



GOLDEN JUBILEE SPECIAL SOUVENIR

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

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We wish the Parish Team and all parishioners a Happy Feast on the momentous Occasion of the Golden Jubilee. May the Parish bloom and blossom and see several more years.

*St. Louis, the Patron of our Church
Pray for us*



With Best Compliments from

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MESSAGE



REV. FR. RONALD FERNANDES, C.S.C
PARISH PRIEST, ST. LOUIS CHURCH

My Dear Louisians,

At the outset let me wish one and all a grace filled feast of our patron saint Louis. It gives me immense joy as we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our St Louis Center. A long journey from domestic chapel at Nicolaswadi to a mighty parish church as St Louis Parish (1972 to 2022).

I am highly honoured to be part of this Golden Jubilee celebration. In the post pandemic time, the Holy Church has already begun the process for a more participatory church through the synod on synodality. The synodal church is the dream of Pope Francis. The word Synod comes from two Greek words. The word Syn means common/together and Hodos means path or road. Therefore Synod means journeying together.

My dear Louisians, we must work tirelessly in becoming the Body of the Christ which is the Church. Prayer and love will be our main tools as our Lord tells us. We must grow in virtue and diminish in vice. As individuals and as a community here in the parish we must become visible signs of God's presence and power at work in our lives.

Looking back at the 50 years of life at St Louis, I feel strongly the synodality has taken a great role. It is by standing together and journeying together we all could achieve this milestone of completing 50 years of faith journey. It shows that journeying together we can achieve more.

Today we thank God for His loving care for all His people. Thanks, be to God for our parish community. Thanks be to God for the faith, hope and love of the past 50 years of life. A big thank you to all our donors and faithful people who made it possible for this wonderful celebration. My heartfelt thanks to all the people involved in organizing this glorious event of Golden Jubilee, beginning from Parish Pastoral Committee, Finance committee and the members of all the cells and associations.

My big thanks to my priest brothers, Fr Biju, Fr-Praveen, Fr-Nibin as well as brother Jacob for their constant support and help when ever needed. I sincerely thank the members of Liturgy committee, cultural committee, magazine committee as well as the food committee. They had helped us in the meticulous planning and execution. I am sure every member of St Louis family will be blessed for the gesture of generosity shown now and then, especially during this year of the jubilee. All of you have given your time, talents and financial assistance to be part of this great celebration. This is only a beginning of new era.

God bless you and am looking forward to build a still vibrant parish community which will continue to share and care for each other selflessly.

Wishing you once again a happy feast of St Louis, the Patron of the parish. May he continue to bless us and keep us united to be people of one heart and one mind.



माड्या प्रिय लुईसकरानो,

संवत्स्रम, मी आपले आश्रयदाते संत लुईसच्या सणाच्या सर्वांना हार्दिक शुभेच्छा देत आहे. आज संत लुईस सेंटच्या युवर्ण महोत्सव साजरा करत असताना मला खुप आनंद होत आहे. आज आपण निकोलस वाडी ते संत लुईस धर्मग्राम (१९७२-२०२२) हा प्रवास साजरा करत आहेत.

फा. रॉनलड फर्नाडीस
प्रमुख धर्मगुरू, संत लुईस चर्च, दहिसर

या युवर्ण महोत्सवी सोहळ्याचा भाग होण्याचा मला अत्यंत सन्मान वाटतो. साथीच्या रोगानंतरच्या काळात पवित्र ख्रिस्तसभेने सिनड ऑन सिनोडलिटी द्वारे अधिक सहभागी होणाऱ्या ख्रिस्तसभेची प्रक्रीया आधीच सुरु केली आहे. सिनोडल चर्च हे पोप फ्रान्सीस याचे स्वप्न आहे. सिनड हा शब्द दोन ग्रीक शब्दापासून आला आहे. सिन म्हणजे सामान्य अथवा एकत्रीत आणि होडस म्हणजे मार्ग अथवा रस्ता. म्हणून सिनड म्हणजे एकत्र प्रवास करणे.

माड्या प्रिय लुईसकरानो, आपण चर्च म्हणजेच ख्रिस्ताचे शरीर बनण्यासाठी अथक परिश्रम केले पाहिजे. आपल्या प्रपू देवाच्या म्हणण्यानुसार प्रार्थना आणि प्रेम ही आपल्या जीवनातील मुख्य साधने आहेत. आपण सदगुणात वाढून आपले दुर्गुण कमी केले पाहिजे. आपल्या धर्मग्रामात व्यक्ती म्हणून व समाज म्हणून कार्य करत असताना आपण आपल्या जीवनात देवाच्या उपस्थितीची आणि सामर्थ्याची दृश्यमान चिन्हे बनवली पाहिजे.

संत लुईस सेंटच्या ५० वर्षांचा इतिहास मार्गे वाढून पाहता मला असे वाटते की, सिनोडलिटीने मोठी भूमिका घेतली आहे. एकत्र राहून व एकत्र प्रवास करून आपण सर्वांनी विश्वासाच्या ५० वर्षांचा प्रवास पुर्ण करण्याचा हा टप्पा गाठला आहे. हे दर्शविते की एकत्र प्रवास केल्याने आपण भरपूर काही साध्य करू शकतो.

देवाने त्याच्या सर्व लोकांनी प्रेमने काळजी घेतल्या बदल मी देवाचे आभार मानतो. आपल्या धर्मग्रामीन समाजाबद्दल मी देवाचे आभार मानतो. गेल्या ५० वर्षांच्या प्रवासातील विश्वास, आशा आणि प्रेमाबद्दल मी देवाचे आभार मानतो. मी सर्व देणगीदारांचे आणि विश्वासे लोकांचे मनपूर्वक आभार मानतो ज्यांनी हा अदभूत उत्सव साजरा करण्यास हातभार लावला. धर्मशास्त्रीय सल्लागार समिती, फायनान्स समिती, आणि सर्व संघटनांच्या सदस्यांपासून सुरुवात करून युवर्ण महोत्सवाच्या या गौरवशास्त्रीय कार्यक्रमाले आयोजन करण्यात सहभागी झालेल्या सर्व लोकांचे मी मनपूर्वक आभार मानतो.

