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'पुनरुत्थित परमेश्वराला भेटा, त्याचा आवाज ऐका, त्याच्या उपस्थितीचा अनुभव घ्या'

ख्रिस्ताठायी प्रिय बंधू आणि भगिनींनो,
आपल्या प्रभु येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या पुनरुत्थानाचा उत्सव साजरा करण्यासाठी आपण तयारी केली आहे, या उत्सवात आपल्याला या घटनेचा आपल्या जीवनावर झालेल्या खोल परिणामाची आठवण करून दिली जाते. इस्टर हा नूतनीकरण, आशा आणि आनंदाचा काळ आहे आणि आज हा संदेश तुमच्यासोबत सामायिक करणे हे माझे भाग्य आहे. येशूचे पुनरुत्थान आपल्या विश्वासाचा पाया आहे. ते आपल्यावरील देवाच्या प्रेमाची अंतिम अभिव्यक्ती आहे आणि अनंतकाळच्या जीवनासाठी आपल्या आशेचा स्रोत आहे. संत पॉल लिहितात, "जर ख्रिस्त मरणातून उठविला गेला नसता, तर आमचा संदेश आणि तुमचा विश्वास दोन्हीही व्यर्थ आहेत" (१ करिंथ १५:१४). पण ख्रिस्त उठविला गेला आहे आणि यामुळे सर्व काही बदललेले आहे. याचा अर्थ असा की पाप आणि मृत्यूची सत्ता यापुढे चालणार नाही. याचा अर्थ असा आहे की आपल्याला नवजीवन देण्यात आले आहे, एक जीवन जे उद्देशाने आणि अर्थाने भरलेले आहे.

आपण इस्टर साजरा करतो तेव्हा आपल्याला आपल्या स्वतःच्या जीवनावर विचार करण्यासाठी आमंत्रित केले जाते: माझ्यासाठी येशूच्या पुनरुत्थानाचा अर्थ काय आहे? पुनरुत्थानाच्या सामर्थ्याने माझे जीवन कसे बदलू शकते? या प्रश्नांची उत्तरे देण्याचा एक मार्ग म्हणजे शिष्यांच्या जीवनाकडे पाहणे. पुनरुत्थानापूर्वी शिष्य भय, शंका आणि अनिश्चिततेने भरलेले होते, परंतु पुनरुत्थानानंतर ते धैर्य, आत्मविश्वास आणि आनंदाने भरून गेले. नक्की फरक कसा पडला? पुनरुत्थित ख्रिस्ताची भेट हाच सर्वात मोठा फरक होता. येशूला जिवंत पाहण्याचा, त्याचा आवाज ऐकण्याचा आणि त्याची उपस्थिती अनुभवण्याचा हा अनुभव होता.

हाच अनुभव घेण्यासाठी आज आपल्याला आमंत्रित केले जात आहे. आपल्याला पुनरुत्थित प्रभूला भेटण्यासाठी, त्याचा आवाज ऐकण्यासाठी आणि त्याची उपस्थिती अनुभवण्यासाठी आमंत्रित केले जात आहे. पुनरुत्थानाच्या सामर्थ्याने आपले जीवन बदलण्यासाठी आपल्याला आमंत्रित केले जात आहे म्हणून आपण आनंद, आशा आणि कृतज्ञतेने इस्टर साजरा केला पाहिजे. येशूच्या पुनरुत्थानाद्वारे आपले हृदय प्रेमाने, आपले मन शांतीने आणि आपले जीवन उद्देशाने भरूया.

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*'Encounter the Risen Lord,
hear his voice, feel his presence'*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we are all set to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the profound impact of this event on our lives. Easter is a time of renewal, hope and joy, and it is a privilege to share this message with you today. The Resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. It is the ultimate expression of God's love for us and source of our hope for eternal life. As St. Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). But Christ has been raised, and this changes everything. It means that sin and death no longer have the final say. It means that we have been given a new lease of life, a life that is filled with purpose, meaning and direction.

As we celebrate Easter, we are invited to reflect on our own lives and ask ourselves: What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean for me? How can I allow the power of the Resurrection transform my life? One way to answer these questions is to look at the lives of the disciples. Before the Resurrection they were filled with fear, doubt and uncertainty, but after the Resurrection they were filled with courage, confidence and joy. What made the difference? It was the encounter with the Risen Lord. It was the experience of seeing Jesus alive, of hearing his voice and feeling his presence.

This is what we are invited to experience today. We are invited to encounter the Risen Lord, to hear his voice and feel his presence. We are invited to allow the power of the Resurrection transform our lives. So let us celebrate Easter with joy, hope and gratitude. Let us allow the Resurrection of Jesus fill our hearts with love, our minds with peace and our lives with purpose.

Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC
Parish Priest

प्रिय धर्मग्रामस्थानो, आपणा सर्वांचे मानपूर्वक आभार.

आपल्या धर्मग्रामाला जीवंत ठेवणाऱ्या सर्वांचे मी मनापासून आभार मानण्याची ही संधी घेत आहे. धर्मग्रामीण सल्लागार समितीचे उपाध्यक्ष श्री चार्ली डिसिल्वा, सचिव श्रीमती मार्टिना, आणि सर्व वचनबद्ध सदस्य व ॲनिमेटर्स ह्यांचे मी मनापासून आभार मानीत आहे. त्यांच्याच अथक परिश्रमाने आणि सहकार्यामुळे धर्मग्रामाला उंची गाठण्यात मदत झाली आहे. मी फायनॅन्स समितीचे सदस्य आणि संत लुईस कम्युनिटी वेलफेअर असोसिएशनच्या समर्थनाची आणि प्रोत्साहनाची नोंद करीत आहे. माझ्या देखरेखीखाली सोपवलेली कामे पार पाडण्यासाठी तुम्ही माझ्यावर ठेवलेला विश्वास अतुलनीय आहे.

