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A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, palms up, holding a bright red heart. The heart is the central focus and contains the text 'IS KINDNESS AN OUTDATED VIRTUE?'. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a carpet or rug.

**IS KINDNESS  
AN OUTDATED  
VIRTUE?**

# Let Him Easter In Us!

By the time you read this issue, you will have probably gotten over the Easter euphoria.

But can we remind ourselves that Easter is not an event that happened 2,000 years ago but also a present reality happening today?

The poet Gerald Manley Hopkins may have had this in mind, when in one of his poems, he wrote: **LET HIM EASTER IN US!**

Easter is about being transformed, about living life differently. Let Christ “Easter in us” sharing his risen life with us, all through the year!

**EASTER BLESSINGS from the  
TONIAN TWEETS TEAM**

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HER ROLE IN YOUR LIFE!**

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# From the desk of our Parish Priest

## FR. CAJETAN D. MENEZES

### 'BUZZ' IS THE KEYWORD AT ST. ANTHONY'S, MALWAN!...

Taking off from my last editorial, '*A lot will happen in 2024*' ...I'm sure you will have realized that the Parish has been buzzing with a riot of activities!

The Christmas festivities hardly done and dusted, the New Year saw, the confirmands getting set to receive the Sacrament. Come February, and 98 confirmands, preparing for almost a year, were eagerly waiting to be officially confirmed at the hands of Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes in an impressive ceremony. We hope and pray that the same verve and vitality of faith be retained by the newly confirmed, and that receiving Confirmation is not the end, but the beginning of a new path towards Jesus and Service in the community.

Lent was full of activities and preparations were rife with the Holy Week services. Amidst all this, I was distraught with the failing health of my dear dad in Goa. Several visits, hospitalization and treatment of all sorts, the robust, Lt. Cmdr. Tiburcio Menezes (Retired) breathed his last on 26th of March, just on the brink of the Holy Tridium. After laying my dad to rest, I rushed back in time for the Holy week services, not wanting to be away as Parish Priest, despite the huge grief and a heart laden with sorrow. Just made me realize about the fragility of life!

In preparation for the Holy week, we had the Gospel Band '**Echoes of Zion**' on the Parish grounds, offering an evening of Praise and Worship, titled 'The Stone Thrown', orchestrated by the vivacious Salesian youth group under the guidance of Fr. McEnroe Lopez! The parishioners vastly appreciated the programme. Close on the heels of this event, was the **Passion Play** staged by the Parish youth, on Palm Sunday. The performances were exceptional and each character portrayed their roles with passion, lending credence to the entire performance. It left the spectators feel that they were experiencing the actual scene at Calvary, and made the entire staging effort worth the while.

The Easter vigil was beautiful with the mass led by our newly ordained Fr. Christopher Fernandes. After decades, a son of the St. Anthony's soil was celebrating Mass, to the packed Church grounds.

The BMC road expansion project, and the restructuring of the demarcated boundary and chasing after the church dues from the Authorities has been challenging, but not impossible. After the building of the new church boundary wall, the preparations are on for the designing of the new Parochial house and another Church to cater to the ever growing population. All time-consuming activities, but evidently, the future at St. Anthony's, while preserving our culture and legacy.

Soon it will be the Parish feast of our patron, St. Anthony, and again catering to the thousands of devotees who throng from every corner of Mumbai to pay homage to the wonderworker.

There's never a dull moment at St. Anthony's...thanks to all you, our parishioners, who are our support and strength as we forge ahead!

Till the next issue..

# Celebrating Saints



## Saint Catherine of Sienna

*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.*

**(1347–1380) April 29**

**Patron Saint of journalists, media, nursing, miscarriages, and people ridiculed for their faith**

Catherine, born in Siena, Italy, was the twenty-fifth child of a wealthy textile merchant. During her childhood, Catherine had mystical encounters with Christ which led her to devote herself completely to prayer and penance. In 1365, Catherine became a Tertiary Dominican, and despite her inability to write, she maintained a prolific correspondence that influenced the papal court in Avignon, France. She is also credited with the return of Pope Gregory XI to Rome. Catherine devoted her life to promoting peace and renewal within the Church and is honored as one of the greatest mystics of the Church. Saint Catherine of Siena passed away at the age of 33 on April 29, 1380, and was later named a saint and Doctor of the Church in 1970.



## Saint Pope Paul VI

*We feel ourselves to share in a moral citizenship with this land which we will ever love. Here (in India) we leave our heart!*

**(1897 – 1978) May 29**

**Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Milan and the Second Vatican Council**

Giovanni Battista Montini was born in Brescia on September 26, 1897. He was ordained as a priest on May 19, 1920, after studying philosophy, civil law, and canon law. In 1924, he was appointed to serve as the Secretariat of State in the Vatican during the Pontificates of Pius XI and Pius XII. During World War II, he worked to aid refugees and also oversaw the Vatican Information Office. On June 21, 1963, he was elected Pope and took the name Paul VI. Despite numerous challenges, he successfully concluded three periods of the Second Vatican Council, encouraging the Church to be open to the modern world while still respecting its tradition. Pope Paul VI was the first Pope to visit India in 1964 as part of the 38th International Eucharistic Congress. He was canonized by Pope Francis on October 14, 2018.



## Saint Josemaría Escrivá

*Abandonment to the will of God is the secret of happiness on earth.*

**(1902 – 1975) June 26**

**Patron Saint of the Opus Dei and People suffering from diabetes**

Josemaria Escriva was born in Spain in 1902 to a devout family. At a young age, he witnessed the death of his three sisters as infants and his father's bankruptcy. But these misfortunes did not deter his spirit to find purpose in life. As a teenager, he once discovered the footprints of a monk left behind in the snow – this awoke him to desire to become a priest. He was ordained in 1925 and in 1928, through divine inspiration, Josemaria founded Opus Dei – a Catholic organization that fosters seeking holiness in daily life. In 1975, he died in Rome. St. Pope John Paul II canonized St Josemaria in 2002.

# Community Collaborations

## Celebrating the Holy Family Feast

Holy Family Community of Jankalyan Nagar celebrated this feast on Saturday, 20th January with full gusto. We started with a short prayer and singing of few hymns led by the youth.

A plate of mouth watering snacks followed. Then we played 2 fun games, which were well planned and not only kept us on our toes but in splits of laughter.

Fr. Osmand D'souza graced the occasion. He expressed his joy at seeing the unity, smiles and laughter amongst all present. He urged us to continue with the same spirit.

We enjoyed the foot tapping music and also played a game of Housie.

Our Coordinator, Johnson Pereira and SCC Coordinator, Vincent Colaco called all the Zonal Coordinators and Animators and requested them to introduce themselves. A round of applause in appreciation of the work being carried out by them rent the air.



Johnson then briefed us on the formation of clusters and presented the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who helped in making the event a success.

The evening ended with a delicious home-cooked dinner and sweet memories.

*- Bibiana Fernandes,  
Holy Family Community*

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## GATHERING IN GRACE, WITH THE EMMANUEL EMBRACE!



On the joyful morning of January 14th, 2024, Zone 7 of our community met at the Infant Jesus Chapel to celebrate our Annual feast. "Emmanuel," a beautiful reminder that God is with us, infused the day with the spirit of Christmas as we rejoiced in the presence of our newborn Lord.

Under the guidance of Fr. Francis Xavier, the day began with the sacred embrace of the Holy Eucharist, a harmonious symphony of faith and togetherness. Following the mass, the community gathered at the chapel porch, where laughter and camaraderie painted the air while members indulged in the appetizing breakfast and tea. The

porch, adorned with ribbons, balloons, and colourful posters, radiated a festive spirit. Our parish priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes and our spiritual director Fr. Osmand D'Souza graced the occasion with their presence.

The day unfolded seamlessly under the thoughtful planning of our coordinator Sangeeta, and the committed animators. Sangeeta paid tribute to the animators, highlighting their tireless efforts that contribute to the spiritual growth of the community.

Our vibrant hosts Gracy, Hazel and Zayn orchestrated delightful activities, uniting

the young and old through fun games and showcasing the talents of community members.

The day culminated in a sumptuous feast where hearts were nourished not only by delicious meals but also by the bonds of fellowship and the warmth of shared memories. The Emmanuel community, bound by love and faith, returned home with hearts overflowing with gratitude and joy

*- Sangeeta Gomes Tripathy,  
PPC Coordinator  
Emmanuel Community – Zone 7*

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## **Sports Day**

On the evening of 1st January 2024, a 'Sports Day' was planned for the children and parents of our community.

We started with a prayer which was followed by games for children and parents with spot prizes.

The children participated actively in the games organized for different age groups. The game for parents was the highlight of the day: children cheered their parents and parents played with great enthusiasm.

Snacks and juice were served at the end of the event. Gifts were presented to each child.

The program ended with a closing prayer.

Much effort went into organizing this event



on the first day of the year. It was made possible with the team work of our coordinator and animators.

*- Meena B Patel - Mentor  
Infant Jesus Community – Zone 4*

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## **Community Feast and Lenten activities**

The feast Mass of our Community was celebrated on February 11, 2024 at the Infant Jesus Chapel. After Mass, members of the community gathered together at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and were led in prayer

by Fr. Osmand D'Souza. Being the world day of the sick, prayers were offered for the sick and also for the needs of the families in the community. May Our Lady of Lourdes place each and every family under the mantle

of her care and protection. A small fellowship was organised in celebration of the feast.

During Lent, families got together every Sunday evening, at the village crosses, to meditate on the Way of the Cross and pray for the intentions of the community and the parish.

Lenten outreach was organised by the community, to Sneh Sadan, Kulvem an orphanage that looks after abandoned girls. Since the ashram specified their need for provisions like, rice, pulses, soaps and toiletries, etc. families came together with their generous donations of provisions and cash. Animators bought the required provisions from the amount donated. The members visiting the ashram joyously interacted with the girls to learn about their schooling and interests. Girls right from std. 1 to 12 are being cared for by the sisters at the orphanage run by the Jesuits.



*- Marian Yarde  
PPC Coordinator  
Our Lady of Lourdes – Zone 3*

## Republic Day 2024



Republic Day is always celebrated with much enthusiasm in India. This year we celebrated the 75th Republic Day of our country, a special day for us to come together and remember the importance of unity,

brotherhood, and equality among all our citizens. It was on this day that the Constitution of India came into force in the year 1950. We decorated the place with colourful buntings and tri-colour balloons.