माझे सहकारी धर्मगुरू फा. विजय, फा. प्रविण, फा. निधीन तसेच ब्र. जेकब यांच्या सतत पाठिंब्या बद्दल मी आभार मानतो. गरज भासेल तेव्हा मदतीचा हात पुढे केल्याबद्दल मी उपपसना समिती, सांस्कृतिक समिती, सॅजीन समिती तसेच खानपान समितीच्या सदस्यांचे मी मनापासून आभार मानतो. सुस्थ नियोजन आणि अमलबजावणीसाठी त्यांनी आम्हाला मदत केली होती. मला खात्री आहे की, संत लुईस परिवारातील प्रत्येक सदस्यांनी वेळोवेळी दाखवलेल्या उदारतेसाठी त्यांना देवाचा आशिर्वाद मिळेल या उत्सवाचा भाग होण्यासाठी तुम्ही सर्वांनी खुनचा वेळ, प्रतिभा आणि आर्थिक मदत दिली आहे. ही फक्त नव्या युगाची सुरुवात आहे.

मी एक स्थिर चरित्राची समुदाय बनविण्यासाठी उत्सुक आहे जो निर्यायपणे एकमेकांना सामर्थी करून त्याची काळजी घेईल. दृश्याला पुन्हा एकदा आपले आश्रयदाते संत लुईसच्या सणाच्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा. एक दिलाचे व एक मनाचे लोक एकत्र राहण्यास त्याचा आशिर्वाद आपल्याला मिळेल हीच सदिच्छा व प्रार्थना.



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*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.” (Col 3:15)*

It is with immense joy and deep gratitude to God that I send this message to Fr. Ronald Fernandes, Parish Priest, the parish team and the parishioners of St. Louis Church at Dahisar as the church celebrates its Golden Jubilee. On this joyful occasion we echo a song of praise and thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness and innumerable blessings.

The 50th Anniversary of a Church is day of rejoicing and thanksgiving. For it is an opportunity for more intense pastoral activities among the priests and parishioners which will help build a community of faith and love - a spiritual house of which St. Peter speaks or when he says, "like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house. to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1Pet 2:5).

A parish is not just a group of individuals or families. It seeks to become ever more fully a people of God, a family of faith sharing the mission of Christ, and developing the structure necessary for supporting its community life and carrying out its mission. This Golden Jubilee is a historic milestone and a joyful occasion for the parishioners to recall the past and thank God for the faith and the Christian heritage handed down to them over the years.

May God shower His choicest blessings on the priests, religious and parish community of St. Louis Church, Dahisar. May the intercession of St. Louis always help us to remain faithful and committed to God's work.

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Dear Rev. Fr. Ronald Fernandes, CSC and members of the St. Louis Parish Community, It is my privilege to extend to you my warmest congratulations and prayerful best wishes on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Louis Parish Centre, Mumbai.

This anniversary celebration reminds me of the following passage in the Gospel of St. Matthew. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard seed that a person took and sowed it in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches." (Mt 13:31-32)

Much like the parable, the seeds of faith began small when your church was established in 1972. Slowly, the unit grew from having Mass in a private home to the eventual building of a small chapel. With the support of the Holy Cross Fathers and faithful Parishioners, over the years the St. Louis Community has continued to grow to be 'the largest of plants' today with approximately 950 families, 2400 faithful, and a school that educates 1900 students.

We give thanks and praise this day for the wonders of God's grace that continues to be nurtured in the hearts of those who worship, work and study at St. Louis Parish Centre. I also thank in particular, the Holy Cross Fathers, and the faithful people who have gone before us to build this mighty tree of a worshipping community where people can dwell in its branches' with joy, love and compassion.

On this occasion of your Golden Jubilee, may you be ever more zealous in your efforts at promoting our Holy Cross mission of evangelisation, education, communion, and outreach to those most in need.

May God bless you and St. Louis Parish as you continue to sow the seeds of Faith.
With sincere congratulations, gratitude, and prayers, I remain faithfully and



Fraternally yours in Holy Cross,
Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.
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I am very happy to write this message on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Sy. Louis Church, Dahisar. The Fathers of Holy Cross have been closely associated with St. Louis Church right from the time it was a small chapel administered by the clergy team of Immaculate Conception Church, Borivali.

I am indeed proud of what the chapel has achieved in the past 50 years. It has grown from a small chapel to a large vibrant parish, catering to the needs of the faithful in its jurisdiction. We, the Fathers of Holy Cross, are proud to be a part of the history of St. Louis as it has grown over the years.

On this happy occasion, my wish and prayer is that St. Louis Parish, with its clergy team and its parishioners continue to be a source of blessing and service to its people.

May God continue to shower his blessings on St. Louis Parish, enabling its pastors and parishioners to reach new heights of holiness and service. May the Lord continue to bless, guide and unite all the faithful of St. Louis Parish, Dahisar!

Congratulations dear Fr. Ronald Fernandes, Parish Priest, the Parish Clergy, the Pastoral team and all the Parishioners.



Fr. Roque D Costa, CSC
Provincial Superior

Province of South India



August 2022

I am delighted to share my thoughts on this joyful occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of St. Louis Church.

The jubilee theme 'United in Faith' formed a uniting prayer bringing together the diversity of concerns and expectations into a framework for understanding and commitment to move forward together in our pilgrimage as a Louisian community of faith. It motivates us to reflect on how we make this pilgrimage of faith and fellowship a reality by making a difference in the lives of those around us in the parish and in society at large. The Jubilee year helps us to look back at the yeoman service rendered by our predecessors who worked tirelessly to build this thriving Louisian community. It is with a grateful heart we remember all those who walked before us.