सर्व संघटनांच्या सक्रिय सहभागामुळे मुंबई सहधर्मप्रांतात संत लुईस धर्मग्राम प्रतिष्ठित आणि प्रसिद्ध आहे. प्रत्येकाने आप-आपल्या परीने संपूर्ण धर्मग्रामीण समुदायाला प्रेमाने भरून काढले आहे. यामुळे आपण एक प्रेमळ कुटुंब बनलो आहोत, जे एकमेकांची काळजी घेते. आपण कल्याण निधीसाठी योगदान दिलेल्या प्रत्येक पैशाने कमनशिबी लोकांपर्यंत आपण पोहोचत आहोत ह्याची मला खात्री आहे. आपले बंधु-भगिनी उपाशी झोपणार नाही याची आपण काळजी घेतली आहे. हे आपण जपत असलेल्या कौटुंबिक बंधनाचे सौंदर्य आहे.

मी जानेवारी महिन्यात माझ्या गुरुदीक्षेचे रौप्य महोत्सवी वर्ष साजरे केले, तुम्ही सर्वजण एक मनाने आणि एक दिलाने माझ्यासोबत राहिल्याबद्दल मी तुम्हा सर्वांचे मनापासून आभार मानतो. तुम्ही सर्वांनी मला दिलेले प्रेम आणि आशीर्वाद आश्चर्यकारक आणि माझ्या कल्पनेच्या पलीकडे होते. तुम्ही सर्वांनी घेतलेला त्रास माझ्या आयुष्यातील अविस्मरणीय दिवसांपैकी एक बनला आहे. तुम्ही सर्वजण माझ्यावर प्रेम करता हे मला समजले आहे. अत्यंत सूक्ष्म व्यवस्था आणि उत्सवामुळे मला खात्री आहे की, सर्व मतभेदांवर मात करून आपण संत लुईस धर्मग्राम एक खरे कुटुंब बनवण्यात यशस्वी झालो आहोत.

फा. रॉनल्ड फर्नांडिस CSC
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A Big Thank You, Dear Parishioners

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who keep life in our parish going. A big thanks to the Parish Council members, led by Mr Charlie D'silva, the vice-president; Mrs Martina, secretary, and our committed council members and animators. Your untiring efforts and collaboration in all our efforts has helped the parish reach great heights.

I also put on record the support and encouragement of the Finance Committee members and St Louis Community Welfare Association. The trust and faith you placed in me to carry out the tasks entrusted to my care is unparalleled.

St Louis parish is vibrant and known well in the diocese because of the active participation of all the cells and associations; everyone has chipped in with their might in filling the entire parish community with life and love. This has made us a loving family, caring for each other. Every penny you have contributed towards the Welfare Fund has helped in making sure that we all grow together while reaching out to the less-privileged. We made sure that none of our brothers and sisters go to bed hungry. This is the beauty of the family bond we cherish.

I also place on record my gratitude to all of you for being with me in heart and mind while I celebrated the Silver Jubilee of my ordination in January. The love and blessing you all bestowed on me was just amazing and beyond my imagination. The trouble you all took has become one of the most memorable days in my life. You all made me feel that I am truly loved. The meticulous arrangements and celebration made me feel that we have overcome all differences in making St Louis parish a true family.

As we celebrate the feast of the Risen Lord, may you experience the joy, hope and peace that only He can give. May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed faith, hope and endless possibilities.

Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC
Parish Priest

Holy Week 2025 Schedule

PALM SUNDAY | 13th April 2025

7:45 AM Blessing of the Palms
8.00 AM Mass in Marathi followed by singing of Veronica in Marathi
9.30 AM Mass in English followed by singing of Veronica in English
4.00 PM Confession & Mass for sick and homebound
6.00 PM Mass in English

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 17th April 2025

7:00 PM Service of the Last Supper followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY | 18th April 2025

7:30 AM Way of the Cross in Konkani
8:30 AM Way of the Cross in Marathi
9:30 AM Live Way of the Cross by the Youth in English
5:45 PM Divine Mercy Novena
6:00 PM Good Friday Service

HOLY SATURDAY | 19th April 2025

8.30 AM Praying with the Mother of Sorrows
9:00 PM Easter Vigil Service

EASTER SUNDAY | 20th April 2025

8:00 AM Mass in Marathi
9:30 AM Mass in English
(No Mass in the Evening)

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*The Parish team wishes parishioners and well-wishers a Happy Easter.
May the Risen Lord bring you new hope,
joy and peace.*

धर्मग्रामीन समिति सर्व धर्मग्रामस्थांना आणि
हितचिंतकांना ईस्टरच्या शुभेच्छा देत आहे. पुनरुत्थित
ख्रिस्ताची आशा, आनंद आणि शांती तुमच्या कुटुंबासह
सदैव राहो ही प्रार्थना.



Parish Vision

Breaking the Word of God in our Families
and sharing bread with the needy

धर्मग्राम दृष्टीकोन

करुनी घेऊ कुटुंबी स्पष्टीकरण देव शब्दाचे
वाटुनी घेऊ भाकरी गरजवंतांशी

**The Louisian Samachar Editorial Team
wishes you all a Happy Easter.**



**Sector-wise Easter Blessing Masses
begin on Monday, 21st April 2025.
Get in touch with your animator for the
schedule of the
Sector-wise Easter Blessing Mass.**



DECEMBER

Recollection: A recollection for 'Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion' was organised by the Archdiocese of Bombay on December 14. It was led by Fr. Savio De Sales, who enlightened all with inspiring insights and an enriching PowerPoint presentation on the 'The Eucharist'.