We began with a prayer, followed by the Pledge. A senior from the community spoke eloquently. Children read from different Scriptures. A youth from our community was the Chief Guest. The National flag was unfurled and we sang the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'. An Animator presented him a bouquet as a token of love.

Celebration is never complete without a snack and cold drinks. These refreshments were sponsored. I thanked all who helped in making the event entertaining, including the sponsor and the all the community members for giving their precious time.

*- Succour Fernandes  
PPC Coordinator  
Our Lady of Vailankanni – Zone 2*

## Republic Day Celebration

Children, youth and adults from the communities of Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima, from Zone 3 came together to celebrate the 75th Republic Day of India. The flag hoisting ceremony was held near the village cross of Our Lady of Fatima community at 10.30 am.

The programme began with a warm greeting to all the members. The special guests, Mrs. Blessy D'Souza and Mrs. Zita Gudinho were introduced and welcomed. They were overjoyed to receive the honour of hoisting the national flag. Youth and adults participated in reciting the inter faith prayers which consisted of readings from the holy scriptures of different faith. After the flag was hoisted by our special guests, the national anthem was sung. The pledge and the preamble were also recited in unison followed



by singing of popular patriotic songs.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by our Mentor Ms Yucca Gomes. Sweets were distributed to all as each one returned home with a happy heart.

*- Lorna Hanso  
Animator  
Our Lady of Lourdes Community – Zone 3*

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## A visit to Shanti Daan Ashram



On the 8th of March, members of our community and a few members from Our Lady of Forsaken Community, visited Shanti Daan Ashram in Gorai, for the disabled and differently able children. This institution is run by the missionaries of charity, the place where people who need extra help find care and support.

We hired a bus and reached the place at 10.00 am. When we arrived, we met the inmates, who were very excited to see us. We talked to them, clicked picture with them and purchased some of the candles made in-house. We donated essentials like food grains, clothes, groceries, and money to the Ashram.

It was our way of showing that we cared for



them and appreciated the hard work of the missionaries who give them unconditional care. Later, we all gathered in their chapel for a moment of reflection and prayer, walking The Way of the Cross together. It was a beautiful and solemn experience.

Thereafter, we bid goodbye and boarded the bus, feeling grateful for the experience and thanking God for making us more fortunate than many others!

- Anita Cardoza - SCC Coordinator  
Our Lady of Fatima Community – Zone 2

## The way of the Cross

As part of the Lenten observance, we conducted the Stations of the Cross in our clusters, every Sunday to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the Cross, in a bid to help members to make a spiritual journey. This also enabled the old and home bound to partake.

The Stations of the Cross were prayerful and commenced with an introduction and meditation on the 14 stations with hymns being interspersed after every three stations, and a concluding prayer thereafter. Pictures of each of the stations were displayed to enable the members to contemplate and deepen their understanding of the Lord's passion. Both young and old enthusiastically participated.

- Felcy Fernandes - Animator  
Holy Family Community – Zone 6



## A Joyful Cluster Gathering



*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."- Matthew 18:20*

Cluster get-togethers foster a sense of coherence amongst members, providing a forum for sharing and caring. Building upon that, the Coordinator and Animators of Marina Enclave Cluster - around 80 people - met at the Infant Jesus Chapel on Saturday, 10th February 2024 for an evening of fellowship.

The occasion was honoured by the presence of our Parish Priest, Fr. Cajetan and Bro. Nelson, our Spiritual Director. Father Cajetan guided the participants in prayer followed by sharing his personal experiences of residing in our locality as a child, serving as an Altar Server at our Parish, weaving anecdotes of faith and resilience into his narrative. He extended a heartfelt welcome to all present and gave a brief on the working of the SCCs and PPCs.

Kudos to Larissa D'mello, our hostess for the evening, whose captivating presence kept the crowd engaged throughout the evening.

Families and friends formed teams, participating in the interactive games and energetic dance, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Amidst the excitement, a sense

of warmth and camaraderie prevailed. The connections forged and the love shared, made our gathering an unforgettable experience.

*- Joyce Dantis, Animator  
St. Anne's Community - Zone 7*

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## **Lila turns 99...**

Life is a journey, a voyage of experience, challenges and growth. This journey encompasses all aspects of our existence and shapes who we are as individuals. Celebrating an exceptional person who has completed 99 years!!!!

With every passing year this 99 year young lady has grown more vibrant, illuminating the lives of those around her with a warmth that never fades.

Mrs. Lila Dsouza was born on 22nd Feb in Bandra. She studied at St. Joseph Convent High School. She has 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She was an ex-service woman for Government of India and has done honorary work as Chairman of YWCA Andheri. She has conducted cooking classes, taken party orders and packed tiffin boxed for office-goers. We are enthusiastically waiting for Lila to turn centurion!

The animators of our Community visited Lila on her 99th Birthday with a bouquet. We wanted to celebrate this exceptional day that



has been woven with threads of resilience, compassion and joy. We prayed with her as she thanked the Lord for her beautiful life.

A very happy Birthday once again, dear Lila from the entire St. Anne's Community.

*- Sharon Rodrigues  
SCC Coordinator Zone 7*

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## **Stations of the Cross**

As Lent commenced, we organized the Stations of the Cross in our community every Monday at 7.00 pm at the Infant Jesus Chapel Cross.

On 3rd March 2023, a few members

and animators set off for Stations of the Cross to Our Lady of Velankanni Shrine, Bhatebunder, Uttan. We heard the 8.30 am Marathi Mass at the Shrine which was followed by the Stations of the Cross around the Shrine.



Truly it was an amazing experience, walking the Way of the Cross, while reciting prayers and singing hymns. Every Station had a huge platform with Statues relating to Jesus' agony and suffering till the crucifixion.

After the Stations of the Cross, we had lunch, which was made more meaningful as each one shared their tiffin. We played a game of housie and also antakshri.

Later we visited the Church of our Lady of Fatima, Imitri-Dongri, Bhayandar, which was uphill, and set off for home. Everyone felt it was a blessed experience!

*- Ophelia Godfrey Patel, PPC Coordinator  
St. Francis Xavier Community, Zone 4*

## **Extending a helping Hand to the needy**

As we continue to pursue our mission of providing support and care through our community outreach programs, St Anne's community, along with their valued supporters and donors successfully carried out an outreach program at Shanti Daan, on Sunday, 17th March 2024.

Shanti-Daan provides a home for the mentally ill and destitute, providing the inmates with essential humanitarian care and a sense of security. It is through the kindness of individuals that they are able to maintain and expand their services, ensuring that every member of the community receives the assistance they deserve. We truly believe that when we give cheerfully everyone is blessed. Through our efforts, we touched the lives of many, offering support, resources and opportunities where needed most.



Thank you for the unwavering commitment towards building a stronger, more connected community.

*- Joy Geils  
Animator  
St. Anne's Community - Zone 7*

## Stations of the Cross

On Monday, 18th March, our entire community met together at the Infant Jesus Chapel for the Stations of the Cross. Placards of each station were held aloft and we walked the entire Chapel premises barefoot with candles lit. The liturgical prayers and hymns were conducted in three languages - English, Marathi and Konkani.

It was a good experience walking around. We received feedback from participants that it was a spirit-filled service.

After the Stations of the Cross we had a meeting with the families followed by the Animators meeting.

*- Shirley Mendes - SCC Coordinator  
Infant Jesus Community – Zone 4*



We Adore You, O Christ, and We Bless You, Because  
by Your Cross You Have Redeemed the World

## Lenten Pilgrimage

On Friday, 8th March, we planned a Lenten Pilgrimage to Fatima Mata Tirth Mandir, Irmitri, Dongri. We started our journey from the Infant Jesus chapel, early in the morning. On arrival at Dongri, breakfast was provided to the people. After breakfast we started the Station of the Cross. It was a great experience walking each station uphill with the prayers read in two languages - English and Marathi.

After the Stations of the Cross we visited the church and prayed the rosary with intentions. After lunch, we had a teaching on the 14 Stations by one of our animators.

Later, we visited The Holy Magi Church, Gorai and recited the Divine Mercy novena in East Indian Marathi. At the end we left with our hearts filled with spiritual peace. Christ's



journey with the cross was experienced by each one of us.

Walking the stations provides a devotional path of reflection and repentance which brought the community closer together.

*- Shirley Mendes  
SCC Coordinator  
Infant Jesus Community – Zone 4*

## Stations of the Cross



Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Season of Lent Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving are three pillars of Lent.

To keep our community in prayer, cluster wise Stations of the Cross were organized once a week.

We walked the Station of the Cross in our clusters from Cross to Cross.

On 26th February it was held at the Inner and Outer Clusters, on 28th February and 6th March it was held at Inaswadi and Upper Cluster and on 4th March we had it in Sunrise Park.

We prayed for various intentions every week, sang hymns, and the liturgical prayer was conducted in two languages: English and Marathi.

Families participated in a prayerful manner. It was a great experience walking the Way of the Cross in the Village.

*- Shirley Mendes  
SCC Coordinator  
Infant Jesus Community – Zone 4*

## Meditating on the Way of the Cross

The season of Lent is a time for personal reflection. It is a time to prepare our hearts to delve deeper and grow closer to God, in preparation for Easter.

Members of our community gathered together every Monday at 8.00 pm in each of the four societies in our community to pray the Stations of the Cross. Prayers were recited at each station and Lenten hymns added to the solemnity. This was an opportunity to meditate on the final moments of Jesus, and understand the importance of obedience and adhering to God's will.

*- Marilyn Mascarenhas - PPC Coordinator  
Holy Spirit Community - Zone 6*



## Rediscovering Lent's Way of the Cross



As the season of Lent envelops our hearts and minds in introspection and spiritual renewal, the members of Our Lady of Nazareth Community, Zone 2, embarked on a profound journey: the Way of the Cross. Every Sunday, our community gathered in small clusters, guided by the

gentle and loving presence of Our Lady, to traverse the path that Jesus Himself walked.

Lent holds a special significance in our faith, marking a period of preparation, reflection, and repentance leading up to the celebration of Easter. It is a time when we emulate the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, resisting temptation and drawing closer to God. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we seek to purify our souls and deepen our relationship with the Divine.

The Way of the Cross encapsulates the essence of Lent, reminding us of the sacrifices made by Jesus for our redemption. As we meditated on each station, we were transported back in time, witnessing the agony, love, and ultimate triumph of our Savior.

This ancient practice finds modern-day relevance as we navigate life's challenges and strive to live out our faith in a world that often tests our convictions. The Way of the Cross served as a beacon of hope, guiding us through the darkness towards the light of Christ's love and mercy.