Looking forward, this journey of faith is:

a) spiritual, involving identifying the gifts that God has already given the church in Dahisar in order to embark on this pilgrimage
 b) dynamic, in that it demands us to analyse our lives in order to identify areas of blessings more so of brokenness where God's people and creation are hurting and where we feel Jesus Christ is calling us to bring empathy and reparation

c) transformational, in that we are called to bring healing, reconciliation, peace with justice to the areas we identified. Whatever ways we decide to be involved in the pilgrimage; we contribute to the myriad stories of people striving to collaborate in building His Kingdom.

Let us work together as a community of faith, each doing their part joyously by sharing our faith to make the St. Louis parish a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in the coming years.

With best wishes

Bijumon

Fr. Bijumon Thomas CSC

Principal, St. Louis High School



Cleston D'Costa
 Chief Editor and Designer



As I began writing this editorial note, many memories of the many milestones of our church gathered around me. My family came to Dahisar when I was a month old and over the years, I got a closer view of the several efforts that the community has put in towards the church.

St. Louis Church today is an amalgamation of myriad helping hands, generous hearts, sharp minds along with God's blessings and mercy. St. Louis Church truly has gone from a church with extremely humble beginnings to the beautiful structure that we have today.

The souvenir book in your hand contains a celebration of us as a People, and our long journey from 1972 to 2022. The book has messages from eminent personas, a history of the church, messages from cells and associations and advertisements. We also tip our hat to our strength - our parishioners via a family photo booklet.

I thank all our advertisers, sponsors, organising team, content and performance contributors, volunteers in making the Golden Jubilee celebrations and this souvenir a memorable one. Lastly and pertinently, I thank and congratulate the Parish Priest and team for taking the lead on the momentous occasion of St. Louis Church, Dahisar.

I feel blessed to be a part of St. Louis Church where everyone knows your name and greets you with a smile.

COVER ART: The cover page of our Souvenir illustrates the various facets of our Parish that includes spiritual works like Mass, Confirmation, Way of the Cross enactments and other activities like sports, health camps etc.



THE HISTORY OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH, DAHISAR

By Mr. Charlie D'Silva

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St. Louis church, Dahisar, formerly known as St. Louis Mass Centre is part of Immaculate Conception church, Borivali. In 1972, the late Mr. L.D. Creado, a local resident of Dahisargaon, wrote to the then Archbishop of Bombay, Valerian Cardinal Gracias, about the spiritual problems faced by the residents of Dahisar. In the same year, on August 15, the first mass was celebrated in Marathi, by the late Fr. Martin D'Souza, with the guidance of the late Fr. Frank Noronha, at the late Mr. Angel Nicholas D'Silva's residence at Nicholas Wadi. The seminarians from Goregaon and sisters of the Helpers of Mary came forward to make arrangements for the mass. Fr. Cyril D'Souza and Fr. Lawrence Abello then celebrated Sunday mass at the centre regularly till 1975.

As participation for Sunday mass started increasing, the late Fr. Milton Miranda, Assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, was appointed to cater to the spiritual needs of the people of Dahisar. The work done by Fr. Miranda in Dahisar was praiseworthy. The Marathi choir we have at St. Louis was developed and trained by him. Fr. Miranda, along with Fr. Frank Noronha and Bishop Longinous Pereira met the late Mrs. Marceline Misquitta, an original inhabitant of Dahisar, and requested her to donate some land for the church. With a grateful heart, Mrs. Misquitta donated one acre and five *guntas* in memory of her late husband, Mr. Louis Misquitta, to build a church and school. Fr. Miranda completed the formalities and held mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

In 1978, Fr. Peter D'Mello took over the responsibility of what came to be called 'St. Louis Mass Centre'. In the same year Fr. Peter got the NOC and in 1980 built a chapel. The first mass in the chapel was celebrated on Palm Sunday by Fr. Peter D'Mello, under the guidance of Fr. Frank Noronha, Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church.

In 1981, Fr. Elias D'Cunha was appointed assistant at I C Church; he took over from Fr. Peter D'Mello. He immediately got cracking and levelled the land and planted trees all around. He collected funds and arranged for all that was needed to celebrate the Eucharist. In 1983, Fr. Elias D'Cunha started the nursery school inside the mass centre. The effort put in by Fr. Elias was well-appreciated and in 1984 the responsibility of managing St. Louis Mass Centre was handed over to the Carmelite Fathers. Fr. Bernard Nunes, Fr. Peter D'Sa and Fr. Gregory Menezes were in-charge. The Carmelite Fathers installed the Blessed Sacrament and started the daily mass. The Saturday evening English mass started during this time.

It was around this time that 'St. Louis Mass Centre' became well-known. In 1988, Fr. Anthony D'Souza purchased two flats in Dahisar East at Panki Apartments and held mass there every Sunday and on first Fridays. During the tenure of Fr. Ralph Fernandes, Parish Priest of I C Church, and Fr. Victor Menezes, Assistant Priest at I C Church, the centenary of I C Church was celebrated by the entire parish community.

In 1989, the late Fr. Peter Bambachna was handed the responsibility of managing the mass centre. During his short tenure he not only catered to the spiritual needs of the people around but also provided medical assistance. In 1992, Fr. Thomas Pereira CSC of the Holy Cross, and Fr. Wilson D'Mello, Assistant priest of I C Church, took over. In 1993, Bishop Thomas Dabre celebrated the feast mass and Bishop Bosco Penha administered the sacrament of confirmation at the Mass Centre. In 1994, the responsibility managing the mass centre was handed over to Fr. Malcolm D'Souza with special powers.

Fr. Malcolm collected funds through a raffle programme and transformed the small centre into a church. He was the first priest to start various cells and associations at St. Louis Mass Centre. He formed the Legion of Mary, the SVP, the Altar Servers' group, Ladies' Sodality etc. These cells and associations are still very active and vibrant in the parish. The FSMMA Sisters assisted in the centre's progress during this period. During Fr. Malcolm's tenure, St. Louis Mass Centre celebrated its Silver Jubilee. It was Fr. Malcolm who accelerated the growth of St. Louis mass centre and school. In 1998, the responsibility again shifted, from Fr. Malcolm to Fr. Dominic Alves, who took a step forward to unite people of various cultures. During his tenure, Fr. Tony Mendonca, Parish Priest of I C Church along with Mr. Charlie D'Silva and Mr. Salvador Saldanha got the Index II & 7/12 Extract in the name of I C Church. In 2000-2001, Fr. Hugh Fonseca, Parish Priest of I C Church, put forth the proposal of making St. Louis Mass Centre an independent parish. An election was held on the proposal and 98 percent of the people rejected the proposal.