SVP Christmas celebration: On December 23 the SVP members distributed hampers by way of cash and a bar of cake to 41 adopted families.

Star competition: The Christmas stars, prepared by the sectors on the theme 'Let me be a Star to brighten the world' were judged on December 23. The first prize was bagged by St. Joseph sector, followed by OLPS sector and Our Lady of Fatima.

Crib competition: Our parish once again placed first in the Borivali Deanery competition.

Senior Citizens' Christmas party: Around 22 seniors of the parish had an enjoyable evening with games and dinner on December 28.

JANUARY

Feast of St. Andre Bessette: Novena masses were conducted on January 3, 4, 5 in Marathi and English. On January 5 and 6 the parish fathers anointed the faithful with blessed St Joseph oil. Brother Andre would tell the sick who came to him to rub this oil on their aching bodies and pray to Saint Joseph for relief.

Silver Jubilee: Fr. Ronald Fernandis celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Sacerdotal Ordination on January 11. The celebration was enhanced by the presence of priests, religious, relatives, friends and parishioners. It began with solemn mass, followed by a cultural programme and an agape.

Mass for students of X, XII and graduation: A special mass was celebrated on January 12 for students appearing for their board and graduation examinations.

First Holy Communion: 24 children from our parish received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist at the 10.15 am mass on January 19.

Republic Day: Parishioners joined the students of St. Louis school for flag hoisting on January 26.

Singing competition: The Dahisar-Borivali East Indian Association organised a singing competition on January 26. East Indian singers from all over Mumbai and Thane participated.

Picnic: Fr Praveen joined senior citizens on a picnic to Sana Resort, Madh Island, on January 27.

FEBRUARY

Visit to Shanti Bhavan: St Vincent de Paul Society members visited Shanti Bhavan, an old age home at Kalyan, on February 1. They sponsored food for the inmates and made a donation to the home.

Picnic: Members of the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion went for a day's picnic along with Fr. Ronnie to Ferreira Resort, Gorai, on February 3.

Programme for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, the Archdiocese of Bombay, organised a programme for the sick and homebound on February 26 at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra. A healing prayer service and anointing of the sick was followed by the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist Ministers of our parish attended the programme.

MARCH

Women's Day: The women's cell organised a programme for parishioners, which included games and dinner on March 2.

Confirmation: 29 of our youth were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Dominic Savio at the 10.15 am mass on March 9.

Visit to Shanti Dhan: The SVP visited Shanti Dhan, a home for destitute, run by 'Brothers of the Missionary of Charity', Gorai, on March 11. They made a donation to the home.

Sunday School Annual Day: The Sunday School children put up a cultural programme, which included skits and dance, on March 16.

Lenten Mission: The Lenten Mission was held in Marathi, English and Konkani on March 23, 30 and April 6 respectively. Fr. Nitin D'Souza conducted the Marathi mission, while Fr. Bineesh Macias led the one in English and Fr. Preetham Menezes, in Konkani.

Sodality Mission: On March 24, the sodality members conducted the Way of the Cross at St. Bonaventure Church, Madh Island. They also visited the Prem Sadan and Sneha Sadan orphanages.

Marathi singing competition: Talent of high calibre was witnessed by singers from all over Mumbai, who gathered at Our Lady of Nazareth church, Bhayander, on March 30. Our Marathi choir, led by Mr. Charlie D'Silva, made us proud by deservedly securing first place.

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St. Peter's Community**

SAINT ANTHONY *and* SAINT JUDE

TRUE STORIES OF HEAVENLY HELP

**Thank you for the
Divine assistance
St. Jude Thaddeus
and
St. Anthony of Padua**

By Christine Pinto



The Parish Clergy Team and the Parishioners of St. Louis Parish Congratulate



***Dr. Sr. Patricia Michelle Mathias F.S.P.
Daughters of St. Paul
St. Francis Xavier Community***

**On Completion of 25 Years
of Religious Life**

**We wish Sr. Michelle all the best for many more Years
in her religious and academic work.**

उपवास कालिन क्रुसाची वाट

प्रतिवर्षा प्रमाणे ह्या वर्षी सुद्धा लेडीज सोडलिटी संघटना सोमवार दिनांक २४ मार्च रोजी मढ, मालाड येथे क्रुसाच्या वाटेसाठी गेली होती.

सकाळी ८ वाजता २५ महिलांनी संघटनेचे मार्गदर्शक धर्मगुरू फा. निबिन यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली प्रवास सुरू केला. सर्व प्रथम एरंगळ, मढ येथील समुद्र किनाऱ्यावर स्थित संत बोनाव्हेंचर चर्चला भेट दिली. ह्या चर्चमध्ये फा. निबिन यांनी सर्वांसाठी मिस्सा अर्पण केली. मिस्सा नंतर चर्चच्या आवारात चहा-नाश्ता करून समुद्रमार्गे बोटीने प्रवास सुरू करून समुद्रात स्थित वेलांकणी मातेच्या चर्च मध्ये क्रुसाच्या वाटेच्या भक्तीला सुरुवात केली.