*- Branca Texeira - Animator  
Our Lady of Nazareth Community – Zone 2*

## Stations of the Cross cum Women's Day celebration

We, Emmanuelites conducted the Stations of the Cross every Friday in our society premises during the season of Lent.

We all come together to praise and worship the Lord. The fourteen Stations of the Cross were read out by the kids, youth, adults as well as the senior citizens of our community, and the hymns are sung by all. In this prayer service we pray for our community members, especially for the ones who are unwell. We also prayed



for all the students appearing for their board and other exams.

This prayer service helps us to make new connections, and bond well with the community members as we all gather every Friday. Our PPC and SCC Coordinators and animators put in a lot of efforts to get everyone involved.

\*On 8th of March\*, our PPC Coordinator Sangeeta and Animator Neil organized a

small surprise celebration after the Stations of the Cross on the occasion of \*Women's Day\*. This was meant to make the women of our community feel special for all their efforts in helping build the community and our church and in making the society a better place!

*- Emily Rebello  
Member*

*Emmanuel Community - Zone 7*

## Lenten Outreach



Lenten season is a time for prayer, penance and reaching out to the poor and marginalized.

This year, we reached out to the under privileged children, who are being coached in the after-school study program co-organized by Billabong International High School and Angel Express Foundation.

On the afternoon of March 19, 2024, we assembled on the premises of Billabong

International High School, eager to meet these children. As soon as they were through with their classes, we were introduced to them. The afternoon kick-started with interaction and encouraging these children to showcase their talents. They were coaxed to sing, which they did after slight hesitation. Initially the children were slightly reserved, but later abandoned their inhibitions and were comfortably socializing with us and got involved in the games organised by us.

At the end of every game, a winner was declared, and rewarded with a prize. This fun-filled afternoon concluded with distribution of chocolates and snacks. It was a wonderful experience to interact with these children.

This initiative was spearheaded by our animator Neil Cardozo and supported by our Coordinator, Mrs. Sangeeta Tripathy and the rest of the animators and Community members.

*- Valentine Dias*

*Emmanuel Community - Zone 7*

## Community Feast of St. Joseph

Our community feast, dedicated to St. Joseph, was celebrated on 19th March 2024.

We started with a candle light procession within the village, from the Marve main Cross to the community ground, by singing the East Indian hymn, Saiba Sav Jose, and chanting, St. Joseph pray for us, along the way.

Once we arrived at the community ground, we started the Rosary and litany to St. Joseph. We also prayed for our newly ordained Priest, Fr. Christopher Fernandes, so that he has a peaceful priestly journey. We concluded the Rosary by singing the hymn, St Joseph was a just man, and Jose Mayal Jose Dayal.

It was a fun-filled evening, as 85 odd community members participated in the games, housie, and singing. Snacks were also distributed to the home bound. After the recitation of the grace, a delicious dinner and ice cream was served. Special thanks to our animators and community members who



worked tirelessly to make the event a whooping success!

*- Kingston Pereira - PPC Coordinator  
St. Joseph's Community, Marve – Zone 1*

## Lead us to Calvary: 'Walking the Stations' of the Cross

Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross is a devotion of hope. Meditating on the Stations of the Cross offers a deeper perspective on Christ's suffering and

crucifixion during the season of Lent.

In keeping with this spirit, we walked the 'Stations of the Cross' in AsmitaJyoti Complex, at 8.00 pm every Sunday, reflecting on the insults, moments of support, and intense suffering Jesus endured for our salvation.

'Walking the Stations' helped bring the community closer. Each station was recited at buildings and Lenten hymns were sung by members of different age groups prayerfully following Jesus' path to Calvary as we walked between buildings and ended at the AsmitaJyotiCross. It was noteworthy that our sisters and brothers of other faiths also maintained silence as a mark of respect.





The response was very positive, especially from our senior members as they could walk the Way of the Cross peacefully. This service strengthened everyone spiritually, helping to make Lent prayerful. Pondering

on the Passion of Christ helped us to face daily difficulties, encouraged repentance and brought all of us closer to the Lord.

- Clinton Montu Dsouza - PPC Coordinator  
Divine Mercy Community (Asmita)- Zone 6

## Lenten Blessings

March 09, 2024, was memorable. Our community came together at 07:15 pm at the common hall in AsmitaJyoti Building to seek 'Lenten Blessings, from our Parish Priest, Fr. Cajetan Menezes, who visited our community members and showered his blessings on each one of us. 24 out of 33 families from our Community were present on this occasion.

We began the evening by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by gospel reading and a prayer for the community. Fr. Cajetan Menezes gave insights about the need for humility and belongingness in the community of believers. He encouraged everyone to live exemplary lives as fellow Christians in the Body of Christ, always ready to support one another. Fr Cajetan was very supportive and invited feedback from the community members for the betterment of our parish. He spent time interacting with each community member, especially senior citizens and children. The community members felt that Fr. Cajetan's presence as 'Aapla Manus' due to his simplicity and humble response to



any queries raised. Sr. Poonam Gaikwad, our Spiritual Director, who was also present, acknowledged the efforts of our community.

In the vote of thanks, gratitude was expressed to the entire community for being united, exemplifying through their lives the motto of a caring and sharing community. The wonderful evening ended with some refreshments.

- Clinton Montu Dsouza - PPC Coordinator  
Divine Mercy Community (Asmita) - Zone 6

## Just a closer walk with Jesus

'Lent is a time for renewal - for every believer! Above all it is a time of grace', says Pope Francis in one of his Lenten messages 2015.

With these thoughts in mind, our community journeyed with Jesus, on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

A visit to our Lady of Health Church in

Versova, set the tone for a day of prayer and spirituality. The wooded area, so akin to Calvary, the picturesque landscape and the artistic representations of the way of the cross, added fervour to the day. 'Mary's Way of the Cross', conducted by Sylvia, Yucca and Rudy, left every participant teary-eyed, particularly the

mothers, as the text of the stations of the cross, were envisaged through the eyes of Mary. The soul-stirring hymns led by Leena, Rudy and team, lent an extra spiritual touch. A brief visit to the House of Charity next door, and an impromptu collection for the inmates, made this visit worth every bit. We



had only salutes for the caretakers of this house for the love and care showered on these lesser fortunate.

With Holy Week round the corner, this seemed to be the perfect time to reorient ourselves towards the Christian values of justice, reconciliation and peace. The way of the cross, left us with areas for reflection: Will we like Pilate, wash our hands off the sufferings of others, or will we yolk ourselves to another's pain and sufferings like Simon of Cyrene? Will we allow fear to overcome us like Peter, or will we resolutely stand by those denied justice like Mary?

Refreshments and a delicious vegetarian lunch served by Shylin Caterers, under the shamiana, rejuvenated our sun-kissed faces while the evening tea and bikkis energized us for the home-bound journey. Spiritually enriched, we made memories to cherish and Lenten promises to fulfil!

*- Yucca Gomes - Mentor  
Our Lady of Fatima Community, Rathodi - Zone 3*

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## **Lenten Pilgrimage**

Gift of Peace and Gift of Goodness communities joined together for a Lenten pilgrimage to Alibaug on 10th March. We met at the church premises by 6:00 a.m. We were a group of 50 people. We left in a comfortable bus early to minimize travelling time. We reached Alibaug after having refreshments and tea on the way. Our first stop was at the convent Ashram located in a hilly and picturesque location. Kids between the ages of 3 to 16 are cared for by the nuns. The Stations of the Cross were prayerfully conducted in their premises with the guidance of Sr. Rita. The experience was very spiritually uplifting.



We gave a donation to the ashram kids and bid farewell to them. We then proceeded for the Church of Our Lady of Nazareth. The Parish priest gave us a warm welcome. The Church is situated in a beautiful and quiet location. We were served delicious lunch. The priest there celebrated a very meaningful mass for us. Sr. Rita helped with the altar, prayers and other preparations. After mass

we were served evening tea. We left the place for home thereafter.

Overall we had a wonderful experience with our community who were like family members. All credit goes to our coordinators and animators who organized this meaningful Lenten pilgrimage

*- Bruntha Anthony - Animator  
Gift of Peace – Zone 1*

## REACHING OUT WITH LOVE



Thirteen members of Our Lady of Fatima community visited Shanti Daan, a charitable institute run by the Missionaries of Charity, on Monday, 19th February 2024. Shanti Daan currently accommodates 160 male inmates who are differently abled and abandoned by their families. These are generally picked off the streets.

This being one of our Lenten missions to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged and downtrodden, our community members generously contributed

Rs 20,000/- We also bought heaping bags full of mixed vegetables, as suggested by the In-charge. Rice and wheat were donated by a member.

We were taken on a short tour around the premises by one of the volunteers and were introduced to some of the inmates. It was an over whelming sight –some of the inmates were so badly malformed that it brought a tear to the eye. At the same time, we raised a prayer in thanksgiving for making us normal and more fortunate.

The environment, especially the housing, spelt ‘hygiene’ and the gardens, with manicured lawns, had a variety of flowers and fruit trees. Praiseworthy! We were also shown a work room where the inmates made candles and wax memorabilia, in a riot of colours, shapes and sizes which were onsale. Many of our members patronized their handiwork.

We are grateful for the effort of Yucca Gomes our Mentor, PPC Coordinator Mary-Ann D’souza, SCC Coordinator Claudy D’souza and Animator Luiza Hendricks, for meticulously planning and coordinating this meaningful outreach programme.

It is rightly said "It is not how much we give, but how much we put into giving," that adds value to such outreach events! This visit was truly humbling and gave us a deep sense of satisfaction.

*- Sylvia Gomes - Animator  
Our Lady of Fatima Community, Zone 3*

# Parish Peeps

## Bible Sunday 2024

On 21st Jan 2024, the Bible Cell of our Parish celebrated the 'Word of God Sunday'.

The program commenced with the Enthronement of the Bible. Sister Sophie's opening prayer was supported with Bro. Nelson's message on the importance of reading the Bible. Ms. Carmine Serrao - Word Minister and Bible Cell member- conducted the spiritual fellowship which included praise and worship to our divine Lord. After praising God, there was a talk by Fr. Santosh Salve (MSFS) on the topic "Blooming in his Word". He gave a powerful message on how to use the Word of God in our daily lives by using the Bible ABCD. This impressed the participants and the audience. After his talk, there was a short break for snacks.

