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NURTURING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Thank you, dear Mum and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, for being such an incredible source of love, guidance, and inspiration in our lives. We are forever grateful to you, and we love you more than words can express!

Happy Parents' Day

Happy Grandparents' Day

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THEME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

YOUTH – ARISE, AWAKE!



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Parents & Grandparents Bridge builders & nurturers

This month, as the Church celebrates Parents' Day and Grandparents' Day, we are reminded of a beautiful tradition that exists in our parishes. Many families stay together as joint families: 3 generations and 4 generations living together. I am reminded of the words of Pope Francis when he wrote in Amoris Letitia - the document on the family, that very often it is the grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to the grandchildren and many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian faith to their grandparents. The elderly help us to appreciate the continuity of generations by their charism of bridging the gap. Our children have to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. (cf. AL 192)

Attention to the grandparents makes a difference to the quality of family life. Does our parish show concern for the elderly? Such a parish will move forward if it respects the wisdom of grandparents. Spouses/Parents play an irreplaceable role and grandparents need to support this. They need to keep their differences aside so that our children experience a happy and stable home.

As we celebrate the presence of seniors in our parish, we must be aware of the trend that influences us because of society. Many people, perhaps in our Parish and in our Society, are afraid of old age. The younger generation tend to think that grandparents are a liability. This is a mind-set of a throwaway culture, you want to get rid of liabilities. Scripture sees things differently, as the Bible reminds us that long life is a blessing, that the elderly - our grandparents, are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance.

Besides passing down of values and traditions to the younger generation, which is one of the most significant contributions of parents and grandparents, nurturing the Faith in children, also comes from them. They are a source of unconditional love and emotional support which provide a solid foundation and emotional wellbeing, fosters confidence and resilience and a sense of belonging for every individual in the family.

This issue of Tonian Tweets covers a wide gamut of activities that have gone by in the last quarter. Beginning with a warm welcome as I took on the mantle of Parish Priest and the impressive Installation ceremony by Bishop Dominic Savio, I look forward to the times ahead, especially the property issues, for which I solicit your prayers and support. You may find it particularly interesting to read the history enveloping the heritage Parochial House that you see before entering the heritage Church.

The various cells and associations have been dynamic in carrying out multiple activities, through picnics, feast celebrations and outreach programs. The Youth did an outstanding job with the Anthonian Fiesta and the Summer Camp. And lots more in store for everyone in the ensuing months.

As we thank God for the gift of our families, we are reminded that parents and grandparents hold an irreplaceable role in the life of the family. The inter-generational bonds they foster provide a support system that enrich family dynamics and preserve tradition and values. This creates a beautiful environment for the children in our homes and helps to make our parish a place where everyone feels loved, cared for and joyful.

Fr. Cajetan Menezes

\sim Celebrating $\widetilde{\mathrm{Saints}}_{\sim}$



Saints Joaquim and Anne

As my God lives, if I should conceive, the child will be a gift to my God

Feast day: July 26 Patron Saints of parents, grandparents, against infertility, expectant parents, homemakers, miners, etc.

Saints Joaquim and Anne are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Although not mentioned in the Bible or the Gospels, the reference to the parent patrons comes from legendary apocryphal writings and the Protoevangelium of James, written more than a century after the crucifixion of Christ. St. Anne and St. Joaquim were a pious and faithful couple filled with the virtues of faith, hope, and charity and obedient to the will of God. Being barren, they were often rebuffed by the society they lived in. In anguish, they prayed, and God blessed them with an immaculately conceived Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. Mary grew in grace and holiness under her parents' loving care. The feast day of saints Joaquim and Anne is hence celebrated as parents' and grandparents' day to honour all those who nurture the young through their wisdom, experience, and love.

Saint Pope Pius X

Feast Day: May 26

I was born poor, I lived poor, and I wish to die poor...

Patron Saint of seminarians, first communicants, poor, immigrants, sick, etc.

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was born on June 2, 1835, in Riese, a farming village near Venice. His father was a mailman, and his mother a dressmaker. Blessed with great love for God, at the tender age of 11, he desired to become a priest. He was ordained in 1858 and elevated to the Cardinalate in 1893. When Pope Leo XIII died, Cardinal Sarto was elected Pope and took the name

Pius. His papacy was distinguished by approachability and affection. He often invited the poor and the priests to dinner and snuck out of the Vatican to visit the sick. His love for children was well-known. He carried candies in his pockets and taught catechism to street urchins. To this end, he also reduced the discretion age for First Holy Communion and propagated frequent reception of the Eucharist. Honoured as the 'Pope of the Blessed Sacrament' when he passed away on August 20, 1914, the Italian press wrote, 'A Saint is Dead.'

Saint Padre Pio

Serve the Lord with laughter

Feast Day: September 23 Patron Saint of adolescents, volunteers, civil defense, stress relief

Born on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy, as Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio dedicated his life to God at a very young age. He felt inspired by the religious and told his parents: 'I want to be a friar – with a beard.' In the summer of 1910, at 23, Francesco was ordained priest and donned the Franciscan habit. He took the name, Pio, meaning 'Pius' in Italian, in honour of Pope St. Pius V. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist, long hours of prayer, and continual austerity marked his entire life. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the five wounds of our Lord's passion, making him the first stigmatized priest in history. The blood from his stigmata smelled of floral perfume. Known for his patient suffering, long hours in the confessional, and fighting Satan, Padre Pio also helped to establish a hospital called the 'Home to Relieve Suffering'. Padre Pio died in 1968 and was canonized a saint in 2002 by St. Pope John Paul II.

----- Community Collaboration ----

Gift of Peace & Gift of Goodness – Zone 3 FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We the Gift of Peace and Gift of Goodness communities, came together to celebrate our community feast on the 26th of January 2023. The feast celebration started in the evening at 7:00 p.m. in the beautiful venue "Dreamz Bungalow" which is owned by one of our community members. We started the feast with the Eucharistic celebration with our celebrant, Rev. Father Francis Xavier. Though he was not keeping well, he celebrated the mass very prayerfully. While we prayed for his good health, the mass intentions were dedicated to our community members.

After the mass we had the elections to select our community coordinators. Father Osmand, Ms. Abbe and Ms. Yucca were present for the election and guided us in voting and selecting our new coordinators.