In 2003, Fr. Dominic Alves handed over the responsibility of St. Louis Mass Centre to the capable hands of Fr. Herve Morissete CSC and Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida CSC. Fr. Morissete was involved in the spiritual growth of the people while Fr. Lawrence identified leaders in the area and began working on the project of building a church and school. In the same year, the first project committee was formed; it included Fr. Morissete, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Gordon, Mr. Charlie D'Silva, Mr. Salvatore Saldhana, Mr. Diego Tuscano, Mr. Francis Rodrigues, Mr. Ronnie Almeida and the late Mrs. Muriel Fernandes.

Since funds in hand were minimal, Rs 10 lakh was collected through a raffle programme. Fr. Hugh's encouragement was tremendous. The same year Fr. Lawrence, with the help of some parishioners, visited Dubai and collected Rs 10 lakh. During this period Fr. Hugh handed over the Power of Attorney and property papers to Fr. Morissete and Fr. Lawrence. The paper clearance was done simultaneously with collection of funds. On June 1, the school started Class 1. The IODCC to start work was also received.

During the floods of 2005, major church property was damaged. The teachers and locals rescued almost 200 children from the overflowing waters of Dahisar river. In 2004-2005 a comedy show, the Johnny Lever Nite, and a souvenir was brought out and Rs. 20,00,000 was raised. With enough funds in hand to start work, architects, contractors and RCC consultants were appointed. With the help of Mr. Celestine and Louis Rodrigues, T-arch Consultants' architect Mr. Tarunbhai Mota agreed to complete the formalities with the BMC and necessary documents were handed over to him.

M/s. Pendse & Associates were appointed to design the structure and Mr. Abhijeet Phatarpekar was appointed RCC Consultant. With the help of the architect and RCC consultant, Mr. Rafighbai's City Arcade Pvt. Ltd. was given the contract to build the structure for the church and school.

In 2006 Bishop Percival Fernandes blessed the cornerstone of the building. Present on the occasion were the Provincial and priests from Holy Cross. In July 2006, the church-to-church collection drive commenced. Rs 1 crore 51 lakh was collected. During this time Fr. David Adakalam was appointed Principal of the school.

In 2007, St. Louis Mass Centre received the status of a Quasi Parish. Seven leaders from seven sectors were appointed to the first PPC of St. Louis Church. With the status of quasi parish locals were apprehensive about burials and funeral. Fr. Franklin Mathias and Fr. Lawrence got together and resolved the matter through a written understanding, signed in the presence of the then Dean of the Borivali deanery, Fr. Salvador Rodrigues.

On April 6, 2008, amidst the sound of trumpets, Archbishop of Mumbai Oswald Cardinal Gracias blessed the new church. All the priests who worked for the development of the church were invited to the inauguration. The little mass centre had overcome many hurdles to see this beautiful day. After the inauguration of the church, Fr. Lawrence was transferred to Pune. He was accorded a grand farewell. Fr. Leo and Fr. Johnny replaced Fr. Lawrence at St. Louis Church. Fr. Leo looked after the church affairs whereas Fr. Johnny was responsible for school matters.

Fr. Leo continued the good work done by Fr. Lawrence and completed the school project. Fr. Johnny contributed by way of developing heart and mind of the parish children. In October 2011, Fr. Leo was appointed Provincial of the Holy Cross Congregation. After he left for Bangalore Fr. Johnny played the vital role of Principal and Parish Priest at St. Louis. In 2012, the school project was almost complete and on February 24 the school was blessed by his Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias.

In 2013, Fr. Ronald Fernandes took over as Parish Priest while Fr. Johnny took care of the school. In 2014, the first batch of SCC students appeared for the board exams and passed out with a 100 per cent result. Fr. Johnny's association with St. Louis church and school was over in October 2014. He was transferred, making space for Fr. Martin to take over as Principal of St. Louis High School. In June 2015, Fr. Ronald was replaced by Fr. Lancy D'silva. We put on record the services rendered by the Assistant priests during all these years. We also place on record the services rendered by Fr. Vino, Fr. Roshan, Fr. Ronson, Fr. Oliver, Fr. Lourdu, Fr. Terence, Fr. Gordon and Fr. Arun during their respective tenures. It is very heartening to place on record that since the first batch of SCC students appeared, the school has maintained its 100 percent SCC result.

After Fr. Lancy D'silva completed his term at St. Louis church, Fr. Ronald was back again as Parish Priest in 2018.

Fr Ronald was privileged to hold the mantle to celebrate the Decennial celebration of the formation of the parish of St Louis (2008 to 2018). The year 2020 faced with the devastating pandemic situation. Our parish has lost nearly 35 to 40 people due to Corona Virus infection. The parish under the able leadership of Fr Ronald went out to take care of the poor and the needy by providing ration as well as to provide the basic medical aid to the poor and the needy. For nearly 9 months from the month of April 2020, the parish provided rations to nearly 150 families every month irrespective of caste and religion. He made sure that no person in the vicinity goes to bed without food to eat.

During the pandemic, since the churches were shut, the parish also streamed the masses online for the people to participate in the breaking of the bread. The Churches slowly opened up post restrictions but adhering to the safety protocols set by the authorities. The youth also streamed programs on the Parish Feast and Parents Day on our official YouTube channel in 2021. To keep in contact with the people in these uncertain situations some parish communities started having online rosary every day. This helped in strengthening the bond of belonging to the parish.

The devastating flood fury affected the people of Mahad and the parish contributed 4 lakh worth material (food grains, bedsheets and toiletries) to take part in the suffering of the people. The parish community had been very supportive when it came to help the poor and the needy.