This set the tone for the Bible Quiz ably conducted by Ms. Yucca Gomes on the Letters of 1 John, 2 John and 3 John. There was also an audience quiz for various prayer groups, cells and associations. The program ended with a series of Biblical games organized by Mr. Lancy D'mello - Word Minister of our Parish, which the parishioners enjoyed.

The Prize Distribution for the winning teams had the entire crowd in high spirits. Zone



7 led with the 1st place, Zone 6 - 2nd place and Zone 3 at the 3rd position. The overwhelming response from the participants and the audience was heartwarming. It was a heady mix of spirituality and enjoyment.

The Bible Cell thanked all present, especially Fr. Santosh and our Spiritual Director - Fr. Cajetan Menezes for all their help and support.

*- Malrina Ferreira  
Coordinator - Bible Cell*



## Training Programme

A big thank you to our Parish Priests for the training session organized for the Animators, the SCC and the PPC coordinators on Sunday, 18th February 2024.

The program commenced with Sister Sophie leading us with the opening prayer and also spoke about the personal storms we have in our lives. Yet, she emphasized, in spite of the hurdles we should pray, and forge ahead.

Our main speaker was Mr. Adrian Rozario along with his co-speaker Mrs. Lilian. They were very happy to see us in large numbers.

Adrian's enthusiasm and humor was emotional, and perfectly pitched to the audience. Adrian shared his experience about the cluster groups, how we should understand each other, work as a team, help each other in small ways, and find time, despite our busy schedules to make every event a success. He also shared the examples of how random conversation leads to conflict, and how to tackle the situation by keeping calm, compromising and understanding.

Adrian also insisted that we should meet the families within our cluster to create better

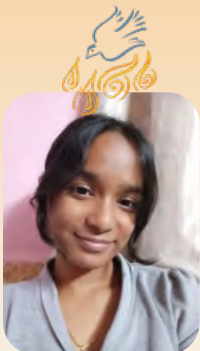
bonding. 'Arrange a calendar of activities for the cluster, and have a meeting at a convenient time', were some of his valuable suggestions.

As most of us were beginners, it was a helpful workshop. The total number of people that attended the programme was around 240 members.

Sister Rita proposed the vote of thanks and Sister Shilpa closed the session with a closing prayer and led us in the grace before meals.

- Kingston Pereira - PPC Coordinator  
St. Joseph Community - Zone 1

## Hear It From Our Newly Confirmed Candidates Of Batch 2023-24



Lucia Creado

The early journey while attending confirmation sessions was not easy because we just started coordinating with each other. It grew interesting as we gradually began to mingle around. Listening to the sessions was really inspiring. It actually changed my belief on negative thoughts and helped me to focus on my doings.

I was very glad to meet my group. We went through a lot of interaction, enjoyment, discussion and helped each other. Taking part in various activities and being a part of Christ was blessed. I am very thankful to Lancy Sir who helped us through this journey and made it fun!

It wasn't less than a family get-together. After learning about Christ I am filled with gratitude. The things that I learnt from confirmation is getting closer to God and also learning about the religious aspects in these sessions. This confirmation will be very memorable and it doesn't seem like it ended so soon. Special 'Thank you' to the church members and staff for such beautiful sessions and also the animators who took care and guided us on this path.



Angel D'mello

A month ago this journey of confirmation seemed long, I just couldn't wait to receive confirmation and not have to deal with this 'every-Sunday routine'... A few more days and I'll be receiving confirmation with 97 other batch mates... There's honestly this sort of restlessness, knowing I'll never experience this year of my life again... Mass and class every Sunday has now become a healthy habit! Personally, there was this excitement at the beginning, and having so many people around every Sunday, many who became my friends, was something I always looked forward to. Almost every confirmand would agree with me

that making new friends, opening up with new people was a huge part of this experience. The fellowship with my batch mates and Animators was also a beautiful part of my journey. Surpassing all this, was my journey with Jesus, my journey with God. Every confirmation candidate has their own unique experience of being drawn closer to God through this confirmation year... This year, at many instances, God has embedded in me a desire to learn and know him more than ever before.

As a little girl, I remember attending the confirmation mass and wondering what those candidates must be feeling at that moment... since I was a kid I had this question in my head, "why don't parents go with the candidates while receiving confirmation?" I faintly remember the answer I got, when we receive confirmation we're considered 'adults' in the church. Till communion, our parents make this decision for us, but in confirmation, the church hands over its responsibility to us. We choose God. And we all, on our confirmation day will say yes to our faith, yes to be confirmed in Christ. Henceforward, we're not just the Future of the church, but it's Present.

In retrospect, from the first gathering, every class, the retreat, the mission trip, to the last week of preparation to receive this sacrament, my journey has been memorable. The prayers of my family and community have been a blessing \and I hope and pray that through this sacrament, I can use the best of my abilities, for the greater glory of God!



*Cara D'souza*

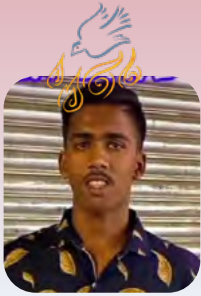
My confirmation journey wasn't just about confirming my beliefs; it was about growing closer to God and at the same time, making new friends. As I went through the process, I learned that faith is something we can share with others.

Right from the start, I found myself surrounded by a wonderful support system - other candidates, mentors, and friends. We talked about God, morals, and what the Church teaches, and each discussion helped me understand more about who God is and how much He loves us.

What really stood out was how we all got along. In our classes and retreats, we laughed, learned, and helped each other. We became a big family - all on this spiritual journey together.

The retreats and missions were the most special memories. They offered moments of solitude and reflection that allowed me to deepen my connection with God. Spending quiet times in prayer during those retreats provided a space for me to truly engage with my spirituality. Away from the distractions of daily life, I found myself drawn closer to God's presence, gaining a deeper understanding of His love and guidance in my life. These retreats became pivotal moments in my confirmation journey, where I could pause, reflect, and strengthen my faith in a more profound way.

In conclusion, having gained much in this faith formation, I have learnt one important lesson - receiving Confirmation is not the end, but the beginning of a new path towards Jesus.



*Aaron Gracias*

Embarking on my Confirmation journey has been a transformative one. The retreat was a profound chapter, filled with self-reflection and spiritual growth. Sunday Mass and weekly classes became anchors of my spiritual voyage, with each session shaping my understanding of faith. Gratitude overflows for the dedicated Animators, Fr. Osmand's wisdom, and Ms. Shiny, my guiding light in faith education. Thanks for fostering a journey that goes beyond words, deep into the heart.



*Clarisse D'Costa*

My confirmation journey helped me become a better person. I enjoyed attending the classes and always found myself looking forward to the next class. It has strengthened my bond with God and given me confidence in doing good things. Every Sunday after class, I feel strengthened to help the world become a better place. I also made new friends who made the classes more enjoyable. I was never a religious person but throughout this journey I found myself praying to God more often, telling him the good and bad things that happened during the day as if He was my friend. Even when I was going through difficult times, I prayed to Him, telling Him to stand by my side and give me the strength to move forward. I also want to mention the Animators who were incredibly patient in guiding us throughout this journey, helping us with the smallest of difficulties. They made everything fun to learn and remember. The lessons and stories we learnt still inspire me.

I was scared to enter church when I was younger because of how "formal" it felt. Everyone knew the hymns and responses and were well coordinated with each other but later I came to realize and understand how it all worked. Everyone had a common goal....their faith in God. Now I find joy in singing along with the choir and helping out in church and my community. I now find happiness in petty things that I would have ignored in life, for instance, appreciating the clear blue sky after a rough day... truly a surreal experience! At the end of the term, I realize how much I have enjoyed my confirmation journey and I will put the lessons I have learnt to good use.



## DAYA SAGAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 2024

The 12th Anniversary celebration of DayaSagar was held from 22nd to 24th Feb 2024 at The Infant Jesus Chapel with much fanfare.

We are ever thankful to God for allowing our Ministry to serve our Parish from 2012 onwards. The theme “Love for God and Evangelization” Jh 13:35 came with a blessing of a new season with Preacher Fr. Ajay Burkhav, a Dominican Priest from the Igatpuri Retreat Centre.

On Day 1, we conducted a walking Rosary in the chapel compound with intercessions followed with Praise and Worship by Corner Stone Prayer group. Day 2 started with the Stations of the Cross in the chapel compound with 14 plaque cards held by the faithful to recite prayers and meditate on our Lord’s suffering. Everyday Praise and Worship, Teaching, and Inner Healing and Adoration were conducted followed by Holy Eucharist. Day 3, we led Intercessory Rosary prayers followed by an Audio Visual presentation summarizing the annual report of various spiritual and charitable activities carried out. The highlight was a count of 16 testimonies, 638 thanksgiving and 1385 petitions received for 2022-23 with 78 prayer services conducted. Our Spiritual Director Fr. Victor Dalmet, was felicitated by our Secretary. The key feature on one evening was a special prayer for children



and youth. Individual Counselling sessions with spiritual guidance were carried out by appointment. Every evening concluded with fellowship for the congregation.

*- Carmine Serrao, Team Member  
Daya Sagar Prathana Sangh*

## Women's Day Celebration

Our Parish celebrated Women's Day on 13th March 2024. A special Mass, led by Rev. Fr. Victor, was held at the Chapel to honour the women of our parish, following which, the event commenced with a prayer dance performed by the 'Women cell' members.

The highlight of the day was the competition, adding an element of fun, excitement, prizes for the best-dressed woman, according to the theme 'Occupation' where women showcased different professional attire.

During the celebration, we were treated to a





delightful performance by 'Hope and Life', who wowed the crowd with their remix of old Hindi movie songs. It was heartening to see a good turnout of women for the event. Fr. Victor's soul-

stirring song added a poignant touch to the gathering. Adv. Fiona kept the energy high as the Emcee, bringing her own flair to the event. The evening concluded with a lively game of Housie, which everyone enjoyed along with the delicious snacks and dinner.

We were honoured to have special guests Rev. Fr. Cajetan, Bro. Nelson, all the Sisters from the three congregations working in our parish, and Mr. Bonnie Baptista. The Deanery coordinator Mrs. Veera D'Souza delivered a compelling message on the importance of 'Investing in Women: Accelerate Progress.' The celebration also included DJ music and spot prizes, adding to the festive atmosphere.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Osmand D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Victor Dalmat for their initiative in organizing this beautiful event, which brought us together in celebration and appreciation of women. We also extend our appreciation and gratitude to the youth of our parish for lending a helping hand to make the programme memorable.