After the election, the children and youth of our community performed brilliantly, while we enjoyed and also admired their talents.

We also had fun filled games which involved each and every one of the community. Children, Youth, Adults and even Senior Citizens took part in the games.

Happiness and joy filled the air. We were also surprised with innovative spot prizes. It was a



wonderful celebration where each member felt like we are one big family, united and bonded in love.

To tickle our taste buds we had delicious snacks and juices followed by dinner provided by Star Caterers.

All the credit goes to the coordinators and animators for their tireless efforts in making this function a grand success.

> - Brunta Anthony, Animator - Gift of Peace – Zone 3



Our Lady of Lourdes community – Zone 4 Community Picnic

A community picnic was organized to the Ferreira Farms on Sunday, 16th April 2023. The group comprised of 29 members including children.

As soon as we reached, we were served a piping hot breakfast. The children could hardly contain themselves...they were eager to jump into the pool. They enjoyed themselves thoroughly, while the older folk splashed about happily in the rain dance. Many water games were organized, too. The outside setting, made time fly literally and soon it was time for lunch. Delicious buffet lunch with ice-cream as dessert was relished thoroughly in the hot afternoon sun. A few of the oldies took an afternoon siesta in the AC room provided. Before long, it was time for tea served with biscuits and bhajiyas.

VISIT TO ST. JUDE'S, MALAD

On 6th April 2023, two communities of Zone 4 i.e. Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima, Rathodi, visited St. Jude's, a home for the destitute, situated at Malad (East).

The inmates were delighted to see us and welcomed us with smiles. The members

The feeling of togetherness helped to strengthen the bonding amongst the community members.

An end to a lovely day filled with sweet memories.

- Lorna Hanso Our Lady of Lourdes community, Rathodi - Zone 4

of our communities sponsored generously based on the requirement of the home. All this was handed over to Fr. Hubert who takes care of them.

It was our way of reaching out to the less fortunate and making a difference in their lives. - Lorna Hanso

St. Michael Community – Zone 8 Lenten Outreach

2 Corinthians 9:7; "For God loves a cheerful giver."

This is truly the mantra of our vibrant community! They rarely miss an opportunity to reach out to those in need. Every year we collect and distribute groceries to various orphanages, old age homes, etc. But this year we felt that charity should begin at home and hence it was decided to reach out to the needy families of our parish. Palm Sunday is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is also a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and a willingness to follow him, so we chose this day to reach out to these families.

We prepared and distributed 45 hampers to the families who are on the SVP list. The joy and gratitude that we received reminded us of how fortunate we are that God has given us the grace to add a little cheer to the lives of the lesser fortunate.



In continuity of our tradition of distributing food to the hungry, on 21st April we distributed 100 food packets at the Asmita Jyoti Cross. We are thankful to our community members for supporting our endeavors. We are also thankful to our Coordinator Shaila for all the efforts she has put in for the community, Zone and church.

> - Malcolm Fernandes Animator

Our Lady of Lourdes Community - Zone 4



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY, OUR MOTHER At Jaynagar, Jankalyan Holy Cross

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

One of the most beautiful prayers, ever!

The Holy Cross Association (Trust) at Jaynagar, Jankalyan, the venue for daily rosary, became special from 1st May to the 31st of the month. The daily

rosary brought in many folks every day at 8.00 p.m. with prayers, intentions as well as thanksgiving. Each evening was a gathering of happy chatter, followed by the devoted and dedicated rosary, post which, the camaraderie and solidarity continued.

On 30th May, the rosary was recited early and a crowd went to the Bafira Nagar Cross for the rosary and celebrations. On 31st May, a host of people from Bafira Nagar came to the Jaynagar Cross. This is an annual rosary-cum-celebration enjoyed by both Zones – 7 and 8.

31st May was a culmination of the dedicated month to Our Lady, with a family of nearly 100 members, notwithstanding the soaring temperature! Worshippers came from all communities of Zone 8 and others too. The reciting of the Rosary, beautiful music and singing, especially the rendition of the Litany of Our Lady, prayers and petitions, was witness to a most devout ambience.

The crowd was able to return home with spiritual sustenance along with nourishment for the body, all thanks to generous donations of many. Our devotion to our Blessed Mother is an important legacy of our Catholic identity! An annual experience at the Jankalyan Holy Cross!

- Viviet D'souza, Animator - Good Shepherd Community

Our Lady of Nazareth Community - Zone 2 New beginnings...

During the past few months, Our Lady of Nazareth community has been busy reaching out to its members and reigniting the spirit of fellowship. Members of the community were encouraged to join in large numbers for various events, especially the Community Lenten prayers where everyone gathers in different clusters each Sunday to recite prayers and reflect on the passion and death of Our Lord. This was followed by an Easter celebration in Sagar Plaza



cluster with fellowship and housie games.

During the month of May, the community once again came together before Our Lady to recite the Rosary. We owe this to the enthusiasm and guidance of our new core team members - Shirley Noronha, Vigil Fernandes and Angel Fernandes our newly elected coordinator. We congratulate them as they embark on this new journey and pray that the Lord may guide their steps. We also want to congratulate our community members - Leyan, Priscilla, Ivy, Siddi Clara, Gracy, and Branca - who are committed to continuing their service in the Lord's Vineyard.

- Branca Texeira



Our Lady of Vailankani - Zone 2 DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

As a part of the Divine Mercy Novena, the members of our community, along with others, were invited to recite the Novena prayers including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on Good Friday at 3:00 pm.

The prayers were dedicated to the sick, the widows, children, senior citizens, youth, for the souls in purgatory, for priests and religious, for those who have lost faith, for the souls of children, for those who are in agony, and for the souls who have become indifferent to the love of God. The Divine Mercy Novena is a powerful way to deepen one's faith and to seek God's

mercy and grace in our lives. It reminds us of the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us and His willingness to forgive even the greatest sins. Through the Novena, we are reminded of the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us and His willingness to forgive even the greatest sins. It is a powerful way to deepen our faith and to grow in our relationship with God.

It was a spiritually rewarding experience!

- Succour Fernandes Coordinator

Our Lady of Vailankani - Zone 2 Easter Sunday Lunch for Senior Citizen

Easter is a time for joy and celebration, and what better way to spread love and happiness than by sharing a lunch for Senior Citizens in our Community.