क्रुसाच्या वाटेची भक्ति संपल्यावर सर्वांनी भोजन घेतले आणि काही काळ या चर्च मध्ये वेळ घालवून सायंकाळी बोटीने प्रवास करून मढ येथील दर्यामाता चर्चला दर्शन दिले. त्यानंतर प्रेम सदन या आश्रमाला भेट दिली. या आश्रम मध्ये

जवळपास ६० मुली राहतात. त्यांची देखरेख करणाऱ्या धर्मभागिनींनी त्यांच्या बदल माहिती दिली. त्यानंतर या धर्मभागिनी आम्हाला त्यांच्या मार्गे येथील स्नेह सदनच्या आणखी एका आश्रमात घेऊन गेल्या आम्ही त्यांच्या या आश्रमाला सुद्धा भेट दिली. या आश्रमात अल्पवयीन मुलींची देखरेख होते. या छोट्या मुलींसह खेळून व त्यांच्याशी बोलून त्यांच्या बरोबर वेळ घालवून त्यांचे मनोरंजन केले. दोन्ही आश्रमांसाठी प्रेमाचे दान देऊन परतीचा प्रवास सुरू झाला. या संपूर्ण दिवसभर फा. निबिन ह्यांनी स्त्रियांना मौलाचे मार्गदर्शन केले त्याबद्दल त्यांचे मानपूर्वक आभार.

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Lenten Crossword

Contributed by:
Andrea Sebastian

- Answers:
1. Cross
2. Sacrifice
3. Resurrection
4. Triduum
5. Almsgiving
6. Penance
7. Fasting
8. Passion

पवित्र शास्त्राचे अध्ययन

ज्ञान ही यशाची गुरुकिल्ली आहे. शैक्षणिक ज्ञानाद्वारे आपण यशाचे शिखर गाठतो आणि श्रीमंतीत जीवन व्यतीत करू शकतो. परंतु आपण ख्रिस्ती लोक दैवी ज्ञान मिळविण्यासाठी झटतो का? जसा विद्यार्थी नियमित अभ्यास करून ज्ञान मिळवितो तसेच पवित्र शास्त्राचा अभ्यास करून परमेश्वरा बद्दल ज्ञान मिळविण्यास तो तयार होतो का? आज आपण पाहतो की आपल्यापैकी प्रत्येक जण शिक्षणाकरिता आपले अर्थ आयुष्य खर्च करतो, आपण विद्यार्थी असताना शिक्षण मिळविण्यासाठी शाळेत-महाविद्यालयात जातो. शिक्षणासाठी आपण सर्वकाही पणाला लावतो. परंतु आपण तेवढेच कष्ट सर्वकालीक जीवन मिळविण्यासाठी घेतो का? सार्वकालीक जीवन प्राप्त करण्यासाठी आपण एवढे प्रयत्न करतो का?

ज्या प्रमाणे आपण शिक्षणाला महत्त्व देतो, त्याच प्रमाणे आपण देव शब्दाला महत्त्व दिले पाहिजे, कारण देव शब्दाचे शिक्षण आणि त्याचे आचरण आपल्याला सार्वकालिक जीवनाकडे जाणारा मार्ग दाखवतो. ज्याप्रमाणे जागतिक गोष्टींचा अभ्यास न केल्याने आपल्या भविष्यात अपयश येऊ शकते त्याचप्रमाणे देव शब्दाचा अभ्यास न केल्याने आपण चुकीच्या दिशेला जाण्याची शक्यता वाढते. देव शब्दाचे वाचन करणे, त्याचे पाठांतर करणे आणि तो समजून घेणे ह्या तीन वेगवेगळ्या गोष्टी आहेत. आपण जर देव शब्द फक्त वाचून काढण्यासाठी वाचला अथवा पाठांतर केला तर आपल्याला त्याचा फारसा लाभ मिळणार नाही. देव शब्द वाचण्यापेक्षा किंवा पाठांतर करण्यापेक्षा तो समजून घेणे फार महत्त्वाचा आहे. आपण जर देव शब्द समजून घेतला तर आपल्याला आध्यात्मिकरित्या वाढण्यास मदत मिळते. अनेकांची चुकीची समज आहे की, फक्त धर्मगुरू अथवा चर्च सेवकांनी देव शब्दाचे वाचन केले पाहिजे. उदाहरणार्थ सांगायचे झाले तर, जर विद्यार्थ्याने परीक्षेसाठी अभ्यास केला नसेल तर शिक्षकांच्या ज्ञानामुळे तो विद्यार्थी यश संपादन करू शकत नाही. त्याचप्रमाणे जर आपण देव शब्द वाचून तो समजून घेतला नसेल तर आपल्या आध्यात्मिक जीवनाची वाट चुकण्याची दाट शक्यता आहे.

आपण जाणतो की, पवित्र शास्त्राचे दोन भाग आहेत. पहिला भाग म्हणजे जून करार जो प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या जन्माच्या हजारो वर्षांपूर्वी लिहिला गेला होता. ह्या भागात निर्मिती,

मनुष्याचे पाप, पापामुळे आलेले मरण आणि त्यातून मनुष्याला बाहेर काढण्यासाठी परमेश्वराची योजना ह्या सर्व गोष्टी आपल्या वाचनात येतात. पवित्र शास्त्राचा दूसरा भाग म्हणजे नवीन करार, जो प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या स्वरगरोहनानंतर अनेक वर्षांनी लिहिला गेला होता. ह्या भागात प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या जन्माची पूर्वतयारी, परमेश्वराची योजना, मरियेचे आणि योसेफचे आज्ञापालन, प्रभू येशूचा जन्म, त्याचे मिशन कार्य, त्याचे मरण, पुनरुत्थान आणि स्वरगरोहण हे सर्व आपल्या वाचनात येते.