*- Elizabeth Pereira  
Coordinator - Women Cell*



## **Institute for Ministry of Faith Enrichment (IMFE)**

Good day friends,

My journey with the “Institute for Ministry of Faith Enrichment (IMFE)” was intellectually wonderful. The expectations were predicted by me and a bouquet of beautiful surprises changed my perspective towards thinking out challenges, strategies and opportunities to be unfolded. The course demanded 100% attendance, and true integrity of involvement and it is justified in its wants.

The course is wonderfully designed to bring together heads of all ministries to understand the values of course teachings of, “Theology of the Church, Theology of Word & Worship Laboratory, Theology of collaboration, Sociology, Cross cultural perspectives, Psycho-spiritual dimensions, Pluri-religious context, and Management”.

The IMFE course is a wonderful encyclopaedia of valuable information and inspiration for all heads of various ministries. This course teaches you the core values of the Church and its teachings, it paves the way for handling contemporary issues with perspective solutions and it shows you the way to align with the Church and community in an amiable way.

I have been there, done that and regrets have I none. All glory and honour goes to Almighty. I have received enlightenment toward my ministry “The Senior Citizens Association” I thank Our Heavenly Father, The Archdiocese of Bombay, Rev.Fr. Felix D’souza, Rev. Fr. Aniceto Pereira, Rev. Fr. Cajetan Menezes, IMFE team, OLCM team and my family for all the inspirations, blessings and support.

- *Mark Hickey*  
*President*  
*BASCA & Senior Citizens Association*

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## Catechist Training Course (CTC)

My mother was my first faith teacher. Because of her, I now have a strong desire to learn more about our faith and, most importantly, to grow closer to God. She instilled in me the value of faith from an early age and nurtured it until it blossomed within me. I was a little nervous at first, but this simple statement from one of our catechists encouraged me: "Sian, you should go ahead! This will be another feather in your cap". I enrolled for the Catechist Training Course using my faith as a guide, leaving the rest to God.

During my interview, while Fr. Vincent D’Cruz, Director of DCC discussed the course structure, he mentioned that, “This would not only help you be a better Catechist, but it would also help you grow in your Catholic faith”. There, I sensed a calling from God. I was also reluctant because I assumed there would be no other youth doing this course, but to my surprise, I met two of my YU4C friends and was introduced to people from around the Diocese. Their warm hugs felt like familiar hugs from home. As we went deeper into teachings of the Catholic Church, I found myself enjoying

every class and growing closer to Him with each passing day. The journey was indeed a roller coaster ride, especially as I balanced my commitment to this course with my final year of studies. Yet, with God’s grace, I learned to prioritize and embrace each challenge as an opportunity for growth. Every assignment became a chance to deepen my understanding and appreciation of His word. Throughout the year, despite the highs and lows, the people I met and the love they extended were the highlights of my journey. The first Sunday of each month felt like home at the DCC, particularly during the intensive week. Though homesickness crept in, I found peace especially during moments like the reconciliation service, where I experienced profound transformation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. One emotional moment in front of the Blessed Sacrament, brought me to tears as I reflected on the blessings in my life. It was a life-changing experience that strengthened my faith.

Along the journey, I found a guiding light in Fr. Vincent, our Director, whose continuous encouragement and mentorship aided my growth as a person. I am very grateful to Fr. Osmand for providing me with this opportunity, as well as to my mother,

whose strong faith continues to inspire and strengthen mine.

This course came to me as a blessing in disguise. This journey has not only given me the information and abilities required to serve as a Catechist, but it has also strengthened my relationship with God and

His Church. It has prepared me to effectively share God's love to the little ones and build His Kingdom.

Philippians 4:13- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

*- Sian Quadros  
Catechist*



## Catechist Training Course (CTC)

My journey as a catechist began in 2018 when Ms. Jaya Anthony, the Sunday school coordinator, asked me to join the parish Sunday school. I always felt the need to better equip myself

for this vocation and to catechize children effectively. I kept putting it off due to other commitments. Last year when Fr. Osmand D'souza, our Spiritual Director, asked who would like to enroll for the Catechetical Training Course (CTC) I wasn't sure if I should enroll as I already had many commitments up my sleeve. It was Ms. Jaya who convinced me to take it up and assured me that I would be able to complete the course. So, along with Sian Quadros (JAM coordinator) I enrolled for the CTC

After the initial interview with Fr. Vincent D'Cruz, Director of the Catechetical Centre, I began my CTC journey. Ours was the 30th CTC batch with a total of 31 catechists from different parishes in the Mumbai/Thane area.

The course began in June'23 with an inaugural weekend and sessions conducted every 1st Sunday in the subsequent months. An intensive week in November'23 followed by a closing weekend in February'24 at Lonavala. Initially it was overwhelming with the assignments as many things coincided and I found it very difficult coping up. However, with God's grace, support from JAM catechists, my CTC animator Zita Serrao and my family, I completed all my assignments and the final project. I was ecstatic when I received the graduation certificate at the hands of our chief guest Fr. Bernard Lancy Pinto - Bishop elect of the Diocese of Aurangabad. The CTC has helped me develop personally and spiritually to be an effective catechist with Christ-like virtues.

Thanks to our Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes for sponsoring the course and also for attending the graduation ceremony (the best surprise). Thanks to Fr. Osmand for his guidance and spiritual support.

*- Connie Mendes  
Catechist*

## The Bombay Archdiocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue (BIRD)

Selvan Anthony, Melwin Quadros, Norbert Lobo and myself from the parish completed the BIRD course in March 2024.

Our first session was on 23rd July 2023 where we were introduced to Rev Fr. Aniceto Pereira, the Rector at the Goregaon seminary and Dr. Fr. S. M. Michael Raj SVD, a professor of Sociology and Anthropology. Fr. Aniceto was our Spiritual Director for the duration of the course. We had our sessions once a month on Sundays at 8.00 am beginning with mass with Fr. Aniceto Pereira as our celebrant and ending with lunch at 2.00 pm.

We were 26 participants from various parishes of Mumbai from different walks of life. Once a month we met at the seminary to learn about different religions from the persons of different faiths. We learnt about Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, Islam, Jainism, Hinduism etc.

On 17th December 2023, we were invited to the Archdiocesan Inter-Religious Celebration of Christmas at the Holy Name School Hall, in Colaba. The guests were of various religions. It was an interactive session. Oswald Cardinal Gracious gave a message of Peace and Harmony to the gathering.

On 18th February 2024, we gathered at St. Michael's Church, Mahim, followed by a visit to Haji Ali Dargah later to the ISKCON Temple at Babhulnath where we had lunch and lastly visited the Gurudwara at Parel. It was a great learning experience to interact with people of other faith.



10th March 2024 was Graduation Day where we received our certificates. The Malad - Kandivali group put up a skit on Sikhism. All too soon our course ended.

- Malcy D'Souza  
Bird Member

## LENTEN MISSION IN MARATHI



The theme of this Mission

*I will give you good health*

The Lenten Mission is one of the several prayer-filled events, organized by the church to help parishioners to deepen faith and relationship with God.

The Marathi Lenten Mission was held from 7th to 9th March 2024 at the Infant Jesus Chapel. It was conducted by Fr. Allwyn Misquitta SDB and his Music Ministry. It was a time of reflection and connection with the divine, filled with spiritual wisdom in the Word of God. The theme of this Mission was "I will give you good health" and had a power point presentation. Each day there was Praise and Worship, Adoration, the Eucharist celebration, Stations of the Cross and healing Rosary with counselling sessions by appointment.

On the last day of the Mission, Fr. Victor Dalmat, thanked Fr. Allwyn and praised his Music Ministry.

All of the three days, saw the Chapel spill over with an anointing of the Holy Spirit. The ultimate aim and reward of this Mission was accomplished: To carry Jesus in our heart and forge ahead with the Passion of Christ in our everyday life!

The Daya Sagar team thanked Fr. Allwyn, and our Parish Priest Fr. Cajetan Menezes for organising the Mission.

*- Bosco Patel , Member  
Daya Sagar Prathana Sangh*

## The Senior Citizens - Lenten pilgrimage to Vasai

President Mark Hickey of The Senior Citizens' Association, along with core team members, organised a Lenten pilgrimage to Vasai, on 16th March 2024, for the elderly and seniors of the Parish.

Fr. Victor Dalmet blessed everyone in the bus. The warm welcome by Mark Hickey was inspiring. The journey commenced with Natty leading the rosary and singing hymns along the way. We reached Vasai at Gonsalo Garcia Church at 9.00 am, and were treated to homemade breakfast and coffee.

The Senior Citizens' Association and Mr. Alban Lopez made prior arrangements for this pilgrimage. The Stations of the Cross were recited at every church along the way with whole-hearted participation and many expressed the fact that it made a deep spiritual impact. Every Church had its own beauty, with



its architecture, intricate art work and exuded holiness. Almost every church dated back to the 18th century.

After the visit to the last church, we had a tasteful fellowship homemade lunch. We rested and later boarded the bus to return home. We prayed and sang hymns. The trip provided many memorable moments.

*- Sheila Cardoz  
Our Lady of Valenkani Community – Zone 2*

## 'Echoes of Zion'



On 17th March, St. Anthony's Church Malwani organized a day of Praise and Worship, titled 'The Stone Thrown' orchestrated by the gospel band 'Echoes of Zion,' a part of the Salesian youth group under the guidance of Fr. McEnroe Lopez. Hundreds, eagerly assembled at the church grounds, anticipating a day of Praise and Worship in honor of Our Lord. The evening commenced with an ice breaker and a few spot prizes that got the crowd on their feet, after which Ms. Lynette

D'mello introduced the talented band. As the band took over, with each song the crowd danced and sang, praising Jesus. In between songs, Fr. McEnroe delivered enlightening talks, accompanied by interactive activities elucidating the significance of 'The Stone Thrown.' During the song 'Our Father' each person raised a lighted candle, fostering an ambience of

serenity and collective prayer followed by adoration and the offering of intentions. A perfect way to whisper our prayers to Jesus while we await his passion, death and resurrection.

The night concluded on a spiritual note leaving our hearts and souls nourished by this wonderful experience.

*- Ayesha D'Lima*

## Lenten Mission in Konkani

The Lenten Mission in Konkani was conducted for three days beginning from 4th March to 6th March 2024, at the church. It was conducted by Rev. Fr. Richard Quadros (Capuchin) from Mangalore. On the first day after the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Cajetan introduced and welcomed Fr. Richard to our Parish for conducting the Lenten mission.

On the first day the topic covered was 'Family'. Father explained the phrase 'The family that prays together stays together'. How prayer unites one and all!