Many elderly people may not have had the opportunity to celebrate Easter with their families or could feel lonely. To show them that they were appreciated, loved, and not alone and keeping in mind their health and dietary restrictions, we served them chicken curry, vegetable pulao, fried chicken and mash melon as dessert.

This Easter lunch was an excellent way to spread love, joy and companionship. All it took, was a little planning and effort,



to make Easter a memorable and special occasion for these senior citizens in our community.

- Succour Fernandes, Coordinator

Our Lady of Vailankani - Zone 2 WASHING THE FEET OF SENIOR CITIZENS



Washing the feet symbolizes love and care.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus presents himself as our role model and asks us to follow his example. He reminds us that we are equal in dignity, united amid diversity. As Christians we imitate the humility and selfless love of Jesus, who washed the feet of the Twelve Apostles at the Last Supper.

On Maundy Thursday, 6th April 2023, around 10:30 am with the help and support of my animators, for the first time we organised washing of the feet of 12 senior citizens. A clean towel, tub, mug, and bucket of water were used. After washing their feet, we offered them a

small token of love that is a keychain and a hot cross bun, showing them that we care for them. A symbolic gesture to be in synch with the example Jesus laid down for us!

- Succour Fernandes Coordinator

Emmanuel Community - Zone 8 Lenten outreach

As part of the Lenten outreach programme, our community visited Assisi Bhavan, an old-age home in Goregaon East on 2nd April 2023.

It is a common fact that older adults living in Aged home are more socially isolated.... hence it was one of the best ways to reach out to the elders. Around 20 plus members from our community accompanied us and we all travelled together as one family in a hired bus.

Assistance in terms like provisions of grocery items, snacks and juices etc for the inmates were arranged by the generous contribution made by our members.

We spent around 2 hours at the home in the company of elders, sisters, caretakers and were glad to see beautiful smiles on the elders residing in this home where utmost care is taken by the convent to provide all the basic needs such as nutrition, medication and even a doctor's visit as and when required. That is not all! There is a recreational hall equipped with sound system to make the best of the good times!



They are also blessed to have a Chapel within the confines of the home where Eucharist is celebrated every weekend and I must admit that the surroundings and environment is superb.

The highlight of our visit was an opportunity to interact with each of

the inmates and later we sang and danced with a couple of elders while snacks were also served.

We ended our visit with a short prayer and hymns.

- William Menezes Animator



All Fun and Merriment

Picnics are fun, and that's what it was, for the coordinators, animators and their extended families of Zone 8. The summer treat was pending for a long time, but finally materialized. The much needed break!

On 22nd April, an awesome group of fifty-two thoroughly enjoyed the day at Dsouza Farm Resort, Manori. The journey by ferry, across to Manori, was the beginning of the excitement, which continued through the entire day. A splendid breakfast awaited the picnickers and steaming hot chai!

Before long, the water babies (and elders) jumped

into the inviting pool to cool themselves while others played a few fun games. Foot-tapping music continued and a few could not resist the dance floor! After the pool games, everyone was ravenous and literally dived into the sumptuous lunch.

No party or picnic is complete without a game of housie. And so it was! Lucky for the winners, while others cursed their bad luck, but all in good sport!

All lovely things, it is said, must come to an end. But for Zone 8 picnickers, there were plenty of good memories to carry home – the camaraderie and the company. It was truly a coming together of the communities - Emmanuel, Good Shepherd, Marian, Our Lady of Assumption, Shalom, St. Michael, and St. Teresa of Avila. - *Viviet Dsouza, Animator*

- Viviet Dsouza, Animator Good Shepherd Community - Zone 8

Get-together for participants of the Anthonian Fiesta 2023 in Zone 7

The Coordinators of Zone 7 organized a get-together for the participants of the Anthonian Fiesta 2023 from Zone 7 at the Jaynagar Cross on 28th June evening.

We thanked and appreciated the participants for coming forward and representing our zone, and also served them with goodies. Games were conducted to add spice to the evening!

We thank all the parents of the participants for their support! We count on your continual support and cooperation in all community and zonal events. It was a fun filled evening!



- Sangeeta Gomes Tripathy Emmanuel Community – Zone 7

~ Parish Peeps ~ SUMMER CLUB 2023

From playing all kinds of games to cooking up a storm, from singing harmonious melodies to dancing to the rhythmic beat of the latest trending songs, our kids did it all this summer - that too, at our very own Summer Club.

Summer Club 2023 organized under the leadership and guidance of Fr. Osmand D'Souza, by the Anthonian Youth Group has been a great success!

The children were placed in 10 different groups which allowed them to interact with new faces as well as make new friends. While handling 120 kids may not be everyone's cup of tea, the youth managed this task phenomenally well. Right from making sure that all the children participated in the games to coming up with new ways to make the games fun and interesting, the volunteers did it all. Everyday new games were organized: like treasure hunt, dragon's tail, obstacle course, all loaded with fun and competitiveness in order to gain points for their respective teams.

Not only were the children involved in physical activities but also in the activities that highlighted their creativity. At the end, the kids got to showcase their talents and what they learnt in the FINALE in front of their parents.

Hear it from the participants..

My experience in the summer camp

I was very excited to attend the summer camp. The volunteers organized many games for us. We had a lot of activities like puppet-making, cocktail-making, fruit salad decoration, vegetable-printing, Bhelpuri making, Box decoration and several other fun-filled activities.

Fr. Osmand would surprise us every week with



The excitement was rife especially during the outdoor visits to Aksa beach, Mount Mary Church, Snow world and Pali beach Resort.

The Summer Club is a great place for children to socialize and spend their vacation productively while enjoying and making new friends at the same time. We hope to see more children at the Summer Club 2024!

- Faye Fernandes & Joy Chettiar

an outing. We visited the Aksa Beach, Mount Mary Church, Snow World, and a Resort. I want to thank Fr. Osmand and all the volunteers for their effort to conduct the summer camp and bring us so much of fun and excitement!

We are eagerly waiting and looking forward to our summer camp the next year.

Abrianna Joslyn Rodrigues - Standard 5

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In the first few days of my summer vacation, I was bored as I had nothing much to do at home. I used to play with the mobile phone and watch TV.