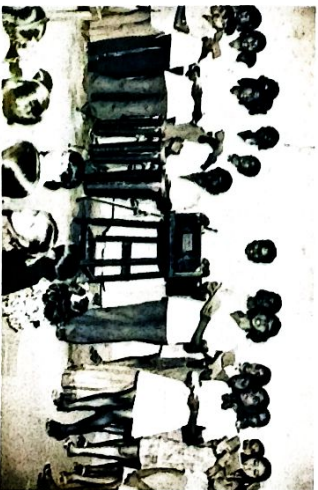
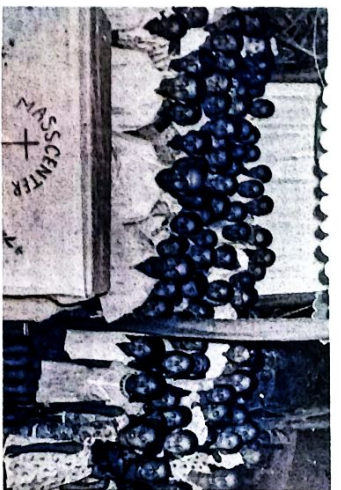
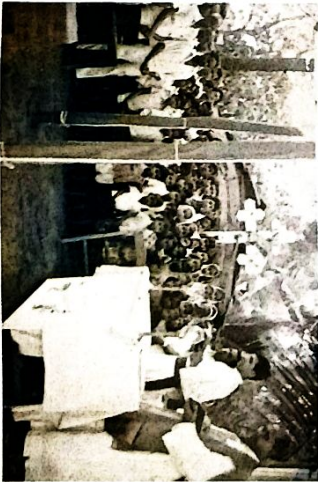
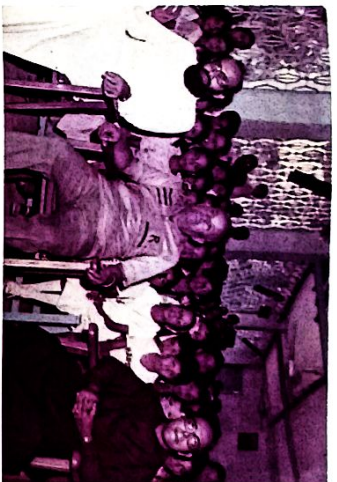
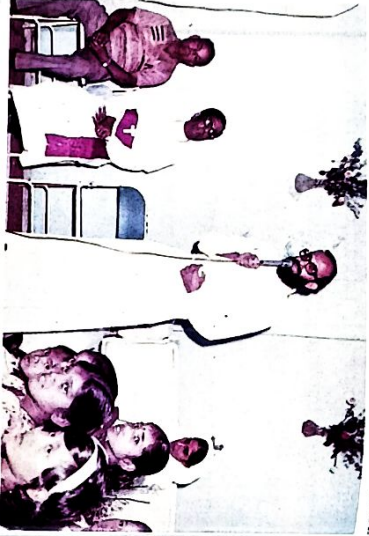
The year 2021-22 was a year of another landmark. We celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the mass centre, now which is a full pledged parish, having around 950 registered families. the climax of the celebration was on the 15th of August, 2022, where we had the finale with a high mass celebrated by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, concelebrated by most of the former priests who served in the parish, followed by a cultural program, which ended with a sumptuous meal served for around 2000 people.

We also acknowledge Fr. Chinniah Saripudi, Fr. Joel Mendonca, Fr. Praveen Bandula and Fr Nbin Syriac as assistant priests in the parish. Fr. Biju Thomas Vetrickal, assistant Parish Priest, has taken over the reins as Principal of the school from Fr. Martin S.

There were many donors, well-wishers and common people who helped in making the church what it is today. Our gratitude goes out to them. We also pray for our departed volunteers, that their souls may rest in peace. From 7 Sectors in 2007 we have grown at a fast pace; today we have 13 Sectors at St. Louis Church, Dahisar. The strength of the parish is increasing by the day. We have around 22 associations working in the parish now.

May God bless all the donors for their generosity, the parishioners for their hard work put and all the priests for meeting the spiritual and educational needs of the people of Dahisar.

*A Look Back
in Time*



On 15th August 2022, our church celebrated fifty glorious years in the service of God and His people through the benevolence of our patron St. Louis. No one could have imagined the Lord's plans for our community when the church began as a humble chapel fifty years ago. This momentous day was replete with triple the joy, being the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, 75th Independence Day of our country and Golden Jubilee of our church.

The Holy Eucharist in commemoration of this auspicious occasion was preceded by a warm welcome to His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, the chief celebrant, with an ensemble of over 25 priests representing the past and present clergy who have served at St. Louis over the decades.

The cultural programme began with a video of the history of our church evoking collective nostalgia. Fr Biju, Principal, St Louis School, then extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and they were also felicitated with a bouquet. His Eminence as well as Fr Roque, Provincial Superior of The Fathers of Holy Cross of The South Indian Province, addressed the gathering with anecdotes and snippets of the church's illustrious journey. The eternal debt of gratitude to the Misquitta family, donors of the land for the church, was expressed with a token of appreciation. The past priests who served at St. Louis were also felicitated on this occasion as also members of the committees that were instrumental in the building of the church.

Various vibrant performances were put together by the Sunday school children, Parish Youth Group, Marathi and Konkani groups and St Louis school students. The souvenir for the Golden Jubilee and the Marathi Hymnal was launched and our very own church website www.stlouischurchdahasar.in was also unveiled by His Eminence.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Charlie D'Silva, VP, PPC and Fr. Ronald Fernandes, our Parish Priest delivered the closing address. The programme concluded with a fellowship meal.

May the Good Lord continue to nurture the Louisian community with his blessings as we continue on our journey of faith.