On the second day the topic was about healing and forgiveness - how we should forgive one another, especially those who hurt us and even forgive our enemies.

On the third day the topic covered was 'Deliverance.' On all the three days the missions drew large crowds. To close the sessions every evening, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed followed by Benediction.

The attendees experienced the true sense of this beautiful season. It deepened our understanding on the core pillars of Lent - Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving. It was truly an enriching experience for the ones who were a part of it.

*- Gregory Veigas - PPC Coordinator  
Our Lady of Fatima Community - Zone 2*



## Interfaith Couples' Fellowship

This fellowship, held on 26th January 2024, was organized by the Family Cell under the guidance of our Spiritual Director, Fr. Cajetan Menezes, and Coordinator Richard Lasrado.

The turnout was outstanding and the programmes were loaded with games and interactions that helped in creating a fun-filled and memorable evening.

It is one of the few events which are very close to every family cell member's heart. This event gives us an opportunity to reach out, interact and spend time with our

brothers and sisters that come from different faiths yet are united in more ways than one. Every family cell member was involved in the organizing and execution of the event. Through this event our new acquaintances and friends have realized how diverse each one of us are, yet we all seek the same: Faith, love, laughter, family and friends. We hope to meet each other on many more occasions held in the parish and in our communities which will not only strengthen our bonds but also be one with Christ.

*- Nisha Dregao  
Family Cell Member*

## Conference of St. Anthony Malwani SSVP Trust:



*Hebrews 13:18*

*And don't forget to do good and share with others in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.*

On 8th December one of our adopted family members, an 84-year-old lady, whom we had admitted to an old Aged home, passed away. Some of us attended the funeral at Andheri, placing a bouquet of flowers on her grave.

For Christmas, as every year, we distributed hampers to the families consisting of chicken and cake. This year, one of our members, in a gesture of goodwill distributed Biryani parcels to all the families the day after Christmas. On 29th December a young man, member of our adopted family passed away. The coffin expenses were borne by SSVP. We also attended the funeral the next day.

One more adopted family member, a cancer patient in the last stages, received help in admitting him to a Cancer Hospice in Bandra, by ambulance. He spent his last days there in peace and relief from continuous pain before passing away on 17th January 2024.

In between all this work, we carry out visits on regular basis, distribute ration and provide medical funding. We do make time to enjoy our Birthdays with each other. It is, therefore, not all work and no play! A happy blend of both!

On 28th January, 2024, the SSVP members visited Shanthi Bhavan, an Old Age Home at Kalyan, interacted with aged inhabitants and entertained them. We personally donated some cash and one member sponsored lunch for all at the same home.

We also visited EFANN leprosy and AIDS hospital in Trombay.



The Area Council North West Two hosted a Festival Meeting at IC Church Borivali on 4th February 2024. Nine of our members attended.

On 6th March 2024 we finally got our registration certificate. We are now a registered Trust. However, a few formalities are yet to be completed.

On 12th March 2024, one more of our adopted family members passed away. He was lodged for a few months in a home for the Aged. Some of our members attended the funeral.

**- Malcy D'Souza**  
**SSVP President**



The Parishioners of St. Anthony's Church, Malwani, enacted the Lord's Passion under the direction of our very own Fr. Osmund D'souza. The concept behind this was to bring out the pain, agony and hope in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The various characters did their best to bring out these facets of our faith.

Through announcements and efforts of the SCC, we had a sizeable number of participants. In the first meeting, 12 participants showed up, just like Jesus' Apostles, "the chosen ones". All were very anxious and wanted to know about what their role would be. We were asked to read out a few narrations, which would help in selection of the characters.

The Second meeting was held a few days later.

Fr. Osmond chose two main characters Jesus and Mother Mary. Jesus was played by a youth name Jovial and Mother Mary's role was assigned to me.

Every practice thereon taught me something new about our Lord. His patience, kindness and humility were some of them. The actors put their heart and soul into the characters

assigned to them. Our cast involved not only kids but also the seniors of our parish which was heartening to watch.

Everyone felt blessed to be a part of the Passion play.

The more we rehearsed, the closer it took us to Jesus and also highlighted the bitter truth of betrayal - the people who we trust and love are the ones who are most likely to reject us. This indeed made us realize Jesus's pain of being betrayed by his own.

The performances were exceptional and each one portrayed their roles with passion, lending credence to the entire performance. It left the spectators feel that they were experiencing the actual scene, and made the entire staging effort worth the while.

- Jennifer Sutari

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## Annual Day



The JAM Annual Day 2024 was a spiritual and cultural spectacle that beautifully embraced the theme of "Saints". Under the guidance of our Sunday School

Spiritual Director, Fr. Osmand D'souza, the event was a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our JAM children.

The celebration commenced with students from Standard I & II leading the opening prayer, bible reading, prayers of the faithful, and a hymn that set a reverent tone for the day. Their performance of "Trading My Sorrows" captivated everyone present, eliciting an overwhelming response as they exuded the Joy of the Lord. Parents of Standard I & II added to this joy with their scintillating act that entertained all in attendance.

As the event progressed, each grade presented skits and performances centered around various saints' lives. Standard III brought to life St. Teresa of Kolkata's compassion; Standard IV depicted our Patron St. Anthony through skit and song; while Standard V portrayed pivotal moments from St. Francis Xavier's life.



The energy continued to surge as Standard VI showcased St. Francis of Assisi's story with great enthusiasm and vigor. The narratives kept unfolding with Standard VII depicting St John Bosco's love for youth and Grade VIII portraying Apostle Thomas'(Apostle of India) journey with Jesus.

Grade IX students provided insight into St Thomas Aquinas' scholarly life through their enlightening presentation.

Culminating this divine experience was a performance by our JAM teachers to Gospel

music which led into a grand March where parents, children, and teachers alike danced joyously to "When The Saints Go Marching In."

This memorable event not only marked the end of an academic year but also served as an affirmation of faith and community spirit within JAM 2023-24. We look forward to welcoming back these radiant faces next year for another season filled with energy and passion for Jesus!

- *Loveena D'Souza*  
JAM Catechist

## Overnight retreat for Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

As I share my experience of our retreat for the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, held on 12th & 13th Feb, I want to thank God for this awesome retreat



centre in Igatpuri, a town encompassed with picturesque hills and trees, just 130 km from Mumbai. The aura of the locale filled me with a sense of harmony and took away all my weariness while I was in His eternal presence. The environment filled us with an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. I was in awe of how God had chosen this place for an encounter with Him led by Fr. Bineesh through the teachings, prayers, and praise and worship. Throughout the day we listened to the inspiring talks by Fr. Bineesh which deepened my relationship with the Eucharist, keeping Mama Mary as our role model and our role as ministers while we engaged in meaningful discussions with fellow ministers. These talks enriched my understanding on the sacredness of the Eucharist and the importance of our role in serving the old and the housebound.

One of the most powerful moments of the retreat was during the Eucharistic adoration. As I knelt before the Blessed Sacrament, I felt a deep sense of reverence of the

true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the amazing privilege I am given to serve as a minister of this sacrament.

The walking pilgrimage to the hills of Igatpuri at dawn the next day, reciting the Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries, was an unforgettable and life-changing experience. As an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, it allowed me to associate with the suffering of Christ in a deeper and intimate way, boosting my understanding of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

After this retreat, I now go out with greater zeal and enthusiasm as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, to serve the sick and the home bound in my community every Sunday. I feel truly blessed to have made this retreat and thank Fr. Osmand for arranging this retreat for us.

- *Minino D'souza*  
Shalom Community, Zone 7

## ROOTED IN LOVE... GROUNDED IN SERVICE

*You are a priest forever  
in the line of Melchizedek,  
consecrated to the service of the Lord  
to sit at His right hand...*

On the 16th of March 2024, the joy at St Anthony's, could not be contained as after decades a son of the soil was going to offer his life to the vineyard of the Lord.

Deacon Christopher Fernandes, whose motto selected was aptly captioned: Rooted in love... Grounded in Service, was anointed by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias among the chirping of the birds and the glorious twilight at St. Pius X seminary, Goregoan. After spending more than 8 years discerning the call of the Lord, ten young and vibrant men said 'Yes' to the Lord. The ceremony was solemn and the Cardinal in his sermon urged the newly ordained to consider themselves as field marshals ready for battle in this materialistic and broken world. One of the most beautiful moments of the Eucharistic celebration was the family offering their son at the altar and moving back to their places. What a beautiful symbol of the priest having to live a life apart from his family!

The ordination celebration was interspersed with many moments of grace such as the Litany of Saints, the priests falling prostrate in front of the altar, the family receiving the Eucharist by the newly ordained.

Fr. Christopher, a single child of a single mother, celebrated his Thanksgiving Eucharist on the 19th of March, the feast of St Joseph, at the 7:00 pm mass. Father and his family were brought in solemn procession to the church, accompanied by the other newly ordained priests and the parishioners. The Eucharist began with a prayer dance



and an aarti. Fr. Christopher preached about the similarities of the life of a priest and St. Joseph. He thanked all who had journeyed with him throughout his seminary days and asked for prayers for his ministry. The celebration was inspiring and had many emotional moments.

Let us continue to pray that many of our young men and women will answer the call of God and offer their lives to serve God and the community.

Indeed....many are called but few are chosen!

*- Yulricka Fonseca*

# Matters that Matter



## IS KINDNESS AN OUTDATED VIRTUE?

The outside of a human being is like a cover of the book, the inside might be a very good story. But you never know the inside if you can't get past the first page. To be kind is to respect and acknowledge the other person and make them feel good. It's important to be nice to other people because we do not know the struggles the other person might be going through - struggles of health, finance, relationship - either loss or betrayal. Smile is magical to the other person and makes them feel ecstatic. It can spread an aura of acceptance without saying a word. It improves mood and exudes happiness.

It all starts with a smile. A sense of purpose to feel good and make the other feel good. You give and receive at the same time. Kindness is a rolling action.

Kindness can be categorized in the following ways:

1. **Actionable kindness** is all about purpose e.g. offering to help someone, complimenting someone, volunteering to offer your seat in a crowded bus or a train, lending a helping hand to an elderly or a physically disabled, helping a child to cross the road, offering a lift in travel, buying food or medicines for the needy.
2. **Intentional kindness** is all about care and concern for others. eg. Listening to someone who needs to talk, to offer apology when you have wronged someone, to show empathy and compassion towards someone who is

struggling, practising forgiveness and letting go off grudges. This calls to be open-hearted

3. **Social kindness** involves generosity of time, talent and resources. This kindness is the greatest of them all. It demonstrates that you value them, putting their needs before your own. This act of kindness builds strong relationships and creates a sense of community.