We heard about the summer camp from 1st May till 3rd June that was being organized by the Youth in our Parish, and so I joined the summer camp.

It was the best experience ever! We had various workshops and games. I learnt how to make bhel puri, Monaco-making, sevpuri and mojito. Our volunteers were very helpful, co-operative and understanding. Fr. Osmand surprised us with outdoor trips. We went to the Aksa beach, Mount Mary Church, Snow world and Pali Beach Resort. Everyone had a fun time and there were yummy snacks and refreshments we would look forward to.

On the grand finale we had dance, skits and a fashion show and we were introduced to our new Parish Priest

Fr. Cajetan. We had a welcome cake cutting for him and all students who passed in the 10th standard exam. The youth took a lot of effort to train us for our performance.

I had a very good time. I enjoyed every moment of it - thanks to this initiative taken by our dear Fr. Osmand and the youth. Now that the summer camp is over, I miss going to it and I look forward to it in the next year.

Alvis Martin - Standard 7

I attended the summer camp and I am writing about all the things that I liked in Summer Camp 2023.

Activities we had were:

Flag making - We made a flag of Naruto in an enemy version. Next was Monaco making - So me and my team made the craziest Monaco burger in the world, but I made mine normal! Ice cream sticks creativity was fun - I was with my friend, so I made bookmarks and drew for her!

Now about the three trips - The first trip was to Aksa beach. My team made the biggest sand castles in the world! It was as big as the tile pp of the Annex! After that we kept our bags under a shed and went to play in the water, then went to eat gola before leaving for home. The second trip was to Mount Mary. We went to the Church, prayed the rosary, took pictures and left. After some time we got to know that we are going to Snow World! I played on the sledge, made snow balls etc. I had lots of fun!

The third trip was to Pali Beach Resort. We had breakfast and went to change, we had a lot of fun in the pool after which we had a delicious lunch. We swam again and had fun.

Now about the Grand Finale –we first welcomed the new Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes. What followed were many performances, while we stuffed ourselves with delicious snacks. We won prizes too and enjoyed our day.

Hritvi Harish Pujari - Standard 5

Senior Citizens' Association - Picnic

The core-team and the members of the Senior Citizens' Association, planned an enjoyable picnic for the members on the 2nd of May 2023.

It was wonderful to witness the active participation by our seniors who made sure they spared no effort to make the event truly memorable!

We were blessed to start the picnic with a prayerful Eucharistic celebration by Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier. A substantial breakfast filled the tummies, energized our spirits and set the ball rolling for the rest of the day, coupled with lively music, games and singing. The swimming pool added to the excitement!

Christo Roberts, recited the grace before Lunch and everyone partook of the sumptuous meal.

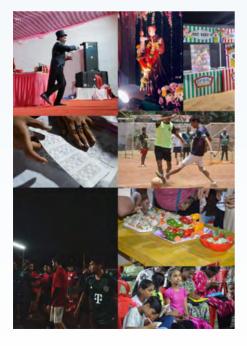
Time was running out and before long, it



was tea-time. Biscuits and fugias, once again were relished!

Thanks to the organizers of the Senior Citizens Association for a well-planned picnic that made wonderful memories of the outing!

- Ramona Arrakal



ANTHONIAN FIESTA 2023

The Novena of St. Anthony, the patron saint of our parish, was celebrated from 9th to 18th June 2023. The youth of our parish, under the guidance of our Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan, Fr. Osmand, Fr.Victor, Fr. Francis and Bro. Nelson organized the Anthonian Fiesta. After each day of the Novena, an entire gamut of fun activities were organized for all the parishioners. Rink football, especially had everyone's eyeballs glued to the rink, as players vied with each other for victory. Other activities included 'Minute to Win It' for families, Salad Making, Flash Mob, Crazy Ball for children and a host of other exciting activities. Music by choirs and traditional singing groups kept everyone enchanted with their sweet melodies.

Our fiesta organizers did not compromise on catering to the hunger pangs of our parishioners. The food stalls had dishes ranging from fries, rolls, lollipops, kebabs and lip smacking delicacies.

We specially dedicated a day to the Hope and Life Association, sharing our joys with them. Games of chess and carom tournaments were among the other attractions.

Our finale was truly an evening full of splashes and enjoyment. A word of appreciation to all our parishioners for their active participation and support in making this Anthonian fiesta 2023 a whooping success.

- Delia Alphonso - AYG

San Jao celebration in the Parish Quadrangle

On the feast of San Jao, St. Anthony's Parish celebrated this festival in the school quadrangle on Saturday, 25th June 2023, for children from Std. 7 and the youth. The program began at 5:30 pm. It was an amazing evening filled with fun, music, enthusiasm and interesting water games for the youth. The event was conducted by Fr. Osmand along with the Anthonian Youth Group.

There was a huge piece of Vinyl banner sheet spread in the school quadrangle for playing the water games. There were 8-10 teams vying against each other. Each team consisted of 10 players with one captain. There were volunteers to help with the games and activities. Water balloon games were played, team building games and other activities were also held. All present were served delicious cake, samosas and patties as snacks.

In the latter part of the celebration, we had a DJ night, wherein all danced to some uplifting music. We ended the evening after



the winners of the water games and activities were announced. In the 1st place we had team Spartans and in the 2nd place it was Team Black Knights.

The program was conducted very systematically. It was indeed, entertainment to the fullest! - Carissa Swamy Volunteer

We, the SSVP Conference of our Parish, work in tandem with our motto: For the greater Glory of God!

We extend help with compassion, to the poorest of the poor of our parish. At present we have 45 adopted families to whom we

provide ration aid every month; we also give education aid to the children of these families up to Std. X. Most of these children study in our Parish School. We also help a few with medical aid.

During the St Anthony's Novena, on Sunday, 11th June, we provided chicken biryani packets through a generous donor. We gave them festival coupons through which we provided Rs.200/- to cook a sumptuous meal for the feast day. Similar round-the-year freebies are provided to these families. We also assisted the wife of one of our adopted



families, to secure admission in a home for seniors at Andheri. The couple being advanced in years and childless, with the passing away of the husband recently at the age of 94, his wife was bordering on senility, and hence the assistance!

The registration process for our conference as a Charitable Trust is almost nearing completion. This will make us a legal entity and will entitle donors to avail of tax benefit. Their financial funding will help us to serve better, the poor and needy of our parish.

We sincerely thank our Spiritual Director and Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes for his support and guidance. We also take this opportunity to thank our benefactors and donors who are always blessed and remembered in prayer.

> - Melwin Quadros Member of the SSVP Conference

5th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNERSTONE PRAYER GROUP



St. John Paul II referred to a prayer group as "grace to sanctify and renew the Church", while Fr. Rufus Pereira, called prayer groups as "schools for personal, family, community and parish renewal." And so, came about the birth of the prayer group - CCRunder the English Council of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in the year 2018, when 6 members came together and began interceding for this cause. Soon enough there was a "Life in the Spirit" seminar held and the prayer group was registered with the CCR under the title: 'The Cornerstone Prayer Group.'

Since then, various spiritually enriching sessions have been coordinated by the prayer group in the Church at various times:

- A Lenten Mission in March 2019, led by Fr. Ashlyn Chand, Incharge of Healing and Deliverance Ministry in the Archdiocese of Bombay and in March 2020 led by Rev. Dr. Jose Vettiyankal VC of the Logos Retreat Centre.
- The Jericho Prayer led by Mr. Patrick Corda and team

- A series of talks by Mr. Victor Pereira (Preacher from the CCR), Fr. Bineesh (From Satyagiri Dominican Retreat Centre) and regular prayer meetings with spiritually enriching topics by trained and experienced teachers.
- A Study on the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) by Fr. Wilfred D'Souza, SDB credited with 40 years of teaching experience of the CCC.
- Regular intercessions every Tuesday
- Zonal night vigil and night vigil with all prayer groups of St. Anthony Parish to pray for the Parish needs.





• Adoration with Healing and Deliverance sessions led by various priests and preachers some of which include Fr. Vinay Kamath (Ex-Spiritual Director of the prayer group), Fr. Allwyn Misquitta, Fr. Melroy Mendonca, Mr. Arun D'Silva, Mr. George Pereira and more.

The Cornerstone Prayer Group celebrated its 5th Anniversary through a Triduum celebration held on 28th, 29th and 30th June 2023. There was Holy Mass at 7.00 pm on all the three days celebrated by the guest priest invited by the prayer group, followed by praise and worship.

Highlights:

Theme on day 1: Healing. Fr. Melroy Mendonca, Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Kandivli, cleared some misconceptions about healing, the four kinds of healing and how to pray for it. It was a power-packed talk filled with his experience in the healing and deliverance ministry.

Theme on day 2: Deliverance. Fr. Ashlyn Chand, Assistant Priest of St. Michael Church, emphasized the need to be alert to the works of the antichrist happening in the current age in a very subtle manner. He highlighted how the spirit of deception widely seen among the antichrist is affecting families and society. He also stressed on the importance of getting back to the root of Christianity and the age-old practices of Marian devotion to combat the works of the devil.

Theme on day 3: Healing and Deliverance. Laying of hands by Fr. Ashlyn and praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on 200+ attendees. The Holy Spirit was present in a very powerful way in the midst of the congregation. Healing and deliverance was no longer just a bookish term but could be seen and felt as people prayed through devotional hymns.

At the end of the adoration, a specially designed and blessed bookmark and the Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel, addressed to the 9 choir of Angels, were distributed to those present.

AN INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS:

Each prayer meeting is like a 'Mini Retreat'. All of us may not have the privilege of attending a retreat but we can experience it by attending regular prayer meetings. 4 prayer meetings attended in a month is equivalent to a day's retreat.

Highlights of a regular prayer meeting: Praise and Worship; Word of God; Community prayer (We pray together on all prayer petitions) followed by Fellowship.

25 years... Fr. Victor Dalmet's milestone achievement! 25 glorious years of service in our Lord's vineyard. Your dedicated service over the past 25 years has been a source of inspiration and strength.

The parishioners of St. Anthony's Malwani are grateful to have you Fr.Victor not only for your Eucharistic Ministry but your soulful voice and your one-liners that keep people in splits... the list can go on and on. Fr. Victor's Ministry in the Parish speaks for itself. Father Victor is actively involved in many associations of the parish like the Bombay Catholic Sabha, the Legion of Mary – Marathi, Ladies Sodality etc.

To show our gratitude, to honour Fr. Victor, a felicitation was held on Sunday, May 9th, at the 9.30 am Mass. The Vice President, Ms. Yucca Gomes, addressed the parishioners, highlighting the attributes of Fr.Victor. The Parish Fathers and the Executive team presented a floral bouquet and a cake was cut and sliced cake was distributed to all. Come and join us every Wednesday for Holy Mass at 7.00 pm followed by a prayer meeting at 7:45 pm onwards in the Church. You may not experience Jesus immediately but will definitely experience His peace eventually. For Jeremiah 29:13 says: 'When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart'.

The prayer group is indebted to Fr. Cajetan, Parish Priest and Fr. Osmand, Spiritual Director for all the support and direction provided to the prayer group.

> - Core team member: The Cornerstone Prayer Group

A SILVER MILESTONE IN THE LIFE OF FR.VICTOR DALMET



We are grateful for bringing Christ into our lives. God Bless you Fr. Victor!

- Maria Hickey Secretary - Parish Pastrol Council

IN CONVERSATION WITH OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST, FR. CAJETAN MENEZES

The 15-minute time slotted for my interview with Fr. Cajetan, or Caje as he is fondly addressed, went well past 50 minutes. Here is a man who has been exposed to various facets of life and who has so much to share. He best sums himself in brief: '*I have my own mind and my own style*'! The mind definitely comes across as effervescent and full of focussed plans and ideas and the style is pretty suave...the little 'pony tail' says it all!

A little bit about the past...

On the threshold of being a priest for 25 years, the trajectory along the journey is wide and varied. Starting with a posting at St. Anthony's Vakola (1999), and presently at St. Anthony's Malwani as Parish Priest, Fr. Caje, has a story to tell. He attributes the call to St. Anthony's to his mother Antonia, who had this great devotion to St. Anthony and the little statue of St. Anthony that she treasured...be it at INS Hamla (Marve), or at INS Valsura (Jamnagar), Gujarat, where his Naval Officer Dad was transferred!

An in-residence Priest at O.L. of Salvation Church, Dadar (W) from 2003 to 2019, Fr. Caje, has accomplished much....