पवित्र शास्त्राचे अध्ययन वाचन करण्यासाठी आणि ते समजून घेण्यासाठी पवित्र आत्म्याची कृपा आपल्या सर्वांना मिळावी हीच ईश्वर चरणी प्रार्थना.

प्रीती डॅनी वैती

वेलांकणी माता विभाग



Mrs. Ethel George Correa, from Our Lady of Lourdes Community, aged 96 is one of the oldest members of our Parish. Rev. Fr. Nibin C. and Councillor Pascal spent some time with her during house blessings.



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जून २०२४ ते मार्च २०२५ या काळात ख्रिस्ती समाजाने विविध उपक्रम हाती घेतले. सर्व प्रथम जून २०२४ मध्ये पादुआचे संत अँथनी सन्मानार्थ १३ दिवस (३१ मे - १२ जून) नोवेन्याची भक्ति व प्रार्थना आयोजित करण्यात आली. विभागातील सर्व लोकांनी एकत्र येऊन नोवेन्याच्या भक्ति व प्रार्थनेत सहभाग घेतला. १३ जून सणाच्या दिवशी भव्य मिरवणुकीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आणि शेवटी सर्व उपस्थित लोक एकत्र भोजनात सहभागी झाले.

१५ ऑगस्ट हा दिवस दहिसरकरांसाठी विशेषतः ख्रिस्ती समाजासाठी फार महत्वाचा आहे. ह्याच दिवशी ५३ वर्षांपूर्वी १९७२ साली दहिसर मिस्सा केंद्राची स्थापना झाली जे आज संत लुईस चर्च म्हणून प्रसिद्ध आहे. ह्या दिवशी स्थानिक ख्रिस्ती समाजा तर्फे माय बोली ईस्ट इंडियन भाषेत मिस्सा आणि त्यानंतर कार्यक्रम आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. फक्त समाजातील लोकांनी नव्हे तर पॅरिश मधील अनेकांनी ह्या कार्यक्रमात भाग घेतला. हा कार्यक्रम भोजन घेऊन समाप्त झाला. तसेच १६ ऑगस्ट पासून संत लुईस साहेबांच्या नोवेन्याला सुरुवात झाली स्थानिक ख्रिस्ती समाजातर्फे पालखीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. सर्वांनी नोवेन्याच्या भक्तीत भाग घेतला व सण जल्लोषात साजरा केला. पॅरिश तर्फे आयोजित नोव्हेना स्टॉल साठी विभागातील महिलांनी विविध पदार्थ तयार करून विक्रीसाठी ठेवून नोव्हेना स्टॉलस् मध्ये उपस्थिती दर्शविली.

सप्टेंबर हा महिना सर्व ख्रिस्ती भाविकांसाठी विशेष असतो. मरिया मातेचा वाढदिवस साजरा करण्यासाठी विभागातील लोकांनी वेलांकणी माऊलीच्या प्रतिमे जवळ १० दिवस (३० ऑगस्ट - ८ सप्टेंबर) नोवेन्याची भक्ति व प्रार्थना केली आणि सणाचा दिवस उत्साहात साजरा करून एकत्र भोजन केले.

ऑक्टोबर हा महिना परंपरेने मरिया मातेला समर्पित केला जातो परंतु ऑक्टोबर महिन्याची सुरुवात देवाने आपल्याला दिलेल्या दानांबद्दल कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करून होते. विभागातील ईस्ट इंडियन समाजाने वाड-वडिलांच्या रिती नुसार ऑक्टोबर महिन्याच्या सुरुवातीला आगेऱ्याचा

सण साजरा केला. ह्या दिवशी समाजातील लोकांनी नवीन भात चर्च मध्ये आणले आणि धर्मगुरूंनी भाताला आशीर्वाद देऊन मिस्सा साजरी केली. मिस्सा संपल्यावर गावकऱ्यांनी पारंपरिक पोशाख घालून बॅन्डच्या तालावर नाचत गाजत मिरवणुकीने घरी गेले. ऑक्टोबर महिन्यात फातिमा मातेच्या प्रतिमेचे विभागात आगमन झाले आणि संपूर्ण महिनाभर ही प्रतिमा विभागातील सर्व कुटुंबात देण्यात आली. सर्व लोकांनी महिनाभर सर्व कुटुंबांसाठी प्रार्थना केली.

डिसेंबर महिन्यात अनेक कार्यक्रम झाले. मंडपेशवरचा सण म्हणजेच इमॅक्युलेट कन्सेप्शनचा सण थाटात साजरा करण्यात आला. नाताळ सणाच्या तयारीसाठी विभागातील युवकांनी व प्रौढांनी गोठा (Crib) आणि चांदणी (Star) बनविली. गोठा आणि चांदण हे येशूच्या जन्माचे आणि बेथलेहेमच्या ताऱ्याचे पारंपरिक चिन्ह आहे. डिसेंबर २०२४ ला आपल्या धर्मग्रामात स्टार कॉम्पटिशन आयोजित करण्यात आले होते आणि ह्या स्टार कॉम्पटिशन मध्ये विभागाला बक्षीस देखील मिळाले.

जानेवरीच्या महिन्यात विभागातील लोकांनी ऐरंगळच्या संत बोनाव्हेंचरला भेट देऊन सण साजरा केला.

मार्च महिन्यात प्रायश्चित काळ सुरू झाल्यावर प्रत्येक गुरुवारी विभागातील सर्व कुसांजवळ कुसच्या वाटेची भक्ति करण्यात आली. पोप फ्रांसिस यांनी ज्युबिली वर्ष २०२५ आशेचे तीर्थप्रवासी म्हणून घोषित केले. हा काळ कृपेचा आणि नूतणीकरणाचा काळ आहे. आशा आणि वारसाचे प्रतीक असलेले ज्युबिली क्रॉस विभागात आणले गेले. सर्व लोकांनी एकत्र येऊन क्रॉसची प्रार्थना व आराधना केली. फा. प्रवीण हे प्रार्थना सत्रासाठी हजार होते, त्यांनी सर्व उपस्थितांना आशीर्वाद दिला. त्यानंतर संपूर्ण आठवडाभर क्रूस विभागातील प्रत्येक कुटुंबात नेण्यात आला, ज्युबिली प्रार्थना करण्यात आली. मार्च महिन्याच्या शेवटी विभागातील अनेक लोक कर्जत येथे एक दिवसीय कुसाच्या वाटेच्या भक्तिसाठी गेले होते.

संपूर्ण वर्षभर प्रत्येक महिन्यात (SCC) मुळगामी ख्रिस्ती समाजाशी संबंधित सर्व सभा घेण्यात आल्या आणि विभागातील सर्व कुटुंबांनी सकारात्मक प्रतिसाद दिला.

Rosy Rudolf D'Silva
ख्रिस्ती समज विभाग

Love & Warmth at Sneha Sagar Ashram

On March 23, 2025, families from St. Francis Xavier Sector, had the privilege of visiting Sneha Sagar Ashram, an orphanage for destitute children in Marve, Malad West. The ashram is home to over 23 children, including orphans, those from broken homes and children with disabilities. Yet, despite their circumstances, they live together as one family.

The warmth and love with which they welcomed us felt as if we were their own. During our visit, we taught them devotional songs with dance, played games, spoke with them, and shared moments of joy. Some of our members offered chocolates and words of encouragement, while we also provided lunch for them. Additionally, we made a generous donation to the sisters who tirelessly care for these children.

Arriving at 11 AM, we spent quality time with them. Watching them gather together and sing, we admired the dedicated efforts of the sisters in providing them a loving environment. The sisters expressed deep gratitude for our support, and we, in turn, were touched by the joy and resilience of the children.

It was truly heart-warming to see such young children being raised with strong values and much love. The experience was deeply moving and made us more grateful for all that we have.

Esther Michael Antony
Councillor, St. Francis Xavier Sector



Comforting the Senior Citizens A Konkani Association Report

Members of the Konkani association visited Sneha Sagar Aged Home in Mira Road on Saturday, March 29. The facility, run by the Religious Sisters, looks after 10 female senior citizens. They take care of their spiritual and medical needs. These residents were eager to talk to us and share their sad stories. Listening to their plight was very painful, as some of them, mothers of many children, come from well-to-do families.

They enquired about our families as we sat down and shared a meal with them. It was joy for all of us to be with them. They were touched by our presence and felt as if they were at home with their loved ones. The visit was memorable. It made us realise the value of community and family.

Juliana D' Souza
Konkani Association



Sunday School Report

Faith Formation – Deepening Spiritual Understanding

Our students took part in special faith formation programs, connecting with children from other parishes and deepening their relationship with Christ. These sessions sparked curiosity, fostered meaningful discussions, and strengthened their belief in the power of prayer.

7th & 8th Grade (16th Feb) – Topic: Psalms (Sophia School)

5th & 6th Grade – Topic: Adoration

Annual Day – March 16

There was a crowd of 250-plus. Students enthralled the gathering with dance and song. Students were also awarded for their yearly performances.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

19th January: 24 students received communion

9th March 24 students received confirmation

Sherin Fernandes

YOUTH ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2024 TO MARCH 2025

Newspaper Drive (7th & 8th Dec): The youth conducted a Newspaper Drive within the parish community on 7th & 8th December, as a fund-raising activity. The drive was a resonant success, thanks to the participation and support from all parishioners.

Christmas Cake Draw: A Christmas lucky draw was organized by the youth, with tickets being sold on all 4 weekends of Advent, and 5 lucky winners were announced during the Christmas midnight mass on 24th December.

Star & Crib Competition: Our parish crib, prepared by the youth under the able guidance of Fr Nibin, Fr Praveen and Br James, won 1st place in the Shiv Sena (UBT) Star and Crib competition. The parish star, prepared by St Francis Xavier sector, won 1st place in the Borivali Deanery Star & Crib competition.



Orphanage Visit (29th Dec): The youth brought joy and laughter to the children at Sneha Sagar Ashram in Malad with lively games, heartfelt songs, and energetic dance. Their visit, filled with love and compassion, was made even more meaningful by the generous donations that touched many lives.

Holy Cross Seminary Visit (31st Jan - 1st Feb): 25 of our youth visited the Holy Cross Seminary at Ramwadi, Pune to spend time with the scholastics in prayer, fellowship and learning. They also had a campus tour of the Jnanadeep Institute of Philosophy & Theology.



Testament: The Story of Moses (Series Screening) - The parish youth conducted a screening of the series Testament: The Story of Moses, a 3-episode series on the life of Moses, on 17th and 31st March and 1st April in the stilt area for all parishioners.

Andrea Sebastian
Youth President

Women's Cell Inspires, Empowers

The women's cell at St. Louis Church, Dahisar, facing challenges.

Compassionate outreach: Actively collecting and distributing groceries, the cell ensures no one is abandoned during hardships.