**Andrea Sebastian
Parish Youth Group**



ST LOUIS GOLDEN JUBILEE 1972 - 2022



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दहिसर मिस्या केद म्हणजे आताचे आपले सेट तुर्जस चर्च. १५ ऑगस्ट १९७२ साली मरिया मातेच्या स्मरणयाच्या सणाच्या पवित्र दिवशी ख्रिस्तावासी फा. मार्टिन डिसोजा यांनी निकोलस वाडी येथे ख्रिस्तावासी आजले निकोलस डिसिसिया याच्या राहत्या घरी पहिली मराठी मिस्या साजरी केली. त्यावेळेस फा. मार्टिन यांना मराठी गायनाची व मराठी वाचकाची गरज भासली. तेव्हा त्यांनी गोरगाव सेमिनरीतील काही बरवाना बोलाविले व येथील लोकाना गायन करण्यास प्रशिक्षण दिले. चर्च प्रमाणेच मराठी गायन मंडळ सुद्धा आपला सुवर्ण महोत्सव साजरा करीत आहे.

मिस्या केदामध्ये स्थापनेपुर्वी कोणतीही सघटना नव्हती म्हणून कोयराचे सभासदच धर्मगुरू सांगतील ती कामे करायचे. १९७६ साली मराठी भक्ति धर्मगुरू म्हणून ख्रिस्तावासी फा. मिल्टन मिराडा यांची नेमणूक झाली. ते सगीतात तज्ञ होते व स्वतःच गीत रचना करून त्याला सगीत देत असत. त्यांनी येथील मुला-मुलींची गीत-सगीत शिकवण्याची विकारी पाहिली व अनेक मास्टर त्यांनी तयार केले. बाॅनी पररा, सिरिल डिसिसिया, चाली डिसिसिया, जॉन रॉड्रिज, जेरी रॉड्रिज सारखे मास्टर त्यांनी तयार केले. या दोन वर्षात त्यांनी भरपूर मेहनत केली व मुबई तसेच वसई धर्मजातात परिचीत असे मास्टर घडविले.

मिळाने, सत तुर्जस गायन मंडळ दहिसर मध्येच नव्हे तर मुबई व मुबई बाहेर देखील आपली सेवा देत आहेत. गेल्या ५० वर्षांत हे कोयरा आकाशवाणी, दूरदर्शन अशा अनेक ठिकाणी नाताळ गीताच्या कार्यक्रमामासाठी गेले आहेत. मुबई शहरात नावाजलेले कालाचोडा फेस्टीवलसाठी धर्मिक कार्यक्रमासाठी नाताळगीत प्रस्तुत केली आहेत. तसेच मुबईत ज्या ठिकाणी मराठी मिस्या होतात तेथे नोव्हेंनाच्या दिवसात दहिसर कोयरला गायनासाठी आमन्त्रित केले जाते. त्याचप्रमाणे मराठी गायन विकास सघटना व मुक्तीसंगार प्रबोधन केदाम्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने होणाऱ्या गायन मंडळाच्यात जवळ-जवळ २० वर्षे उत्कृष्ट कोयराचा मान मिळवला आहे. 'ख्रिस्तासाठी'- ही प्रचंड गाजलेली कॅसेट ही श्री. चाली डिसिसिया यांनी फा. मिल्टन व कोयरा सभासदांच्या साथीने प्रसिद्ध केली. तसेच गेल्या दशकात चार इस्ट-ईडिशन कॅसेट्स प्रसिद्ध केल्या आहेत.

सत तुर्जस गायन मंडळाचे कार्य हे फक्त दहिसरच्या चर्च पुरता मर्यादित नाही तर आपले गायन मंडळ इतरत्र आपली सेवा देत आहे. चाली डिसिसिया यांनी १९८१ साली नागापट्टम वेलकमी येथे फा. मिल्टन मिराडा यांच्या सहाय्याने मराठी मिस्याला सुरुवात केली. सत जुडु थर्डन येथे गेल्या १५ वर्षे त्यांच्या प्रयत्नांने मराठी मिस्या सुरू झाली आहे. तसेच मुबईत व मुबई बाहेर त्यांच्या प्रयत्नांने इस्ट-ईडिशन मिस्या सुरू आहे. हे प्रारंभीक गायन मंडळ आपला सुवर्ण महोत्सव साजरा करीत आहे व आपणा सर्वांना सत तुर्जस व मरीया मातेच्या स्मरणयाच्या सणाच्या सुभेच्या देत आहे.



1996 St. Louis Choir at a Programme on DoorDashan



सत तुर्जस सोझालिटी

सत तुर्जस लेडीज सोझालिटीची स्थापना जानेवारी १, १९६६ साली रेव्ह. फा. मॅल्कम डिसोजा यांच्या कारकिर्दीत झाली होती. लेडीज सोझालिटी संघटनेत ३७ रित्रिया आहेत व आमने कार्य संपूर्ण वर्षभरत मोठ्या जोमाने चालू असते.

महिल्यांच्या सर्व गुरवार आमच्या संघटनेच्या सभा होतात व या सभेद्वारे आम्ही विविध कार्य करीत असतो. पहिल्या गुरवारी सन्मपुर्वी जपमाळेची प्रार्थना होते. दुसऱ्या गुरवारी चर्च साफकार्क करण्यात येते. तिसऱ्या गुरवारी आज्ञायाना व दुऱ्ची कुटुंबांना भेटून त्यांना आधार व सात्वन देतो व शेवटी पाचव्या गुरवारी विविध मुद्यावर विचार विनिमय करतो.

वर्षभरतील सर्व बुधवार, महिल्यांच्या पहिला शुक्रवार, शनिवार व रविवार व सर्व सणाच्या मिस्यावर स्वयंसेवकाचे कार्य करणे कर्णीक जमा करणे व त्याचा हिशोब करून धर्मगुरूच्या स्वाक्षि करणे ही लेडीज सोझालिटी संघटनेची जबाबदारी आहे.

गेल्या २५ वर्षे लेडीज सोझालिटी सातत्याने ही व अशी अनेक कार्ये करीत आहे. आमच्या संघटनेतील अनेक वरीष्ठ देवाघरी गेल्या आहेत. त्यांच्या आत्म्याला शांती मिळावी व आमची प्रार्थना आहे.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP REPORT

Prayer Meetings are held on Mondays after the 7.00pm mass from 7.35pm to 8.50 pm, in the still area.