- A 2-year study for his Master's at St. John Paul Institute of Marriage and Family Studies in the campus in Kerala which is part of the Lateran University, Rome (2002 – 2003)
- Director of NGO Snehalaya Family Service Centre, Victoria Church, Mahim, plus Director of the Family

Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Bombay (2003 – 2018)

- Director of the Family Ministry in the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia [UAE, Oman, Yemen] Here the emphasis was to build families, reduce divorce rates, train family cells animators and design family enrichment programmes for Catholic families in Gulf Region
- A 5-year stint at Kripa Foundation as Director, which is India's largest NGO working in the field of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS
- A resident priest at St. Andrew's, Bandra, from 2019 till the present appointment at St. Anthony's, Malwani.

There's a lot more...

Phew..., if you are breathless, there's much more than what my caption '*A little bit*'... stated earlier! Fr. Cajetan, was invited by the Pope Francis as a Field Expert for the *Synod of the Family in 2014* at the Vatican in Rome, spending 2 weeks with



the Pope...can I see those horns of envy sprouting?

This Jamnagar boy, whose gifts and charisms lie more in 'the urban than the rural', chose to be

an urban missionary in the Bombay Archdiocese. After graduation in Social Work from the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai University, Caje decided to deviate from the world of flashy stars and stripes emblazoning his epaulets in the Navy, like his grandfather and Dad, to join the priesthood. It was not a sudden decision, but to quote Fr. Caje, '*God speaks to us in different ways*': from the days of day dreaming as an altar server at St. Anthony's, Malwani, in 1981 and seeing himself at the Altar as a Priest celebrating Mass, to joining the priesthood.... Ably supported by his parents, he joined the Seminary at St. Pius College, Goregaon. 3 years after joining, his request for a sabbatical to work in the secular world and complete his PG diploma in Counselling Psychology from Xavier's, was granted with much hesitation, but this sabbatical year made him realize the goals he needed to achieve as a Priest: "Make every parishioner to feel loved and cared for, every family to be happy, stable and Christ-centred... And to focus on the youth, the children and

the needy!"

The future at St. Anthony's...

A firm believer of discipline and order, Fr. Caje's axiom is: '*Keep everything in order, as order will keep you!*' With the over-arching thought of 'one thing at a time and one day at a time', Fr. Caje will forge ahead with his portfolios of General Admin, Finance, Property [the challenge of road widening, rebuilding of the Parochial house and safe guarding our properties are his major thrust areas], the Family Cell, his forte, besides the Communication Cell and School Management, which are other areas he will delve into, with 'KINDNESS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE', as he candidly says!

And finally...

Fr. Caje leaves us with a reassuring take home message: "Take care of your family... charity begins at home. Get involved in your Parish and neighbourhood through the SCCs to make this Parish vibrant and Christ-centred!"

With you at the helm, Fr. Caje, we can certainly foresee a lot of changes in the coming times! We assure you of our prayers and support! - *Rudvard Gomes*

Fr. Cajetan Menezes - Inducted as Parish Priest

On June 25, 2023, Laity Sunday, in a solemn and meaningful Eucharistic celebration, Bishop Dominic Savio formally inducted Fr. Cajetan Menezes as the Parish Priest of St. Anthony's, Malwani, at the 9.30 am Parish Mass.The ceremony was witnessed by the parishioners and the Executive Team of the Parish Pastoral Council.

As part of the ceremony, Fr. Victor Dalmet read out the formal letter of appointment from Cardinal Oswald Gracias. After the homily, Bishop Dominic Savio initiated Fr. Cajetan into the duties of a Parish Priest. Fr. Cajetan, was thereafter, made to take the Oath of Office through which he promised to remain faithful to the Church and its teachings.In a meaningful ceremony, Bishop led him to the sacred places where he would exercise his Priestly ministry and incensed the altar, lectern, tabernacle, baptistery and confessional.

Addressing the congregation, Fr. Cajetan mentioned that he was as an altar server in the church when he was a parishioner, living at INS Hamla, as a child and still holds on to his motto "Bloom where you are planted". Bishop Dominic Savio iterated that this posting will entail a lot of work for Fr. Cajetan, as he will have to deal with the road widening issues that have been rife since long. He affirmed that this church of St. Anthonyhas survived for four hundred years. This is, in itself, a testimony to the faith of the people. The original church was destroyed twice by the Marathas. And so, he knows that God will be on his side, in accomplishing this task.

In his address, Fr. Cajetan, thanked Cardinal

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Oswald Gracias, Bishop Dominic Savio and the priest team for their care and support. He thanked his family and friends present in the congregation. Hefirmly believes that "Action" is a magic word which is achievable when we do everything for the greater glory of God. On the threshold of his 25th year in the Priesthood, he hopes to make it special and solicited prayers of the parishioners.Cake was served to every parishioner on this joyful occasion.

FAREWELL, ADIEU, SAYONARA... SR. MANISHA!

It's time to say Goodbye, But I think goodbyes are sad.... And I'd much rather say: Fare thee well, Sr. Manisha!'

An apt introduction to the Farewell function hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council, on Saturday, May 13, 2023, to bid adieu to Sr. Manisha for her 17-year long tenure at St. Anthony's. It was meant to reminiscence, and draw inspiration from all that has touched our lives.

A grand entry with Fr. Victor, Fr. Osmand, Yucca and Maria from the Executive Team, set the tone for the morning's programme, amidst the loud cheers of the PPC members in the well decorated Mini Hall.

Yucca's welcome speech highlighted Sr. Manisha's unique attributes as a Team Leader and Counsellor, while drawing attention to her rough-shod entry at St. Anthony's in the early years of her journey towards building up the Small Christian Communities – the sturdy base of 45 communities today, bears testimony to her dedicated work!

What followed, was the presentation of personalized Farewell cards by Zones. The messages of love and appreciation, evoked many an emotional moment. When it was time for the last Zone to make their



presentation, Sister Manisha was teary-eyed! The cake cutting, presentation of flowers and the 'special gifts', expressed the warmth and love for Sr. Manisha.

The highlight of the programme was the chat show aptly termed: CHAI PE CHARCHA, hosted by Sangeeta Gomes Tripathi from Zone 8. It arrested the attention of the entire audience as they eagerly lapped up the finer details of Sr. Manisha's earlier years – her response to God's calling and her life as a religious of the Sacred Heart.

The sentiments expressed by the Parish Fathers, spoke volumes of Sr. Manisha's work in the Parish community. The snack treat that followed, was much appreciated. Sr. Manisha in her address, expressed her gratitude to the Parish Fathers and the PPC

⁻ Marian Yarde Jt. Secretary – Parish Pastoral Council



for the well-orchestrated programme, for the warmth and love expressed and for her many years of association, all of which she will cherish.

In finality, I'd like to leave you, dear Sr. Manisha, with a wish: "May God Bless you with the riches of His grace, The treasures of His love, the strength of His presence And the touch of His gentle hand!" - Yucca Gomes Vice-President, Parish Pastoral Council

LIVING HERITAGE

Nestled among the mango trees and seated beside our four-hundred-year-old Church. is the warm and stately Parochial House. Built-in 1872, for over one hundred and fifty years, the House has served as Home to the many shepherds of St Anthony's Parish. Records state that before this, the priests of the parish lived in huts in the neighborhood. In 1868, Fr Elias Cyrillo Henriques was appointed Parish Priest. He took upon himself the undaunting task of constructing and inaugurating the Parochial House. This fact is recorded by the plaque that welcomes every visitor to date. It reads in Latin: 'Fabricada em 1872 Sendo Vigario Rdo. Elias Cyrillo Henriques' which can be translated as 'Constructed in 1872, during the Vicariate of Rev Elias Cyrillo Henriques' But there is so much more to this vestige than mere history. The parishioners of



the past and the present would agree that this is a house of living memories. Every parishioner at some stage has stepped into its portals to offer a Mass, meet a priest, request for a sacrament or a certificate, express a grievance, discuss a program, address a problem, seek a solution, or simply greet the priests and the staff.

During special occasions such as the Parish Novenas, Feast Days, Parish events, etc. the vibe witnessed at the Parochial House is electric. It serves as an epicenter to network and channel the knows and hows of every liturgical, para-liturgical, and celebratory event.

This year the Parochial House will complete 151 years of its existence. In commemoration of its journey, we present to you a little chronicle of its architectural details.

The Parochial House stands as a sanctuary of tranquillity against the honking and hastiness of the perpetually busy Marve Road. At first glance, its massive yet motherly appearance reminds one of the Portuguese homes of yore. The chief building materials would have been local, including shell lime used for mortar and plaster, stone, wood, metal, and the signature Mangalore tiles. The architectural style of the Parochial

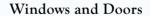


House complements the classical style of the Church, which was rebuilt in 1835. However, its individuality is reflected in the form of its façade, floor levels, roof details, window patterns, and the entrance-ways. The roofed gable and the beautiful balcõe make for a simple but elegant silhouette.

Large balcõe

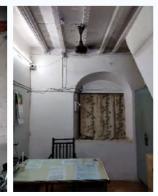
The Parochial House has a large frontal porch called a balcõe. This takes inspiration from the Baroque and the Portuguese style. Its builtin seating accommodates constant visitors and parishioners, who are seen waiting, chatting, or enjoying the evening breeze. The balcõe is supported by two massive columns and pilasters that exude an oldworld charm.

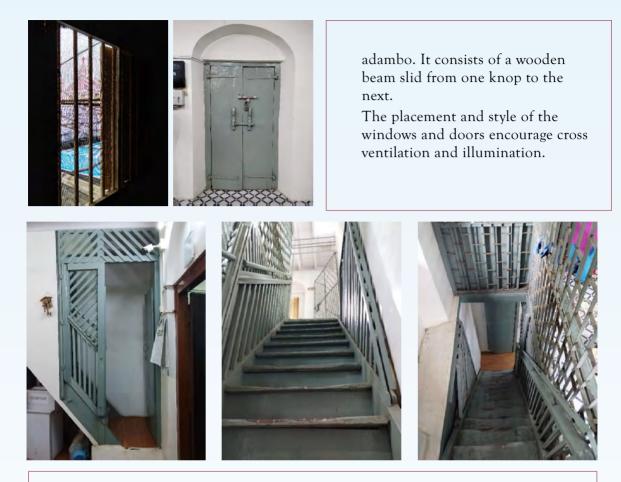




The windows and doors of the Parochial House have a simple, astute quality about them. The windows on the ground floor sit at the edge of a thick wall. They are framed in wood with iron railings. A peculiar feature of the wooden door is the old-school latching system, locally called the







Staircase

Distinctive of the Parochial House is undoubtedly the beautifully latticed staircase. Fashioned in wood, the narrow flight of steps transports one to the ceremonious past.

It takes centuries of life to make a little history. The time-scarred walls of the Parochial House still buzz with life. They hold the hopes and heartaches of generations of parishioners. The sights, sounds, and stories integral to the Parochial House continue to serve as a witness to faith in the past, an expression of love to the present, and a beacon of hope to the future.

DID YOU KNOW:

From 1885 until c.1890, the Parochial House served as an informal school under the guidance of Fr Joano Caetano Pereira.

- Joynel Fernandes

Matters That Matter~



Adios dear Minister.....

What a journey it has been Twenty-one years Long and short, Joyful and sorrowful!

Priests came and went Some younger some older You listened to all and did as they asked Faithfully serving at the altar.

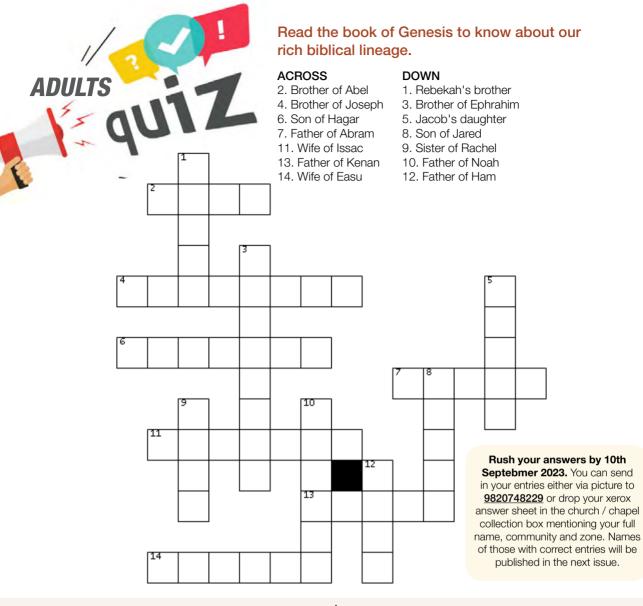
Called by many names Sacristan, Meinni, Apollo You answered all From the altar server children to the old brother.

From Baptism to Communion, Confirmation to Marriage Not forgetting Burial... Your presence was constant and welcoming!

Thanks for your selfless service Your smile and your knowledge About vestments and readings There is so much more that you have done!

Our prayer today is: May you always stay close to the Lord, as you've been till today May you be blessed and enjoy life as you have been a blessing in all of our lives

- Yulricka Fernandes



WINNERS OF THE ADULT QUIZ FOR THE JANUARY MARCH 2023 ISSUE Silvia A Gomes, Gift of Love Community, Zone 1 Celistin Chetty, Gift of Love Community, Zone 1

Answers Adult Quiz April - June 2023

ACROSS

- 2. Was an accomplice to her husband's sin SAPPHIRA
- 5. Filled with the Spirit **PENTECOST**
- 8. Repent and be **BAPTIZED**
- 11. called to be a witness here SAMARIA
- 12. Preached to an Ethiopian PHILIP
- 15. Gift of the Spirit **TONGUES**
- 16. Gate where the crippled begged **BEAUTIFUL**
- 19. Disciples were first called Christians **ANTIOCH**
- 20. Was praying with the apostles **MARY**

DOWN

- 1. Centurian CORNELIUS
- 3. High priest **ANNAS**
- 4. Paralyzed since eight years **AENEAS**
- 6. The addressee **THEOPHILUS**
- 7. Saul became Paul on this way **DAMASCUS**
- 9. Accompanied Paul to prison SILAS
- 10. Newest apostle MATTHIAS
- 13. First martyr **STEPHEN**
- 14. The writer **LUKE**
- 17. Invited Paul to her house LYDIA
- 18. Made cloaks and tunics for her widows DORCAS

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From the puzzle below find out 25 people in the family tree of Jesus. Refer to Matthew 1.

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Rush your answers by 10th September 2023.

You can send in your entries either via picture to <u>9820748229</u> or drop your xerox answer sheet in the church / chapel collection box mentioning your full name, standard, community and zone.

No winners for the Children's Quiz

-	Called to Eternal Life										
April-June 2023											
	Name Date Age Relation Area										
1	Appoline D'souza	02-04-2023	90yrs	Wife of Juam D'souza	Malwani						
2	Harold Anthony Rozario	09-04-2023	65yrs	Son of Anthony Rozario	Kharodi						
3	Agnes D'souza	11-04-2023	91yrs	Wife of Ignatius D'souza	Malwani						
4	Agnes Walter Hunt	14-04-2023	67yrs	Wife of Walter Hunt	Malwani						
5	Joseph Jacinto Soeiro	15-04-2023	64yrs	Husband of Victoria Soeiro	Jankalyan						
6	Violet Lawrence Galbo	17-04-2023	74yrs	Son of Lawrence Galbao	Malwani						
7	Stanley J. David D'cruz	20-04-2023	71yrs	Son of David D'cruz	Rathodi						
8	Santhan D'souza	24-04-2023	73yrs	Husband of Annie SanthanD'souza	Malwani						
9	Edgar Camillo D'souza	30-04-2023	73yrs	Son of Camillo D'souza	Baf-HiraNgr						
10	Elizabeth D'souza	29-04-2023	63yrs	Wife of Julian D'souza	Bandra						
11	Celestine Lawrence D'souza	05-05-2023	66yrs	Son of Lawrence D'souza	Jankalyan						
12	Melvyn Martin D'souza	06-05-2023	60yrs	Son of Jacob Martin D'souza	Kanchpada						
13	Treasa Nazareth	06-05-2023	93yrs	Wife of Hilary Nazareth	Jankalyan						
14	Rosy Charlie Gomes	07-05-2023	71yrs	Wife of Charlie Joseph Gomes	Rathodi						
15	Clarence Robby Barretto	08-05-2023	52yrs	Son of Robby Barretto	Rathodi						
16	John Louis D'souza	20-05-2023	93yrs	Son of Louis D'souza	Kharodi						
17	Joseph Marian Pereira	21-05-2023	69yrs	Husband of Fatima Pereira	Bhoomi Park						
18	Lina Bastav Gonsalvis	22-05-2023	72yrs	Wife of Bastav Gonsalvis	Malwani						
19	Martha Fernandes	22-05-2023	82yrs	Wife of Michael Fernandes	Malwani						
20	Jerome Noronha	30-05-2023	63yrs	Son of Applino Noronha	Malwani						
21	Terry Gomes	01-06-2023	65yrs	Son of Lawrence Gomes	Kharodi						
22	Viththal Sitaram Shetty	09-06-2023	68yrs	Son of Sitaram Shetty	Jankalyan						
23	Agatha Bonny .Baptista	16-06-2023	62yrs	Wife of Bonny Baptista	Rathodi						
24	Ligory Baptist Rodrigues	16-06-2023	91yrs	Father of Julian Rodrigues	Santacruz						
25	Sebastian D'souza	21-06-2023	79yrs	Son of Joseph D'souza	Malwani						
26	Joe Gonsalves	22-06-2023	72yrs	Son of David Gonsalves	Inaswadi						

Forthcoming Events

AUGUST 4 Feast of John Mary Vianney Transfiguration of the Lord 6 Vianney Sunday - Clergy Day Prison Ministry Sunday 13 International Youth Day Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe 14 Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady 15 Independence Day – Flag Hoisting 20 Justice Sunday 27 Feast of St. John Berchmans – Feast of Altar servers 30 Nativity Novena begins SEPTEMBER Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata 5 Teachers' Day Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 8 Day of the "Girl Child" Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 14 Rosary at the Asmita Cross 15 Our Lady of Sorrows Feast of St. Vincent de Paul 27 29 Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and St. Raphel **OCTOBER** International day of older persons 1 Thanksgiving Sunday 7 Our Lady of the Rosary Feast of St. John Paul 22

Mission Sunday



Induction of our Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes by Bishop Dominic Savio

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