoughts became action and 31st October became a very special day for our Community which will forever be remembered and cherished.

Zuleika Rodricks
Good Shepherd, Community No. 7

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What has He done for me? He has loved me and given me His whole self. What shall I do for Him? I shall love Him and give myself to Him without reserve.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola



MOTHER MARY, OUR HOPE IN LIFE

The months of May and October are dedicated to our Blessed Mother, when we as a community family come together to pray the Holy Rosary, firmly believing that our beloved Mother is the most powerful intercessor and will plead with her son Jesus on our behalf. Our Blessed Mother has never let anyone down and will always grant us the favours we seek if it's for our good.

And so to conclude the month of October prayerfully, the Parish SCC Coordinators organized a virtual Rosary on October 31st for the Coordinators of the 35 communities of the Parish. The Coordinators were free to extend the invitation to their animators. The three communities of the Takshila complex viz; Communities 13, 14 and 15 were requested to lead the Rosary.

A great deal of preparation went into this virtual Rosary celebration. A beautiful PowerPoint Presentation containing the hymns, prayers, responses and intentions, (a collective effort of all the three communities), was displayed on the screen to help people follow and respond in the privacy of their homes. The coordinators of the three communities also involved the animators of the Takshila complex and assigned them roles in the Rosary recitation.

The Rosary commenced with the beautiful hymn '**As I kneel before you**' followed by the introduction carrying a powerful message of how life was before the pandemic and our present predicament, fervently pleading with the Holy Spirit to help us gaze on the face of Jesus with the eyes of our beloved Mother.

This was followed by the opening prayer. Each decade of the Joyful Mysteries was prayed for various intentions viz; for the youth, for the Health Care Workers, for the safety of newborn babies, for the eradication of the pandemic and many more. The Rosary concluded with a hymn and the Angels Prayer. The final blessing was given by Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD.

It was heartening to see so many participants on the call and most especially to have our entire Clergy Team with us. We were over 60 persons on the call.

We are thankful to the Parish SCC Coordinators for reposing faith in us and allowing us to lead all in prayer. We are grateful for all the support and encouragement we receive from the Parish Clergy Team. And last but not the least, a special thanks to all who put in their best to bring the Marian month of October to a befitting close.

Given the current scenario, we wish we could have many more such virtual prayer sessions, to remind us all that even in these trying times we are still one family bonded in prayer.

*Priscilla Rodricks - Helpers of Jesus, Community No. 14
& Vanessa Quinny - Akashdeep, Community No. 15*

MAKE IT HAPPEN, BE THE CHANGE

I vividly remember the 25th of March the day the lockdown was imposed; quite a few small-time businesses, Government projects like the Metro Rail project, shut shop overnight thus affecting livelihood. Established Business Houses introduced the '**work from home**' culture, much to the relief of their employees. Panic was rampant. People went on a hoarding binge, stocking essential commodities. Supermarket shelves emptied out overnight. Our concern was what about the daily wagers, the construction workers, the cart pullers, the migrants. Despite the Government schemes, many were still at a loss as to how to provide food for their families. The pandemic and lockdown had turned their world upside down. We were informed about a daily wage worker who had not had a meal for two days.

My friends and I, totally eight of us, wanted to do something. Time was of the essence. Keeping the Archdiocesan **SCC theme of 'NO ONE IN WANT'** in mind, we took on the task to provide a meal and rations for as many as we could. Our target recipients were the underprivileged families of Dharavi and Mahim. And so we made a start. We pooled in a part of our earnings and tied up with a local restaurant owner, who willingly agreed to provide breakfast at a nominal price. Early morning, on the first day, around 7:15 am, five of us gathered near Mahim station to start the distribution. But it was not easy. It was difficult to discipline the crowd and get them to queue up and follow the "social distancing" norm that was enforced.

Fortunately for us, the head of the group came forward to assist us in maintaining discipline thus ensuring that everyone received the breakfast. Our first day was a success and also helped us gauge how many would turn up in the following days.

In the first two weeks, more than 200+ items were distributed and soon we ran low on cash. But we wanted to continue the good work. And so, the team decided to appeal for funds through WhatsApp messages and posting a request on a fundraiser website. We assured our donors that their contributions would go a long way in providing food to the daily wagers and their families during the lockdown. We also promised to share the impact report as to how the money was utilised. The response was overwhelming. Many donated and so we were able to continue our project, every day, for the next nine to ten weeks. Besides the breakfast, we supplied them with grain and pulses, as per their need.

Our generous donors made it possible for us to achieve our goal. There is nothing bigger and better than helping a fellow human being. I appeal to all – use your talent, knowledge or money for the betterment of the underprivileged and experience unimaginable joy and satisfaction in return.