When you show kindness to someone who is struggling, you provide them with motivation they need to keep going, helping them to overcome challenges. One act of kindness can impact a single person in a community or an entire society. Kindness is contagious. Kindness is a soft gentle touch on the pulsating heart. "*Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see*" says Mark Twain!

In Christianity, kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and is seen as a reflection of God's love. Examples in the Bible are numerous: that of the good Samaritan, Ruth showing immense kindness to her mother-in-law, King David showing Jonathan's son kindness because of the friendship he had with Jonathan. The list is endless...

In the New Testament, Jesus' healing ministry is full of kindness and compassion. In a world that can often feel chaotic and overwhelming, kindness is a beacon of hope. "*Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers & sisters... that you do unto*

me” These words says Mother Theresa is the gospel in five words 'that you do unto me'. We all are kind people from inside; that small dwelling place which we need to visit from time to time. Next time you have the opportunity to show kindness to someone, don't shirk from it. You never know how much of an impact it could make on you and the other person, as well!

Col 3:12 “As God’s chosen ones holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience” It’s Gods desire for us to be kind to one another at all times.

*- Carmine Serrao, Word Minister  
Our Lady of Assumption Community - Zone 7*

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## **A SLICE OF HISTORY COMES ALIVE: THE ARCHDIOCESEAN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Located in the ‘green heart’ of Mumbai, the winding walk amidst the boughs and branches of the wooded heritage’s gnarled tree trunks, leads you to the lofty portals of the Goregaon Seminary.... Not without missing the lush green manicured lawn, hosting a huge football ground: all in all, a special relationship with nature! A climb up the immensely grand stairway, reminiscent of the Opera houses in Paris, is definitely distracting as one takes in the grandiose of the Italian marble before stepping into the breathtaking precincts of the Heritage Museum, on the mezzanine floor.

### **Facts about the Museum...**

The museum, Fr. Warner D’Souza’s brainchild, was set-up in 2011, as the city’s first institution, solely dedicated to preserving Christian heritage with a focus on art and artefacts. In fact, it is the country's second museum on Christian religious art, a repository of Christian artefacts dating back from the 16th Century. More than 130 artefacts from churches across Mumbai and Goa are on display at this museum. The museum has been collecting old and antique discarded artefacts from various churches and restoring them. It has a collection of liturgical books, manuscripts, religious objects, sculptures, and paintings related to Christianity. The museum houses a collection of ritual paraphernalia, such as thuribles, goblets, candlesticks and several chalices with intricate designs. The museum also displays priests' clothing - delicately embroidered chasubles - ornate outer



vestments worn by priests - from all Christian rites. The beauty of the restored articles and the rare pieces of art, transport you to timelessness!

The piece de resistance in the museum is the pictorial timeline from 100 AD onwards which captures the local history of the Church. Superimposed against significant national and international events this is an attention arrestor! The curiosity to see the name of the Parish you belong to, makes it a mandatory search with the visitor group, knocking heads together to look for their place under the timeline!

### **To commemorate a decade...**

On completion of a decade in 2021, the Museum launched a coffee table publication. Joyneel Fernandes, Assistant Director, Archdiocesan Heritage Museum, laboured over this piece of history for over six years throwing light on the rare artefacts in the museum’s collection. This has now become a collector’s item!

### **All about our visit....**

An enthusiastic group of the Bible Cell members and a handful of other interested parishioners of St. Anthony, Malwani, decided to embark on this

journey as a part of the Lenten spirituality. This took off, after booking a time slot for the conducted tour.

The trip surpassed expectations. The 2 and ½ hours spent at the museum had breaths held spell-bound, with a rally of questions posed in eager anticipation of Joyne!s intricately woven explanation replete with details, interspersed with little anecdotes that added to the flavour of the tour. As someone rightly commented: 'GOOSEBUMPS', on hearing some of the narratives along the tour, summed it all!

The young and ever-enthusiastic team at the

Museum, comprising of Taniya, Natasha, Sheetal and Sahil, made the tour even more interesting. Their infectious smiles and willingness to help left a warmth that surpassed the courtesy of the chai and bikkis served to us.

**In finality...**

A highly recommended visit for the neighbourhood Christians and anyone with a penchant for knowing more about the faith. The history behind every article in the museum, shrouds valuable information! It is a veritable walk down 'Heritage' lane!

*- Rudy Gomes*

*Our Lady of Fatima Community, Rathodi*

## **EAST INDIAN INTROSE – A CARNIVAL OF FESTIVITIES**

### **Here's are some EI traditions and customs which you may find interesting.....**

The native East Indians especially of Salsette (islands in Mumbai) have a common custom of celebrating (Introse) community-wise ... according to the Gothra they belonged to.

Here at St. Anthony's Parish we have 2 legacy Goths - The Gonsalves Goth and the Gracias Goth that have been celebrating Introse for decades.

Introse is mainly a community dinner celebrated from Fat Sunday (Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday) to Pancake Tuesday. Before we mark the beginning of the season of Lent, the whole community comes together for some fun, frolic and fellowship.

The celebration begins on Sunday morning, when all men are assigned the job to get the meat whereas women would gather at the community meeting point to prepare the meal. The highlight of the day is East Indian special Mutton Khuddi using only East Indian Bottle masala. Entire day is invested in preparing the dinner. A time is set for the distribution of the meal, however, Gothkaris would also come along with Rotis (Handbreads) to sit together and cherish the meal along with some drinks.

The community square is cleaned and decorated for the evening festivities. Women, men and children are dressed in their best.

There's music, dance, games for children, elders and showcase of traditional elements to ensure our Gen Zs also pick on the culture.

Day 2 Monday is kind of a replica of the first day however



the savory includes any of the chicken dishes. There are events conducted to promote culture.

Day 3 is a bit different where the community ladies would gather in the afternoon and prepare a dessert i.e. East Indian Goracha - a sweet dish prepared from coconut milk, jaggery and dal. This is distributed to the whole community just as the mutton khuddi.

The celebration ends before 12am with the National Anthem being played. Members would wait back to clean the village square and finally everyone would return home to prepare for the season of Lent.

*- Murial Nigrel Gonsalves*

*Christ The King Community – Zone 4*



## SMALL 'KINDNESSES'

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying.

And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.

We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.

We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange.

What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead – you first," "I like your hat."

- Danusha Laméris

## KINDNESS

*"Let no one ever come to you without feeling better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."* Mother Teresa

Imagine seeing an innocent puppy on the side of the road who has gone for days without eating because it's injured and cannot walk? Or again, seeing an orphan child who longs for the love of his parents whenever he sees his friends celebrating parent's day? Or seeing a person being discriminated against and brutally trolled because of their skin colour or their lower economic and social status in society? What is the one thing they would wish for under these circumstances?

How would you respond to these situations?

Show them the least bit of kindness and give them a meal to eat, shower them with the parental love they are longing for and again to accept that person as a human being irrespective of their looks or socio-economic status. The love that the puppy will show you in return will melt your heart. The satisfaction of showing kindness to that little child will bring tears to your eyes. The smile and gratitude you receive from the person you show acceptance to, will fill you with joy.

These small acts of kindness have the power to make us feel immensely blessed. We have one life, so does the opposite person and the innocent animal on the street. Let's strive to radiate kindness to as many people and animals as we can. Go ahead and experience it for yourself, I guarantee you it is the best feeling in the world. So, I believe kindness is NOT an outdated virtue. It is very much THE NEED OF THE HOUR especially in today's age and time. BE KIND!

- Sarah Ferreira  
(Social Worker)

Marian Community – Zone 7

# Marathi Section

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## जागतिक उपवास व प्रार्थनेचा दिवस

इन्फन्ट जिजस कम्युनिटी

२२ मार्च ह्या दिवशी आमच्या विभागाचे सर्व ॲनिमेटर व सभासद दुपारी ३:०० वाजता एकत्र जमलो. प्रार्थनेची सुरवात गायनाने केली. प्रथम या दिवसाबद्दल परमेश्वराचे आभार मानले. त्यानंतर मांगणी व प्रार्थना केली.

जे अत्याचार ख्रिश्चन लोकांवर होत आहेत; आणि जे करीत आहेत त्यांना चांगली सुबुद्धी मिळावी, सर्व चर्चसाठी प्रार्थना केली. परतेश्वराच्या माणसांना त्रास देऊ नये, चर्च तोडू नये, व या येणाऱ्या निवडनुकीत आम्हाला एक चांगला नेता मिळावा हीच अपेक्षा.



संपूर्ण भारतासाठी प्रार्थना केली, नंतर दयावंत येशूची रोझरी केली, शेवटी गायन घेऊन सर्वांचे आभार मानले.

- ॲनिमेट  
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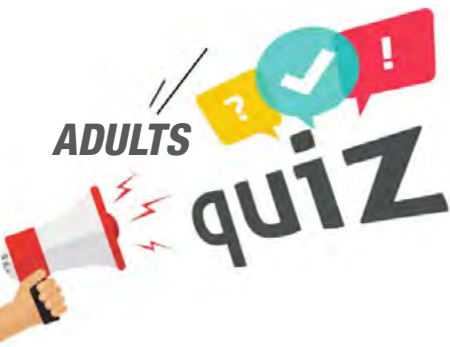
### Listening and reaching out

Pope Francis, therefore invited the faithful to ask themselves if they are able to listen to people and make themselves available to meet their needs or, instead, "make excuses and hide behind abstract and useless words."