The Meeting begins with Praise and Worship. The Bible teaches us to praise God with "loud shouts" or "joyful noise" (Ps 27:6; 42 :4;66:1), with "clapping"(Ps47:1), raised hands (Ps:63 4;134 :2)

The reason for such freedom in Praise is "The Lord takes pleasure in his People".

The Praise and Worship is followed by a Teaching on Scriptural topics for Spiritual development of the members. Towards the end of the meeting one of the Core team members prays over everyone in need of prayers.

The Intercessory Team meets in the classroom in the still area before the prayer meeting from 6.00pm to 6.50 pm to intercede for various needs of our Parish the sick, the CCR, Our County, and the world.

It is heartening to have about 60 committed members. Approximately 40 to 45 attend prayer meetings regularly.

The Pentecostal Rally organized on Zonal level on 4th June was well attended by our members.

Our Prayer group members try and attend The online monthly Zonal intercession, Night Vigil at St Francis Xavier church, Vile Parle, and the online Zonal Bouquet of Praise on Wednesday.

The 14th Anniversary of our Prayer group was celebrated on 11th July with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by our Spiritual Director, Rev Fr Ronald Fernandes and a Fellowship meal.

I Would like to mention that we are at the threshold of the Culmination of the CCR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION. His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracious has gladly given permission to have the JUBILEE Convention in English, Marathi, Hindi and Konkani; in Mumbai from OCTOBER 22nd to October 24th, 2022. The Theme is Rooted in Christ and Empowered for Mission.

On behalf of my Core team, I gratefully acknowledge the support, guidance and motivation given by Our Parish Priest and Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr.Ronald Fernandes.

Thelma Castell

SERVICE IN LITURGY

The word Liturgy literally means work of the people, within the Catholic Church it is used to describe all the public acts of worship that take place, as it draws the people into the work of God. It is through the liturgy that people engage with the faith and deepen their relationship with God. Liturgy is the 'Divine worship' by the Church and includes the celebration of holy Mass, the celebration of the holy Eucharist is the source of our faith, and so all other liturgies flow from and to the celebration of holy Mass.

After the lockdown was lifted, the Eucharistic celebration was allowed inside the Church. Prior to that was the question... who will shoulder the responsibilities of work related to the liturgy? Our parish priest on approaching me, though initially I expressed discomfort, my second thought gave me a feeling of a 'Vocation' to serve in liturgy. Leaving behind all differences of the past, I agreed to the call and was assigned to take charge of the English liturgy group during the core committee liturgy group meeting.

This helped us in building our confidence on everyone and the lectors group of our Church was formed. We conduct monthly holy hour in English on every second Friday of the month.

From the core committee members, four were selected and allotted the responsibilities of the liturgy work including choir for Mass on weekdays and weekends by our parish priest. All committee members work hard like one collective 'Vocation' in their respective fields in liturgy work.

Core committee meets as and when needs arise for discussion and implementation, chaired by Parish priest along with our Spiritual director, Fr. Praveen.

And finally at the end of the Holy Eucharist the 'Joy' of reading the 'Word of God' can be clearly seen on the bright faces of our lectors.

Botelho C. English Liturgy Group

St. Louis Community Welfare Fund

The seed of St Louis Community Welfare Fund was sown in the year 2008 under the Visionary Leadership of Rev. Fr. Leo D'Souza. The sown seed has grown to a fully grown Banyan Tree providing shades and relief to the less fortunate Brothers and Sisters of our Community.

In this Golden Jubilee Year of St. Louis Parish, we are happy to inform that SLCWF has completed 14 years of bringing joy and smiles to our needy and less fortunate parishioners by providing medical aid, educational reimbursement, and ensuring that no child of our Parish is denied basic education for lack of finance. Other form of support such as ration to the needy Parishioners is also extended by the Parish Priest and decided in our monthly meetings.

The process is very transparent and the parish councillors along with the animators and the investigating team helps in reaching out to the needy parishioners. All this is possible due to the unflinching support and generous contribution of all the Parishioners to the Community Welfare Fund, under the guidance of the past and present Parish Priests.

Actioning main objective to reach out and translate the Parish Vision Statement of "Breaking the Word of God in our Families and Sharing the Bread with the Needy" brings happiness no doubt, but sacrifice means contributing your mite in time for the larger good of the community. It means charity to uplift the poor and needy.

The disbursement of Funds is allocated for better control, budgeting & administration as under:

- 1) For Medical and Education 50%
- 2) Church Support and Maintenance 25%
- 3) Community Activities of each

sector 13%

- 4) Youth and Children Activities 5%
- 5) Parish Sports and Recreation 0
- Senior Citizens 5%
- 6) Reserve Fund for unforeseen Contingency 2%

As the SLCWF is growing and reaching out to more and more families in our Parish there is enthusiasm and spirit of commitment among the committed members to bring smiles to our Parishioners. Let me end with the phrase "That there is no Higher Religion than Human Service... to work for the common good of the community is the greatest creed".

We continue to Achieve this goal by your generous support and thru the leadership and coordination provided by Parish Priests and the Parish Council Team.

Women's Cell Report

Women's cell was started with 5 members back in 2007 under the guidance of the then spiritual director Fr. Vito.

Since a decision was made to rebuild the church, the women cell in their initial years contribute majorly towards this cause by collections through various means such as running the school canteen, going to different churches for collections.

The women cell till date actively participates in decorating the church every Sunday and on major liturgical days. The women cell along with the prison ministry, as a part of their outreach program went to Dahanu and extended support.

The cell also invites street children and home bound kids to celebrate women's day. The cell from time to time also extends support to the parish priest in fete and other school celebrations. Today, The numbers have increased to 18 and their efforts have doubled to assist the church. We are grateful for contribution of these strong women and wish them all the best.

Prayer for Families

O God of goodness and mercy, to Thy fatherly guidance we commend our family, our household and all our belongings. We commit all to Thy love and keeping; do Thou fill this house with Thy blessings even as Thou didst fill the holy House of Nazareth with Thy presence.