Promoting government schemes: The cell helps women access government benefits, like 'Laadki Bahin Yojana', furthering empowerment and growth.

Its efforts continue to inspire, empower and create a lasting impact on the community.

Bertina Kinny

Creating a welcoming atmosphere: Its members enhance the church environment through thoughtful decoration, making it inviting for worship and community gatherings.

Empowerment: The Women's Day program celebrated women's strength and unity, inspiring solidarity and empowerment.

Supporting women in need: Offering practical assistance, the cell provides emotional support and guidance to women



Walking with Christ: Pilgrimage to Karjat

Our journey to Karjat began with these powerful words from the Gospel, and set the tone for what would be a deeply moving spiritual pilgrimage. It was more than just a trip: a path of faith that united people of all ages in prayer, reflection and shared purpose.

The day began with a prayer at the Navagaon Cross, where we gathered, inviting God's presence into our hearts as we prepared for the journey ahead. With blessing from Fr Ronald, our Parish Priest, we boarded the bus, knowing that each moment on the pilgrimage would bring us closer to Christ through the Way of the Cross.

We reached Don Bosco Yuva Sanstha, where the sacred journey of the Way of the Cross began. After breakfast, we gathered in reflection as a priest of the Don Bosco community shared a profound message. He invited us to open our hearts to the lessons of the 14 stations, encouraging us to allow them to inspire true transformation in our lives.

“To truly reach the 15th station,” he said, “we must reflect on the lessons from the 14 stations and use them to transform our lives spiritually.”



With that, our journey into the depths of our faith began. We walked, prayed and reflected as a community, each member carrying their own cross -- both in reality and spirit. Some carried a cross, others nails and thorns. Together we created a sacred atmosphere, embodying the struggle and sacrifice of Christ. The silence of the journey was marked only by the prayers we recited, each step bringing us closer to the 15th station.

As we reached the final station, our Parish Priest offered a powerful concluding prayer. The moment was solemn yet filled with a profound sense of peace. All of us were moved by the experience; we felt God's spirit surround us.

The mass, at the end, was celebrated by Fr Ronald, with active participation of OLPS sector members. After the service we gathered for supper, prepared lovingly by the Don Bosco community. We left Karjat not as we arrived, but as transformed individuals.

This pilgrimage was not just a trip, but living testimony to the power of faith, prayer and the spirit of togetherness. May the memories of this sacred journey continue to inspire and touch the lives of all who took part in it.

Vailantan A. Fernandes
OLPS Community Navagaon

Life's Coincidences

No matter how beautiful and handsome you are, just remember baboons and gorillas attract tourists.

Stop boasting: No matter how big and strong you are, you will not carry yourself to the grave.

Be Humble: No matter how tall you are, you can never see tomorrow.

Be patient: No matter how light-skinned you are, you will always need light in darkness.

Take caution: No matter how rich you are, and how many cars you have, you will always walk to bed.

Be contented: Life is short; take it easy.

Have you taken note of the co-incidences in life?

Knowledge has 9 letters and so does Ignorance. Enemies has 7 letters and so does friends. Anger has 5 and so does happy. Are they all coincidences? We should choose wisely.

This means life is a double-edged sword. If you think it is your alarm clock that woke you up this morning, No! It is the grace of the great architect of the Universe. In life, whatever you want will never come easily. So, learning is a ladder of process.

Freddy Miranda, St. Louis Community
(Sourced from the Internet)

Konkans to the Fore

St Louis Parish has a vibrant Catholic community, with a delightful amalgamation of various languages and cultures. While being part of Immaculate Conception parish, Borivili, the East Indian Community in Dahisar West laid the foundation for the parish we have today by starting the Marathi mass at Nicholas Wadi on August 15, 1972. Thereafter, various families from south Mumbai, other parts of Maharashtra and the country have come in and become part of St Louis church. Among them is the Konkani-speaking community.

These brethren are in the parish since its inception, but a Konkani cell only came into existence in 2005, after the celebration of 'Monthi festh', the Nativity of our Blessed Mother Mary on September 8. With Mother Mary's blessings it flourished and today we have around 500 Konkani-speaking families at St Louis. Since July 6, 2008, after the new church building was completed, we have regular Konkani masses on Sundays.

Currently, the community is involved in all parish activities -- religious, social and cultural. Emphasis is given to the Sunday liturgy.

A summary of the cell's activities:

- The Konkani Mission not only draws St Louis parishioners but also those from other parishes, especially Immaculate Conception.
- On the occasion of Monti Fest (Harvest festival or 'Day of New Rice'), besides the Konkani mass and a floral offering to mother Mary, we have cultural activities and the traditional Mangalorean meal, 'Noven Jevan'.
- Reaching out to the needy and less fortunate of society. Yearly visits to old age homes and orphanages keep the members anchored in reality to practice gospel values. The cell also provides educational aid to poor children by way of yearly scholarships.
- The Christmas get-together and annual picnic helps strengthen bonds and understand each other better.

In sum, the Konkani community strives to ensure that the parish vision of 'Breaking the word of God in our families and sharing the bread with the needy' is translated into action.

A big thanks to the parish clergy, especially the Konkani-speaking fathers for their unceasing support. Long live Konkani cell.

Juliana D'Souza

Where Love and Hope Abide

The holy season of Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice and alms-giving. It is not just about abstaining from luxuries, but touching lives and making a difference, even in small ways.