*Savio Fernandes
St. Anthony's, Community No. 5*

SCCs: AGLOW WITH MISSIONARY FERVOUR

"Here am I Lord.....Send me", Isaiah 6:8 was the theme declared by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2020. What do we understand by the words "Mission" and "Missionaries"? For most of us, it means Priests and Religious working in remote villages of our country or underdeveloped countries where Christianity has not yet taken root. But is this role limited to just the priests and religious? Definitely not! It extends to all of us baptized Catholics, in every sphere of our daily existence.

This year, a beautiful reflection paper titled: **'SCCs and Mission'**, prepared by Fr. Shavito Correia was forwarded to the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Bombay by Bishop Barthol Barretto, with instructions to cascade the paper to every animator and every family in our respective communities. And instructions were followed. But here in our Parish, we went beyond this call! At the Steering

Committee Meeting of the Coordinators of the 35 Communities of the parish in early October (attended by the Clergy Team as well), we suggested that this paper be taken up for reflection at the Community Core Group and Cluster Meetings to better understand our role as **'Missionaries'** in the service of **God and Humanity**.

The paper dwelt on a few distinctive elements, which are often missing in our lives viz; **attraction** to Jesus which will be noticed by others; **gratitude and gratuitousness**; proclamation of the Gospel with **humility** and finally **facilitate, not complicate** our Missionary endeavours. And all of this is possible only if we are rooted in prayer.

The reflection paper cited the example of **St Therese of the Child Jesus**, the patroness of the **Missions**, also known as the **Little Flower of Jesus**. The questions at the end

of the Reflection paper prompted deep introspection of our commitment to the SCC Ministry and our roles as leaders in our communities and parishes. What emerged was great sharing, ranging from individual feelings to how we felt as a group, our helplessness in the current pandemic inhibiting us to a great extent from doing all that we would have liked to do. Our Spiritual Directors were forthright on the call, sharing their experiences, which greatly encouraged our spontaneity. The Reflection Paper was truly a great motivator!

The SCCs have reached out in different ways during the pandemic to the less fortunate of society (including the migrants) irrespective of religious orientation, and continue to do so in the true Christian Missionary Spirit.

Candida Mendoza
Parish SCC Coordinator



“ Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make His spirit, His devotion, His affections, His desires and His disposition live and reign there. All our religious exercises should be directed to this end. It is the work which God has given us to do unceasingly.

– St. John Eudes



DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY HELPS RAISE FUNDS

WhatsApp is globally the most popular messaging app, being used by people of all ages, for rapid communication. While it greatly serves this purpose, quite often we receive messages that are over-hyped and fake and again many are factual and could be used for the benefit of the sender as well as the recipients.

One such genuine message shared in our Community's WhatsApp group was about the sale of a mixed vegetable pickle by the Sisters of the Helpers of Jesus, to fund their outreach activities. The message informed that half-kilo bottles of the pickle were available for sale, and could even be delivered free of cost to any address from Andheri to Borivali, provided the quantity ordered was at least thirty bottles. The price per bottle was Rs. 150/-. If the number ordered was less than thirty, the bottles would have to be collected from their address at Sneha Sagar Ashram, Malad West.

Since many of our Community members and their relatives expressed an interest in purchasing these bottles of pickle, some asking for only one bottle and others for as many as ten, Sr. Martha Mondal of the Society of the Helpers of Jesus was contacted, and arrangements were made for fifty bottles to be delivered on a particular date. The pickle was delicious and well made, and some have even asked for more bottles.

We were happy to be associated with the Sisters of the Helpers of Jesus in this fund-raising activity. They have been using the funds they collect, both through donations and through the sale of these pickle bottles, for their many outreach activities, which include running an orphanage, distributing cooked food to the homeless and giving clothes to the poor, to name a few.

Those interested in contributing to the outreach efforts of the Society of the Helpers of Jesus may contact Sr. Martha Mondal on +91 9867846323 or log on to their website: www.snehasagarsociety.org.

*Suman Lewis
Divine Mercy, Community No. 9*

A STEP TOWARDS A CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT

During the 9 days of the Nativity Novena this year, the Sunday School teachers and their students beautifully correlated the life of our Blessed Mother with the theme '**CARE FOR CREATION**', one of the many concerns of our Holy Father.

And so, at our community core group meeting in September, our PPC member who keenly supports the collection of **Dry Waste** through **RaddiConnect** an NGO shared a plan to hold a mini collection drive on Sunday, the 27th of September 2020 which was welcomed by our community members. Following the success of this drive, many families personally requested her to organise many more such drives.

Accordingly at the October monthly core group meeting, it was decided to undertake **Waste Management** as one of our tasks. The response was extremely positive with all agreeing to first, self-cultivate the habit and discipline especially those who are not presently doing it and also to promote the same among the families in our community.

It was also suggested to ask the other two communities of Takshila, i.e. nos. 14 and 15 if they were interested to join us in this mission, which they readily agreed to do.