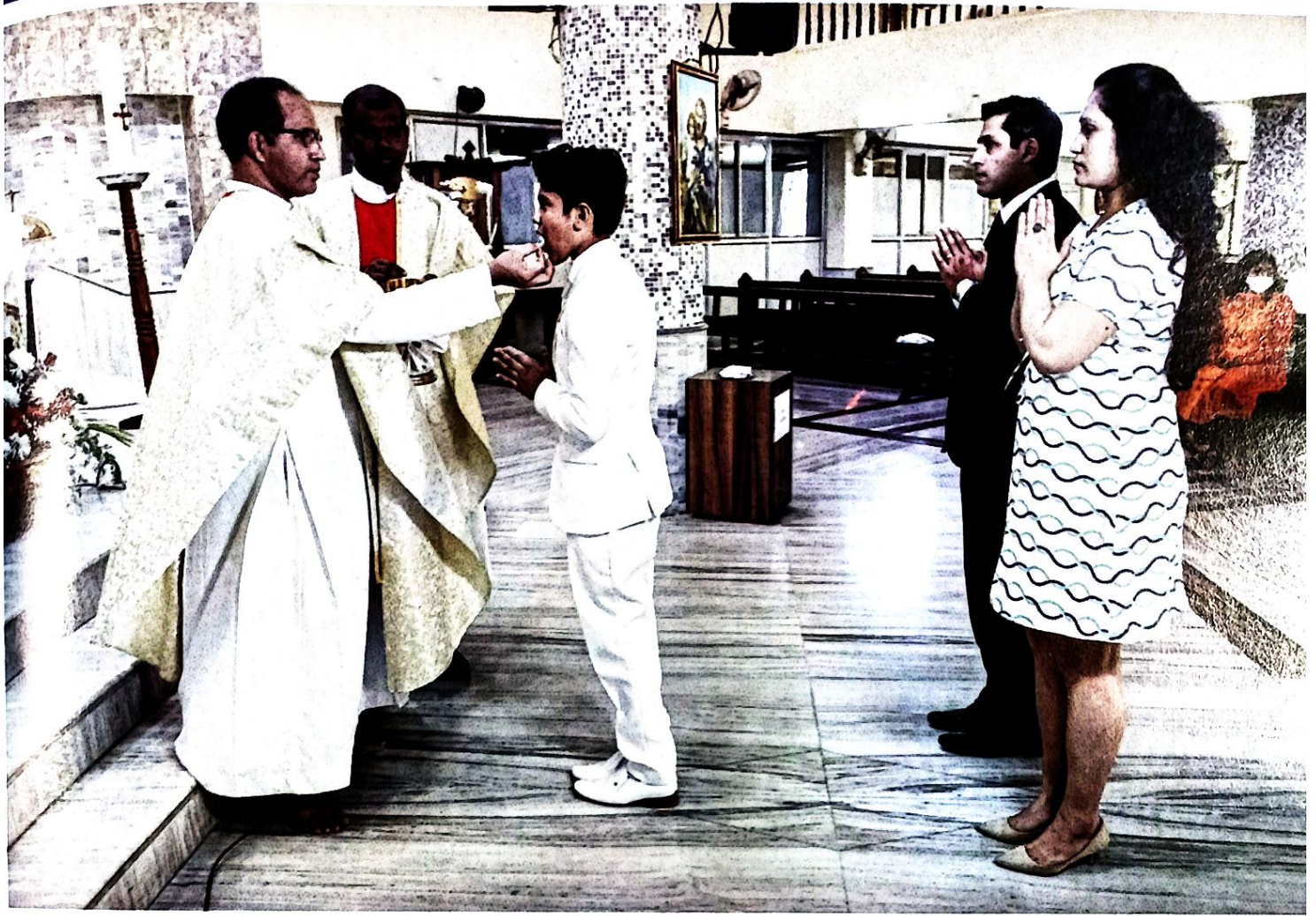
Keep far from us, above all else, the blemish of sin, and do Thou alone reign in our midst by Thy law, by Thy most holy love and by the exercise of every Christian virtue. Let each one of us obey Thee, love Thee and set himself to follow in his own life Thine example, that of Mary, Thy Mother and our Mother most loving, and that of Thy blameless guardian, Saint Joseph.

Protect us and our house from all evils and misfortunes, but grant that we may be ever resigned to Thy divine will even in the sorrows which it shall please Thee to send us. Finally give unto all of us the grace to live in perfect harmony and in the fullness of love toward our neighbor. Grant that every one of us may deserve by a holy life the comfort of Thy holy Sacraments at the hour of death. O Jesus, bless us and protect us.

O Mary, Mother of grace and of mercy, defend us against the wicked spirit, reconcile us with Thy Son, commit us to His keeping, that so we may be made worthy of His promises. Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Savior, guardian of His holy Mother, head of the Holy Family, intecede for us, bless us and defend our home at all times.

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Spirit! Amen.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022



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REMEMBRANCE



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NICHOLE SIMON LEWIS

02.11.1993 – 19.05.2014

NEVER FORGOTTEN

*We think of things you used to say, and all that you would do,
At some point, every single day, our thoughts will turn to you.
To lose you was a bitter wrench, the pain cut to our core.*

*Our tears have once again begun, although it bring us comfort to walk down memory lane.
Its remind us how without you life has never been same.*

*We are sad within our memory, lonely are our hearts today –
For the daughter we loved so dearly has been forever called away.
We think of you in silence no eye may see us weep –
But many silent tears are shed when others are asleep.*

*We know we can't be with you now and you can't be with us but safe inside
our heart you will stay that's where you always be.*

*Beautiful memories of you sprayed with a million tears –
How we wish, God had spared you for, just a few more years.*

*Thank you for the love you gave us. Thank you for the love we shared –
We only pray that when you left, you knew how much we cared.*

*A tribute of love from
Simon Lewis, Irene Lewis, Melissa Lewis & Stephen Alexander*



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