As part of our Lenten observance, the youth of Mother Theresa community, led by our sector councillor Mrs Leonara D'lima, organised a visit to Sneha Sagar orphanage, in Malad, on the 16th of March. We were accompanied by Fr. Ronald, our parish priest. The sisters and children welcomed us with bright smiles and curious eyes. We had breakfast with the children before spending wonderful time playing games, organised by our youth members, Adrain, Ryan, Rachel, Samara, Selika, Rhea and Zoe.

The children danced to their favourite songs and some of them freely engaged in conversation. One even slept on the shoulder of a youth member. It was heartening to see them bond and connect so well.

Fr Ronald concluded the visit with a prayer for good health and wellbeing of the children, and appreciation to the sisters for their tireless service. We hope to continue such initiatives and ensure that love, care and hope reaches to those in need.

Kenessa Pereira, Mother Teresa Community



Resisting Sin and Staying Happy

Life has many challenges and temptations. Humans aren't created to be perfect. So how does one deal with what is right and wrong and resist sin? The answer is simple: Put your faith in the Lord and avoid temptation.

During the season of Lent, we abstain from not just food but also sin. This does not imply that we can sin after the period of fast and abstinence. We must strive to prove our loyalty, not just to society but to the Lord.

Our God is a merciful one, but we should not take advantage of His compassion. We often go the wrong way and then seek forgiveness. It is normal to behave this way because the Lord has provided us with emotions, but it is our choice as to how we react. To sin is normal but repeating any wrongdoing is not. There's a fine line of trust between us and the Lord. We must recognize God's love for us by acts of service, compassion and a life dedicated to His teachings.

Jesus, in the Gospel of Matthew, says the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. To stay happy, we must keep that in mind, repent sincerely and ask for God's forgiveness.

Caitlyn Menezes
Mother Teresa Community



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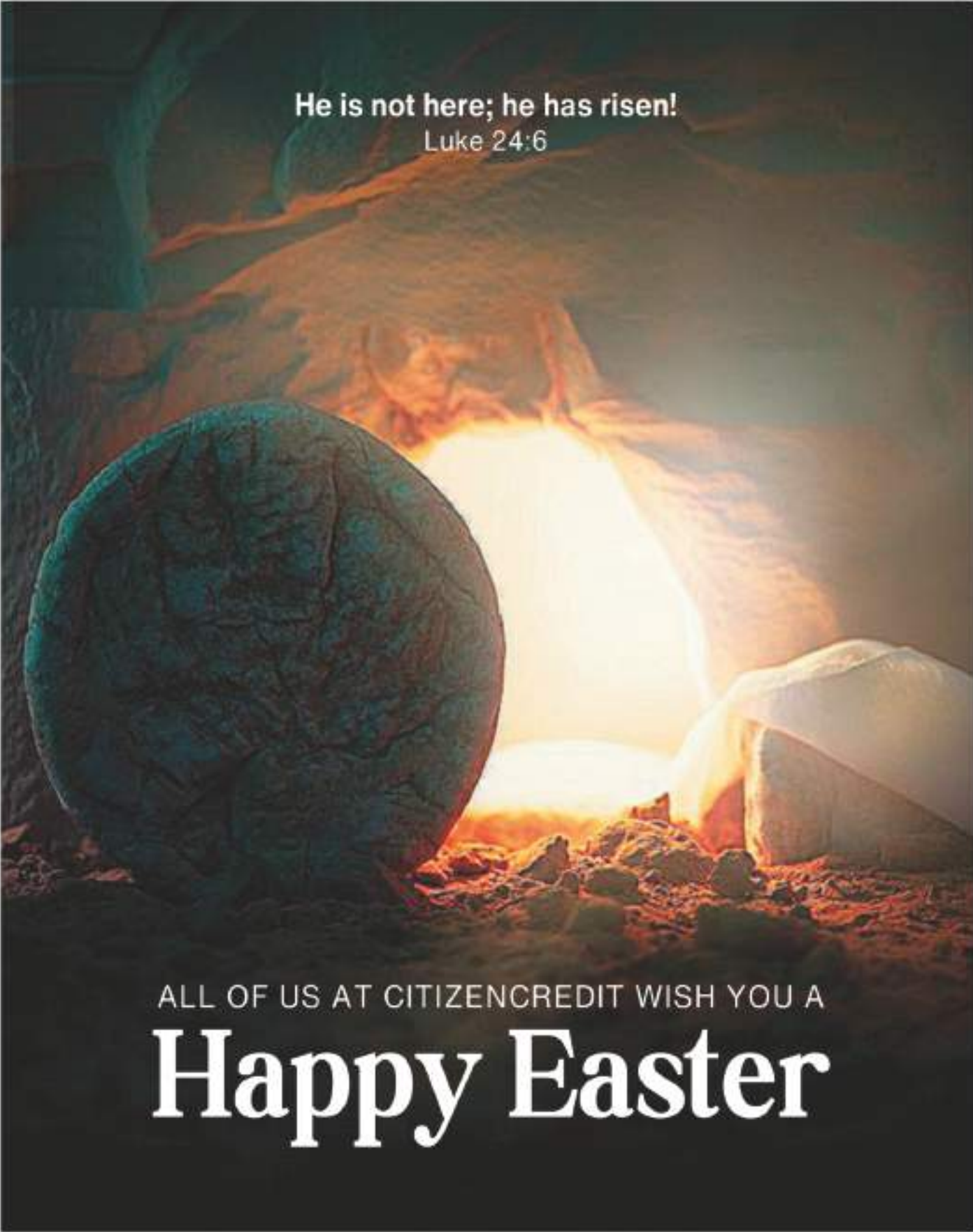
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