And so, we contacted **AASRA**, an NGO that works for and with the rag pickers and who are also tied up with the BMC (K-East Ward) and told them we would like to organise a drive for collection of dry waste. They shared some information on how we could organise our **home waste** and visited the Takshila complex on Sunday, 1st November, to collect **DRY WASTE**. The drive was a major success with even our non-Christian neighbours and friends participating, greatly appreciating our efforts. We plan to have many more such drives whenever possible and to work zealously towards a **Clean and Green Environment**, for ourselves and for our future generations.

*Wilma Pinto
Holy Family, Community No. 13*



NATIVITY NOVENA IN HONOUR OF MARY OUR MOTHER

The Novena in preparation of the Nativity of Our Lady, conducted from the 30th August 2020 to 7th September 2020 and the Feast celebration on 8th September, was a one of a kind experience for the children, the parents, Sunday school teachers and the parish team alike. The pandemic surely did not dampen the spirit of enthusiasm which flowed through the entire parish throughout these 10 days.

The overall theme of the Novena brought into focus the environmental and sociological issues facing humanity, as stated in Pope Francis' encyclical, '**Laudato Si'**'. This year, for the very first time, every class of the Sunday school participated, from our super cute 1st standards to the youthful and energetic 9th standards! Though it was conducted virtually the involvement of parents and children and the excitement was commendable.

Each class highlighted one message in which we could work towards harmonizing with creation, more specifically the Earth - our common home. Also each day, a different priest helped us gain deeper insights on the unique qualities of humility, prudence, patience, devotion, faithfulness, sorrowfulness, purity, mercifulness of our dearest Mother Mary. Thanks to Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD, our Spiritual Director for coordinating with the priests.

The presentations showcased a variety of slide shows, short acts, skits, charts, best out of waste models, pledges, etc. which brought out the creativity and talents of the children. But ironically the most noteworthy of the presentations were from our tiny tots of Std.1 and 2. The song and card presentations by the little children were just too good!

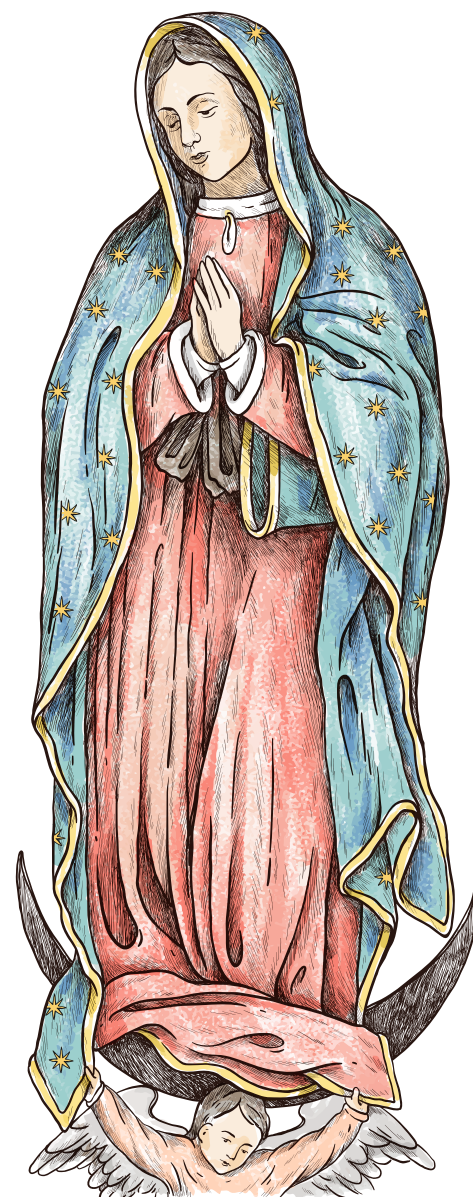
All in all the '**Nativity Novena**' stood out like a bright star over the darkest days of the Covid19 pandemic and encouraged us to turn to Mother Mary (just like at Cana) to help us overcome it all. Sincere gratitude goes to the efforts put in by the Clergy team and core group in orchestrating the entire novena. Appreciation is also due to all the parents, who though overburdened with family and work responsibilities cooperated and encouraged their children to willingly participate in the presentations.

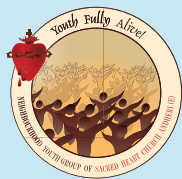
For those who for some reason were unable to be a part of the novena presentations, you can still be a part, here's the YouTube link: Sacred Heart Church, Andheri YouTube Channel.

Vanessa Coutinho
Sunday School Teacher

“ My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from You. My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to You. My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to You.

– *St. Nicholas of Flüe*





YOUTH FULLY
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EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

"The art of communication is the language of leadership." - James Humes

The Parish Youth Council (PYC) along with the Parish Youth Animation Team (PYAT) organized an online webinar, for developing easy communication hacks on 25th October 2020 for the youth of our parish. The topic was **'Effective Communication'** and the speaker was Stalin Mathias. The webinar was conducted on Zoom, an online platform through video conferencing. The session commenced with a prayer by Fr. Sundar SVD, the Spiritual Director of the PYC, followed by a brief introduction of the keynote speaker.

Stalin began the session by posing a question to the online audience, 'Tell me something about yourself?' a question, which many of us have been asked in our conversations. After interacting with the audience at the beginning itself, the session proceeded to address the following topics:-

- How to introduce oneself
- Pauses while communicating
- Engaging with the audience
- Tonality and Confidence

Though an online webinar, it wasn't a monotonous session but quite engaging with activities and interaction. A short video of an introductory role of Daenerys Stormborn was presented. Stalin also shared his own experiences and urged the audience towards critical thinking and communication. He suggested different skills needed to speak effectively and also presented a video clip of Shashi Tharoor's interaction with the audience. This was followed by an interactive discussion in which the participants pointed out their observations on the clip and the speaker elaborated on them with tips like the importance of pauses while communicating to an audience, etc. The points highlighted were very helpful, as well as so essential in the era of online messaging and chat rooms. The way to speak effectively and have an impact on the audience who were being addressed was practically displayed by Stalin as he delivered the session.

The importance of the tone in a conversation was emphasized. Further, the value of being confident and the method of developing one's confidence while speaking in public were also discussed. Using different words in a normal conversation with friends or colleagues can have a major impact on them while building up one's vocabulary.

It was suggested that one could create a word register which could be used in regular conversations to broaden and widen one's glossary. The session ended with an open forum of questions raised by the audience which were responded to by the speaker.

To sum up, the session on effective communication helped both the introverts and extroverts who have stage-fright or fear of speaking in public

"Many can communicate, but only a few can connect."

Grecienne Misquitta
PYC - Jeevan Jyoti, Community No. 11



FIND YOUR SILVER LINING

As much as the Coronavirus outbreak has been affecting our lives in many negative ways since the past several months, there are some good things also that happened during this period. Some of us have the privilege of working from home while many students have been able to continue their studies online. The whole purpose of the session by Fr. Tony Menezes SVD titled **'Find Your Silver Lining'** on 27th September 2020 was, to discover the many blessings amidst all the hardships of the COVID-19 lockdown.

The virtual session of about an hour duration was held on Zoom and was hosted at our Parish Community Centre. Over sixty youth of our Parish attended and one of them began the session with a prayer and then welcomed Fr. Tony.

The first point, **'Mind Your Language'** brought out the various aspects of how our language can affect our thoughts, mental state and also our life besides affecting our relationships with others. It was surprising to know that our words can have such far-reaching effects as this is something we usually take for granted.

Next, we were enlightened on the different phases in life and how important it is for us to reach out to our friends during these phases which can make a big difference.

The next point was titled **'Hope for the Flowers'**, taken from a famous novel in which **'Hope'** is central to the theme of the story. When we find ourselves at our lowest phase, there's always hope and we should cling to it no matter how bad or dull things might seem.

Lastly, even though we may have to go through trying times, we must remember that we are not alone. God is with us and we must take comfort in Him all along the way, as promised in Scripture **"I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you"** - (Hebrews 13:5). Even though some of our close ones, family or friends may have gone away from us, we must remember that God will never leave us, He is always there with us.

The session concluded with an interactive Q & A session with two youth posing questions which were received from the audience through the chat box. There were many interesting questions and Fr. Tony responded to all of them with clarity and insight. The evening ended with a final note by our Spiritual Director Fr. Sundar SVD. Certainly, this talk helped many of us to 'Find Our Silver Lining!'

Joshua Fernandes
PYC - St. Paul's, Community No. 21

“What is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ, Jesus. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus.

- Pope Francis



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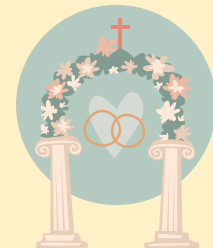
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Scavin Saldanha	S/o	Ivan & Prisca Saldanha	23-May-20
Neorah D'souza	D/o	Cajetan & Chris D'souza	24-May-20
Evaan Shetye	S/o	Aatish Shetye & Elaine Mascarenhas	24-May-20
Kayden Cheziah Lobo	S/o	Calvin & Kimberly Lobo	31-May-20
Alyssa D'souza	D/o	Allwyn & P. Stella D'souza	14-Jul-20
Kandice Alvares	D/o	Daren & Daphne Alvares	23-Aug-20
Jayshree Issac Koyan	D/o	Shripat Prakash Birje & Pushpa	15-Aug-20
Shobha Xavier	D/o	Raghoji Gopal Jadhav	15-Aug-20
Asha Maria Manohar Mohite	D/o	Madhawan & Lalita Madhawan Nair	15-Aug-20
Ronelle Roh D'silva	S/o	Robert Charly & Eulalia D'silva	30-Aug-20
Myra Bhimrajka	D/o	Jitendra & Preeti Kamath Bhimrajka	30-Aug-20
Tiffany Scarlett Paul	D/o	Christopher & Lovey Paul	6-Sep-20
Aiden Carvalho	S/o	Sedrick & Jonita Cavalho	13-Sep-20
Mikhael Rylan Fernandes	S/o	Mark & Relina Fernandes	20-Sep-20
Myron Suraj Maske	S/o	Suraj Shyam & Pushpa Suraj	27-Sep-20
Zach Zodge	S/o	Sandesh Zodge & Roshni Dutta	11-Oct-20
Calvin Stevan Linj	S/o	Stevan Blaze & Salomi Stevan Linj	11-Oct-20
Ashwini Gedam	D/o	Bhimrao Bhagwanji & Ranjana Gedam	3-Nov-20
Johan D'souza	S/o	Steven & Afreen D'souza	8-Nov-20
Chloe Valantan Rodrigues	D/o	Valantan & Steffi Rordrigues	8-Nov-20
Zuriel D'souza	D/o	Donvio Paul & Perpetual Christine D'Souza	29-Nov-20

Ashwin Francis Noronha	To	Pearl Rapose	10-Jul-20
Roshan Fernandes	To	Pallavi Prakash Waghmare	1-Aug-20
Nestor Fernandes	To	Pratiksha Godse	12-Sep-20
Vincent Mascarenhas	To	Saloni Rajesh Koilkar	18-Sep-20
Dyan Patrick D'sa	To	Sonya Maria Oliveira	26-Sep-20
Nelson Thomas Peter D'souza	To	Lata Babu Kolluri	30-Oct-20
Nitin Bhalerao	To	Ashwini Gedam	16-Nov-20
Challen Lazarus	To	Sarah Fernandes	21-Nov-20
Alberto Domnic Dias	To	Alita Gonsalves	29-Nov-20
Sheldon Rodrigues	To	Sushama Yashwant Dhuri	29-Nov-20