**"When was the last time I visited a lonely or sick person, or changed my plans to meet the needs of someone asking for help?"**

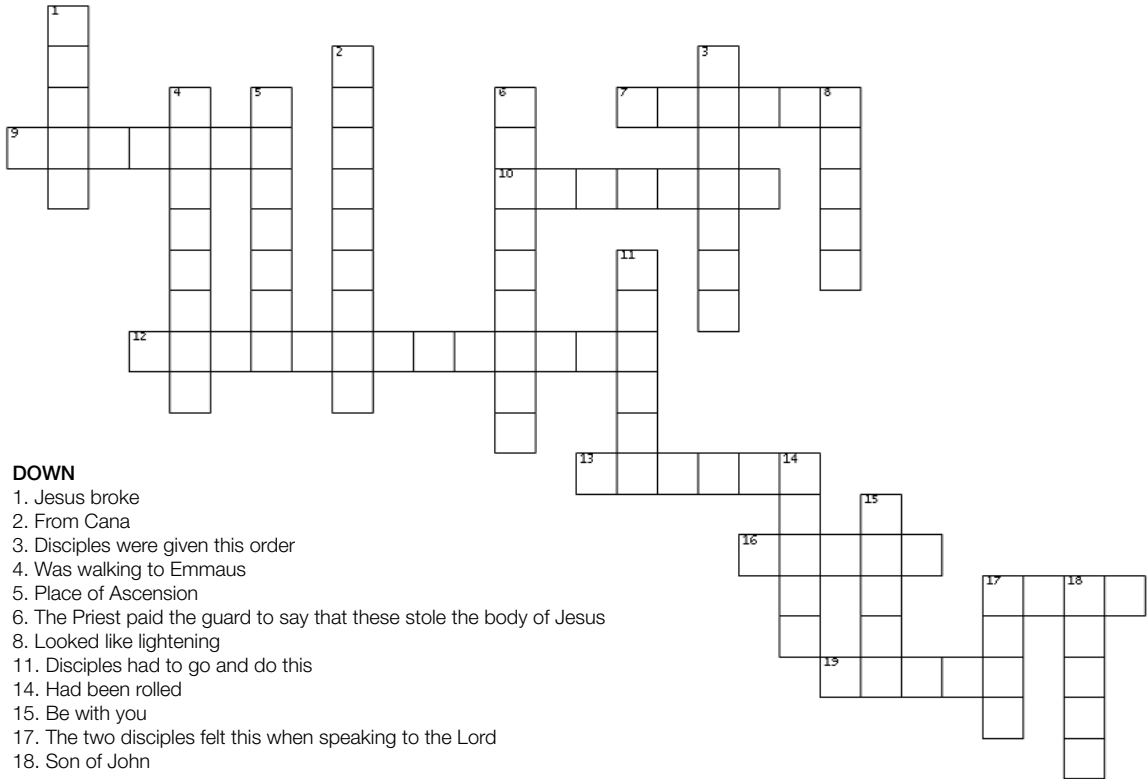
*Pope at Angelus: 'Reach out to the suffering with actions, not words' 11 February 2024*





**ACROSS**

- 7. One of the women who had visited the tomb
- 9. Jesus met his disciples here
- 10. After which day did Mary come to the tomb
- 12. Was the first to meet the resurrected Lord
- 13. Questioned the resurrection
- 16. Law
- 17. Jesus ate
- 19. Was asked three times if He loved the Lord



**DOWN**

- 1. Jesus broke
- 2. From Cana
- 3. Disciples were given this order
- 4. Was walking to Emmaus
- 5. Place of Ascension
- 6. The Priest paid the guard to say that these stole the body of Jesus
- 8. Looked like lightening
- 11. Disciples had to go and do this
- 14. Had been rolled
- 15. Be with you
- 17. The two disciples felt this when speaking to the Lord
- 18. Son of John

Kindly place your xerox answer sheet in the church / chapel collection box mentioning your name and community on or before 10th June 2024. Names of those with correct entries will be published in the next issue.

**Adult Quiz Answers January – March 2024**

**ACROSS**

- 2. Life **Word**
- 6. God grants us this **eternal life**
- 7. The last line commands us to stay away from this **idols**
- 8. If you see any one commit a sin **pray**
- 11. Already know the Father **children**
- 12. This is complete **Joy**
- 14. Purifies us from sin **blood**
- 15. Only way we can know God **commandments**
- 17. Perfect love drives this out **fear**
- 18. Comes from God **Love**

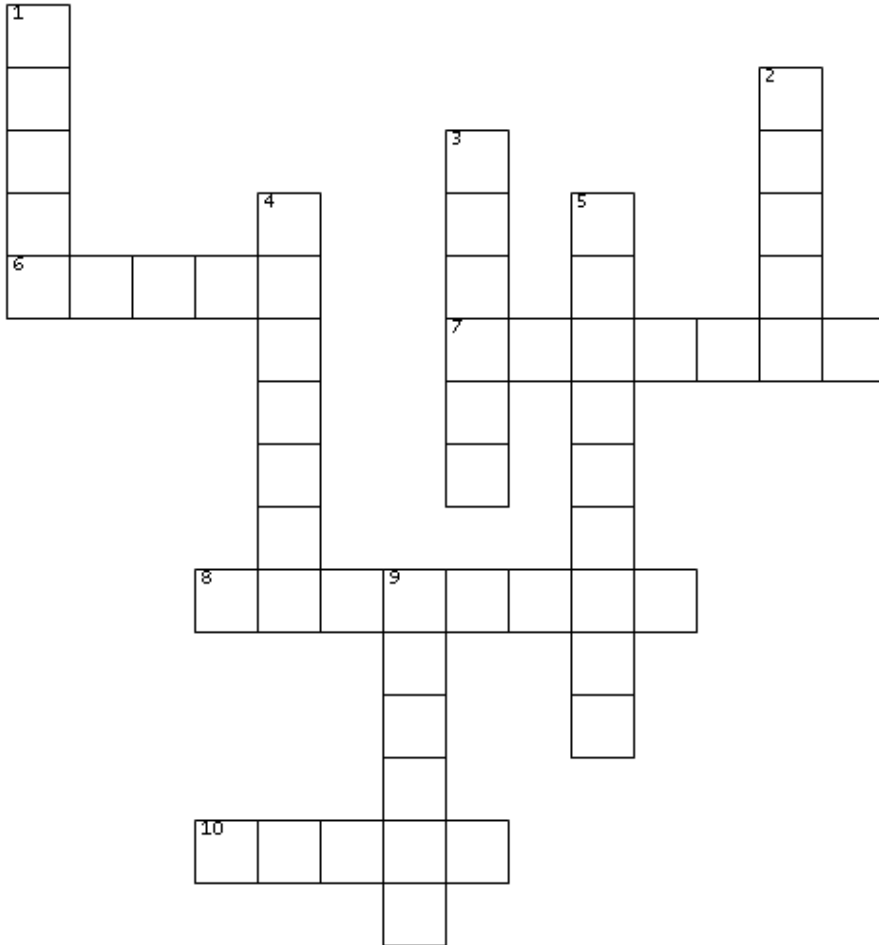
**DOWN**

- 1. Love in ? and deed **truth**
- 2. passes with it's attractions **World**
- 3. On who hates his brother **murderer**
- 4. was made visible **Life**
- 5. Son **Jesus Christ**
- 9. If we sin we have an ? with the Father **advocate**
- 10. God is **Light**
- 13. Overcome the evil one **young**
- 15. Killed his brother **Cain**
- 16. Passing away **darkness**





# KIDDIES CORNER



**ACROSS**

- 6. Beginning
- 7. Symbol of Christ's wounds on the candle
- 8. Sung after lent
- 10. Blessed during the Easter vigil

**DOWN**

- 1. End
- 2. Rung while the Gloria is sung
- 3. Represented in the Easter candle
- 4. Large white candle
- 5. Easter candle is lit from Easter to this feast
- 9. Mother of all vigils and greatest Sunday

**Rush your answers on or before 10th June 2024**  
**Place your xerox answer sheet in the church / chapel collection box mentioning your full name, standard, community and zone.**

## *Called to* **Eternal Life**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Relation</b>	<b>Area</b>
1	<b>Delphine D'souza</b>	01-01-2024	81yrs	W/o Lawrence Peter D'lima	Orlem
2	<b>Damien Marcus D'sa</b>	02-01-2024	43yrs	S/o Marcus D'sa	Evershine Ngr
3	<b>Sebastian Gomes</b>	28-12-2023	86yrs	S/o Peter Gomes	Jankalyan Ngr
4	<b>Ivy Joseph Xavier</b>	06-01-2024	95yrs	W/o Joseph Xavier	Marve Village
5	<b>Ernest Gomes</b>	17-01-2024	79yrs	S/o Late Carlos Gomes	Malwani Village
6	<b>Jacintha Vincent D'souza</b>	23-01-2024	54yrs	W/o Vincent D'souza	Malwani Village
7	<b>Vasantha Hawkinson Fernandez</b>	24-01-2024	65yrs	W/o Hawkinson Ben Fernandez	INS Hamla
8	<b>Marylyn Sarah D'souza</b>	31-01-2024	58yrs	W/o Eustace D'souza	Marve Village
9	<b>Dorothy D'souza</b>	01-02-2024	75yrs	W/o William D'souza	Jankalyan Ngr
10	<b>Edwin Gracious</b>	03-02-2024	63yrs	S/o Charlie Gracious	Kharodi Village
11	<b>Liberrette Monica Fernandes</b>	10-02-2024		D/o Wilson Fernandes	Jankalyan Ngr
12	<b>Romaldine Rolphy Fernandes</b>	12-02-2024	62yrs	W/o Rolphy Fernandes	Malwani Church
13	<b>Paul Joseph Borges</b>	16-02-2024	85yrs	S/o Joseph Borges	Malwani Village
14	<b>Jackline D'souza</b>	18-02-2024	85yrs	W/o Joaquim D'souza	Rathodi Village
15	<b>James Varghese Kuruthukulam</b>	20-02-2024	63yrs	S/o Varghese Kuruthukulam	Malwani Church
16	<b>Parama Sivam Karuppaswami</b>	21-02-2024	77yrs	S/o Karuppaswamy Subbia	Malwani Church
17	<b>Mario Santan Fernandes</b>	24-02-2024	62yrs	S/o Santan Fernandes	Malwani Village
18	<b>John Thankayyan Paul</b>	12-03-2024	65yrs	S/o Thankayyan Paul	Malwani Church
19	<b>Cecil Manavel Patel</b>	21-03-2024	82yrs	S/o Manavel Patel	Kharodi Village
20	<b>Conrad Joseph Castelino</b>	22-03-2024	49yrs	S/o Late Joseph Castelino	Jankalyan Nagar

# Forthcoming Events

## MAY

- 1 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker  
-Maharashtra Day
- 12 Ascension of the Lord
- 13 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
- 19 Pentecost
- 24 Feast of Mary Help of Christians
- 26 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
- 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## JUNE

- 2 The Body and Blood of Christ
- 4 1st PPC Meeting
- 5 World Environment Day
- 7 Novena for the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, begins
- 7 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 St. Anthony of Padua - Parish Feast
- 24 Nativity of John the Baptist
- 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
- 30 Laity Sunday

## JULY

- 2 PPC Meeting
- 7 Faith Formation Sunday
- 16 Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 26 Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne  
(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
- 28 Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne  
(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
- 31 Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola