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John Pascal Rodrigues	88 Years	A/204, Manish Park, Twin Tower, R. J. Road	19-Mar-20
Edwin Ignatius Rasquinha	92 Years	Baptista Wadi; B/12. Jijamata Road, Andheri East	24-Mar-20
Wilfred Mendonca	69 Years	9B/14 Takshila Apts, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East	26-Mar-20
Theresa Maria Edward	88 Years	Flat No 8, Model Town, Mahakali Caves Road	29-Mar-20
Agustine Joseph Viegas	78 Years	B-27, Roof Top Society, Mahakali Caves Road	15-Apr-20
Rozario Travas	51 Years	B-3/ 402, Trans Residency MIDC, Andheri East	15-Apr-20
Nathaline Rodrigues	92 Years	B-604, Ambika Tower, Jijamata Road, Pump House	15-Apr-20
Esteven Johnson	53 Years	E/II, Wing I, 101 Tulip Apartments, Bindra Complex	23-Apr-20
Sr. Helena Kujur	64 Years	Holy Spirit (Anugraha), Mahakali Caves Road	29-Apr-20
Rudolph Pereira	80 Years	Ramya Jeevan Society, Bldg. No 23/10	2-May-20
Francis Pereira	70 Years	B/7, 42, Green Field Soceity, Jvlr, Andheri East	7-May-20
Margaret Dias	75 Years	1B/44 Kalpataru Estate, Jvlr, Andheri East	11-May-20
Calisto Bernado Alphonso	68 Years	Basteav Chawl, Shanti Nagar, M. C. Road, Andheri East	14-May-20
Ludolf Camilo D'souza	84 Years	Basteav Chawl, Shanti Nagar, M. C. Road, Andheri East	20-May-20
Vinny Subhodanan	79 Years	202/E-3, Bindra Complex, M.C. Road, Andheri East	22-May-20
Merlyn D'silva	79 Years	18/A- 31, Takshila, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East	31-May-20
Malcolm Dsouza	31 Years	A/9, Flat No 41, Hare Krishnan Chs, Bindra Complex	5-Jun-20
Joaquim D'cruz	73 Years	Takshila 8 B/13, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East	11-May-20
Antoinette Rita Miranda	94 Years	Takshila 22 A/21, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East	14-May-20
Olga Jack D'souza	98 Years	A/37, Green Fields, JVLR, Andheri East	22-Jun-20
Shakuntala Sharad Chavan	64 Years	Room No- 5, Latif Chawl, Malpa Dongri - 3, Andheri East	22-Jun-20
Anthony Quadros	91 Years	A/101, Vastu Riddhi, Pump House,	8-Jul-20
Annie Pereira	68 Years	B/7, 42, Green Field Soceity, Jvlr, Andheri East	10-Jul-20
Mucti Prakash Jojo	49 Years	P-12/A, Manav Vikash Chawl, Subhash Nagar -2, MIDC	25-Jul-20
Olympia Fernandes	56 Years	Trans Residency I, B-404, Subash Nagar, Andheri East	29-Jul-20
Filomena D'costa	71 Years	A/201 Bldg-1 SRA Chs Shanti Nagar Andheri East	30-Jul-20
Haycynth Arthur Sam	80 Years	D/12, Gracious Soc. Mahakali Caves Road	3-Aug-20
Fr. Caetano D'costa SVD	69 Years	Soverdiya House	6-Aug-20
Maria S. Fernandes	67 Years	E/5, Malinee Apt. Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East	13-Aug-20
Elcy Fernandes	85 Years	L-3/201, Poonam Pragati, Poonam Nagar, Andheri East	1-Sep-20
Amalrani Fernando	67 Years	Flat No - 5 N 6, Builiding- No - 23, Ramya Jeevan, M. C. Road	6-Sep-20
Lawrence Thomas Fernandes	79 Years	Basteau Chawl, (Home For The Aged)	12-Sep-20
Maurice D'mello	86 Years	A/204, Hanjer Nagar, Chs. Ltd. R. J. Road	13-Sep-20
Bernadin Lobo	76 Years	B- 603, Rebello Enclave, Subhash Nagar, MIDC	14-Sep-20
Louis Coutinho	80 Years	A-101, Seema Apts. Near Canossa School, M. C. Road	16-Sep-20
Mafalda Braganza	86 Years	201-Everest, 4/B, Mahada Colony, Mahakali Caves Road	24-Sep-20
Raj Michael Masillamani	68 Years	A-1/24, Greenfields, Jvlr, Andheri East	28-Sep-20
Manuel Cruz Costabir	62 Years	D2/21, Greenfields, Jvlr, Andheri East	28-Sep-20
Cassian Joseph Pereira	69 Years	31A/36, Takshila Chs, Mahakali Caves Road	29-Sep-20
Richard Lazarus	75 Years	D2/62, Green Fields Rocks End, Jvlr, Andheri East	2-Oct-20
Raymond Patrao	64 Years	27/B- 33, Takshila, Mahakali Caves Road	16-Oct-20
John Fernandes	81 Years	273/5, Queen's Lawn Building, Sher-E-Punjab	23-Oct-20
James Correa	74 Years	A/4, Sahakar Nagar, M. C. Road	28-Oct-20
Annette Alphonso	60 Years	19/B- 24, Takshila Chs, Off. Mahakali Caves Road	2-Nov-20
Maurice Charles Correa	76 Years	C-203, Trans Residency, Building No- 3, MIDC	3-Nov-20
Piedade Fernandes	83 Years	Bldg No- 11/A, Flat No -34, Takshila	8-Nov-20
Magdalene Lobo	90 Years	B-104, Hawa Apartments, Mahakali Caves Road	10-Nov-20
Biju Varghese Nellisery	51 Years	House No -13, Behind Gurudwara, Sher-E-Punjab	12-Nov-20
Ignatius Almeida	68 Years	D-402, Manish Park, Rj Road, Pump House	14-Nov-20
Fatima Anthony Dias	60 Years	A-3, Flat No- 15, Guruamardas Chs, Bindra Complex	16-Nov-20
Fr. Sebastian Pottanani SVD	87 Years	Soverdiya House	16-Nov-20
Seraphine D'souza	89 Years	402-A, Poonam Sagar, Poonam Nagar	18-Nov-20
Nalini Gopichand Salve	65 Years	A 6 / 5 Bindra Complex, M.C. Road, Andheri East	19-Nov-20

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) 2019-2022

I Executive Committee		
No.	Name	Designation
1	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	President
2	Vincent D'souza	Vice President
3	Josephine Fernandes	Secretary
4	Titus Menezes	Jt. Secretary
5	Ida Quinny	CCO Coordinator
6	Candida Mendoza	Parish Coordinator of SCCs
II Ex-Officio Members		
No.	Name	Designation
1	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	President
2	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	Co-Pastor
3	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	Co-Pastor
4	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	Co-Pastor
5	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	Co-Pastor
6	Sr. Neeta Lopes FDCC	Canossa Convent
7	Sr. Arokia FS	Fatima Convent
9	Sr. Nathalia Dsouza SSpS	Holy Spirit Convent
8	Fr. Brian Moras SDB	SDB
10	Fr. Moncy Xavier SVD	SVD Unit Leader
III Lay Office Bearers		
No.	Name	Designation
1	Ida Quinny	CCO Coordinator
2	Candida Mendoza	Parish Coordinator of SCCs
IV Elected Lay Representatives		
No.	Name	Designation
1	Francis Castelino	Lay Representative
2	Terence Fernandes	Lay Representative
3	Lucy Rocha	Lay Representative
4	Rohit Almeida	Lay Representative
5	Jayesh George	Lay Representative
6	Titus Menezes	Lay Representative
V Nominated		
No.	Name	Designation
1	Vitus Dias	Youth Representative

VI Elected Community Representatives				
No.	Name	Designation	Spiritual Director	Area No.
1	Theresa Nadar	Immaculate Conception	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	1
2	Norbert Nazareth	Our Lady of Fatima	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	3
3	Elayne Pereira	Holy Cross	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	3
4	Celine Pinto	Divya Jyoti	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	3
5	Sharmila Antao	St. Anthony's	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	1
6	Veronica Barretto	Morning Star	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	1
7	Steven Dsouza	Good Shepherd	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	1
8	Jebin Jose	Infant Jesus	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	1
9	Roslyn Pereira	Divine Mercy	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	3
10	Caroline David	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	5
11	Shobha Nadar	Jeevan Jyoti	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	5
12	Lidwin Noronha	Apostles of Christ	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	5
13	Theresa D'silva	Holy Family	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	2
14	Carmen Fernandes	Helpers of Jesus	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	2
15	Vanessa Quinny	Akashdeep	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	2
16	Tressy Peris	Our Lady of Nazareth	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	2
17	Marcelino Pereira	St. Dominic Savio	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	4
18	Maria Nanal	Good Samaritan	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	4
19	Glacxy Ferrao	Christ the King	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	4
20	Irene Sequeira	Dayasagar	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	6
21	Josephine Fernandes	St. Paul's	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	6
22	Anita Dsouza	Prem Sagar	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	6
23	Diana Coutinho	Shantidaan	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	7
24	Sharon Pinto	Emmanuel	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	7
25	Florina Dsouza	Pavan Atma	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	6
26	Evejin Noronha	St. Anne's	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	7
27	Lily Grace Dsilva	Holy Trinity	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	2
28	Chris Dsouza	St. Joseph the Worker	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	4
29	Michael Fernandes	Our Lady of Rosary	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	5
30	Vincent Dsouza	Shalom	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	7
31	Elizabeth Chettiar	Hosanna	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	6
32	George Fernandes	Sacred Heart	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD	3
33	Candida Mendoza	Yahweh's Clan	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	5
34	Raphael David	Mystical Rose	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	5
35	Leon Dsouza	Genesis	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD	7

PARISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL (PAC)

1	Clergy Team	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD	Parish Priest
2		Fr. Ciril D'Souza SVD	Co-Pastor
3		Fr. Sundar Magimai SVD	Co-Pastor
4		Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD	Co-Pastor
5		Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD	Co-Pastor

Sr.	Cells/ Associations	Name of Head	Name of Asst. Head	Spiritual Director
1	Parish Pastoral Council	Vincent D'Souza	Josephine Fernandes	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
2	Centre for Community Organisation (CCO)	Ida Quinny	Anita D'souza	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
3	Small Christian Community (SCC)	Candida Mendoza	Jessie Serrao	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
4	Finance Committee	Ryan D'Souza		Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
5	Community Welfare Fund	Necessidade Fernandes	Edward Fernandes	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
6	St Vincent de Paul	Rose Almeida	Cynthia Pinto	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD
7	Sunday School Pastoral Team	Rosita Fernandes	Philomena George	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
8	Confirmation	Titus Menezes	Prakash Nazareth	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
9	Parish Youth Animation Team	Rosita Dias	Andrew D'souza	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
10	Charismatic Renewal (Eng.)	Derick Fernandes	Veronica Fernandes	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
11	Charismatic Renewal (Konkani)	Cecilia Nazareth	Angeline Fernandes	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
12	Couples for Christ (English)	Lloyd & Zeldia Fernandes	Joseph Chettiar	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD
13	Couples for Christ (Konkani)	Peter Rodrigues	Emelia D'Souza	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
14	Eucharistic Ministers	Juliana D'souza	Jacintha Menezes	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
15	Usher's Group	Francis Castelino	Vanessa D'souza	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
16	Liturgy Team	Susan Noronha	Annupama Subodhan	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
17	Lectors Cell	Terence Fernandes	George Kidangan	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
18	Legion of Mary (Sr)	Trisha Fernandes		Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
19	Legion of Mary (Jr)	Peter D'souza	Shaun Dias	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD

Sr.	Cells/ Associations	Name of Head	Name of Asst. Head	Spiritual Director
20	Parish Bulletin	Antonette D'Sa	Savio Rebello	Fr. Sunil / Clergy Team
21	Pre-Baptism Team	Jayesh George	Veera Serrao	Fr. Innocent Fernandes SVD
22	Women's Cell	to be elected	to be elected	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
23	Health Cell	Dr. Roshni Crasta	Dr. John Rodrigues	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD
24	Bombay Catholic Sabha	Bryan Dias	Osmond Pereira	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
25	Inter-Religious Dialogue Cell	Baptist Fernando	Ponamma Antony	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
26	Senior Citizen	Anita D'Sa	Adrian Andrades	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD
27	Divine Mercy	Navidade D'costa	Florina D'Souza	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
28	Bible Cell	Titus Menezes	Prakash Nazareth	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
29	Parish Youth Council	Vitus Dias	Leon Travesso	Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
30	Altar Servers	Nandita Fernandes	Tressy Peris	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
31	Hope & Life Movement	Philomena D'costa	Bridget Noronha	Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
32	Parish Cultural Committee	Rohit Almeida		Fr. Magimai Sundar SVD
33	St Paul's Guild	Babu Durairaj	Steven Linj	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
34	Parish Website	Rosita Dias	Rohit D'Almeida	Fr. Sunil Soreng SVD
35	Family Cell	Lucy Rocha	Joseph Mendonca	Fr. Callisto Gomes SVD
36	Parish Choirs - English	Conrad D'Sa		Fr. Ciril D'souza SVD
		Sylvester Peter D'Silva		
		Osmond Pereira		
		Marian Fernandes / Jayesh George		
	Parish Choir - Konkani	Tressy Peris		
	Parish Choir - Hindi	Vinod Waghmare / Barthol Palande		
	Parish Choir - Chidren	Jacintha D'mello		

PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL (PYC)

Executive Committee Members		
Designation	Name	Community Name
Vice-president	Vitus Dias	8. Infant Jesus
Secretary	Leon Travesso	27. Holy Trinity
Jt. Secretary	Ananya Marie D'Souza	33. Yahweh's Clan

No.	Community Name	PYC Member	Area
1	Immaculate Conception	Jason D'Mello	1
		Reema Lobo	
2	Our Lady of Fatima	Brendon Castellino	3
		Jessica D'Souza	
3	Holy Cross	Aldrich Fernandes	3
		Micheal Durairaj	
4	Divya Jyoti	Dominic Pandit	3
		Gwyneth Pinto	
5	St. Anthony's	Nitasha Rodrigues	1
		Jewella Rodrigues	
6	Morning Star	Primal Lobo	1
7	Good Shepherd	Alan Nazareth	1
		Kevin Thomas	
8	Infant Jesus	Vitus Dias	1
		Jacinta Pereira	
9	Divine Mercy	Maya Sodder	3
		Kanishka D'Souza	
10	St. Theresa of Child Jesus	Jordan Pereira	5
11	Jeevan Jyoti	Grecienne Misquitta	5
		Rochelle D'Souza	
12	Apostles of Christ	Rachel Noronha	5
		Lazarus Fernandes	
13	Holy Family	Ashley Lobo	2
14	Helpers of Jesus	Adit Dominic	2
		Delaina Fernandes	
15	Akashdeep	Khryselle Rocha	2
16	Our Lady of Nazareth	Donna D'Costa	2
		Alvin Mascarenhas	
17	St. Dominic Savio	Andrea Quinny	4
18	Good Samaritan	Kaylynn Rodrigues	4

Area Youth Executives	
Area 1	Vitus Dias
Area 2	Leon Travesso
Area 3	Alston Quadros
Area 4	Sheldon Coutinho
Area 5	Ananya D'souza
Area 6	Nicholas D'souza
Area 7	Reni Xavier

No.	Community Name	PYC Member	Area
19	Christ the King	Lavina D'Silva	4
		Eliza Fernandez	
20	Dayasagar	Valencia D' Silva	6
		PM Joy Allan	
21	St. Paul's	Joshua Fernandes	6
		Mackinley Rodrigues	
22	Premsagar	Joshua Dsouza	6
		Stella Nikalje	
23	Shantidhaan	Valentina Pinto	7
		Lionel Mascarenhas	
24	Emmanuel	Marshlin Nair	7
25	Pavan Atma	Nicholas D'Souza	6
		Alston Furtado	
26	St. Ann's	Reni Xavier	7
27	Holy Trinity	Leon Travesso	2
		Shallon Lewis	
28	St. Joseph the worker	Felicia Fernandes	4
		Sheldon Coutinho	
29	Our Lady of Rosary	Pragati Toppo	5
30	Shalom	Nigel D'Souza	7
31	Hosanna	Roshni Crasta	6
		Joel Fernandes	
32	Sacred Heart	Alston Quadros	3
		Carmelina Richann D'souza	
33	Yahweh's Clan	Ananya Marie D'Souza	5
		Roshan Fernandes	
34	Mystical Rose	Swaye Baretto	5
35	Genesis	Arnold Kiro	7
		Alistair Furtado	

PARISH VISION MISSION STATEMENT

Vibrant with the Spirit of the risen Lord, towards a community of deeper faith, worship, love and service



Eucharistic Celebration - Vianney Sunday



Vianney Sunday



Nativity Novena - Sunday School



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Stalin Mathias - 'Effective Communication'



Fr. Tony SVD - 'Find Your Silver Lining'