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**“तुमच्या कुटुंबात शांती नांदो  
आणि तुमची मने  
आनंदाने भरून जावोत.”**

ख्रिस्ताठायी माझ्या प्रिय बंधूनों आणि भगिनींनों, नाताळचा सण साजरा करण्यासाठी आपण एकत्र येत असता, या पवित्र प्रसंगी, मी तुम्हा सर्वांना आनंदाने आणि उल्हासने शुभेच्छा देत आहे. हा एक विशेष दिवस आहे, कारण आपण आपल्या प्रभू आणि तारणहार येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या जन्माचा उत्सव साजरा करतो - जो एक नम्र बालक होऊन जगात आला आणि सोबत देवाच्या प्रेमाची आणि तारणाची देणगी घेऊन आला.

२०२५ या वर्षामध्ये, आपण अनेक आव्हानांना आणि अनिश्चिततेला सामोरे गेलो आहोत. तरीही, ख्रिसमसचा संदेश आपल्या जीवनात आजही तितकाच अर्थपूर्ण आणि सामर्थ्यशाली आहे. हा संदेश आपल्याला आठवण करून देतो की अंधाराच्या काळातही आशा असते, कारण ख्रिस्त हा त्या सर्वात काळोख्या रात्रीत चमकणारा प्रकाश आहे.

येशूचा बेथलेहेममध्ये झालेला जन्म हा केवळ ऐतिहासिक प्रसंग नव्हता, तर मानवजातीला बदलून टाकणारा क्षण होता. ही देवाची अद्भुत कृती होती, ज्याद्वारे आपल्यावर असलेल्या देवाच्या प्रेमाची खोली प्रकट झाली. ख्रिसमस आपल्याला आठवण करून देतो की देवाने जगावर इतके प्रेम केले की त्याने आपल्या एकुलत्या-एक पुत्राला आपल्यामध्ये राहण्यासाठी, आपल्याला शिकवण्यासाठी आणि शेवटी आपल्या तारणासाठी स्वतःचे बलिदान देण्यासाठी पाठवले.

ख्रिसमसचा आनंद साजरा करत असताना, आपण त्या गोठ्याचे महत्त्व विसरू नये - ज्यात येशूला ठेवण्यात आले होते. तो गोठा साधेपणा, नम्रता आणि गरीबीचे प्रतीक होता. विश्वाचा राजा असूनही, येशूने प्रेम, करुणा आणि सेवाभावाचा संदेश दिला, आणि जीवनातील खऱ्या मूल्यांची आठवण करून दिली. आपला आनंद

साजरा करताना, आपण गरीब, एकाकी आणि संघर्ष करणाऱ्यांचा विचार करूया. ख्रिसमस हा देण्याचा काळ आहे - ख्रिस्ताचे प्रेम आणि दया इतरांपर्यंत पोहोचवण्याची संधी आहे. आपण ख्रिस्ताच्या शिकवणीचे पालन करून आणि त्याच्या जीवनाचे अनुकरण करून त्याचे खरे शिष्य म्हणून जगण्याचा प्रयत्न करू या.

संपूर्ण धर्मग्रामातर्फे, मी तुम्हा सर्वांना आणि तुमच्या कुटुंबियांना नाताळच्या मनःपूर्वक हार्दिक शुभेच्छा देतो. येणारे नवीन वर्ष २०२६ तुम्हा सर्वांसाठी समृद्धीचे आणि आशीर्वादपूर्ण जावो ही माझी सदिच्छा.

या पवित्र काळातील शांती आणि आनंद तुमच्या हृदयात आज आणि सदैव नांदो. हे शब्द लिहिताना, या वर्षी आलेल्या आनंदाच्या क्षणांसाठी आणि आव्हानात्मक प्रसंगांसाठी मनात कृतज्ञतेची खोल भावना जागी होते. परंतु का? कारण संत पौल आपल्याला स्मरण करून देतात: “सर्व गोष्टींत देवाचे आभार माना” (१ थेस्स ५:१८). आपल्या पॅरिशमधील अनेकांमध्ये परमेश्वर ज्या प्रकारे कार्य करीत आहे त्याबद्दल मी मनापासून कृतज्ञ आहे. त्यांच्या जीवनात, त्यांच्या नात्यांमध्ये आणि कुटुंबांमध्ये, येशू नव्याने जन्म घेत आहे.

या वर्षी, आपले परमाचार्य पोप लिओ चौदावे यांचा उपदेश संपूर्ण चर्चसाठी एक आध्यात्मिक आशीर्वाद ठरला आहे. या प्रेरणादायी दस्तऐवजात, पोप लिओ चौदावे संपूर्ण ख्रिस्ती समुदायाला पवित्रता, करुणा आणि खऱ्या सुवार्तेच्या जीवनात नव्याने बांधिलकी घेण्याचे आवाहन करतात. ते आपल्याला आठवण करून देतात की चर्च केवळ योजनांमुळे किंवा बांधकामांमुळे वाढत नाही, तर ख्रिस्ताने बदललेल्या हृदयांमुळे वाढते. ते आपल्याला प्रार्थनायुक्त जीवन अधिक सखोल करण्याचे, विश्वासात कुटुंबे मजबूत करण्याचे आणि गरीब, एकाकी आणि दुःखी लोकांपर्यंत खऱ्या ख्रिस्ती प्रेमाने पोहोचण्याचे आमंत्रण देतात.



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त्यांचा संदेश आपल्याला ऐक्य, सेवा आणि ख्रिस्ताच्या हृदयाचे प्रतिबिंब असलेल्या आशेने भरलेला धर्मग्राम बनण्यास प्रवृत्त करतात. आपण आशेच्या जयंती वर्षाची समाप्ती करणार आहोत. या वर्षी ख्रिस्तसभेने आपल्याला दैवी आशा पुन्हा शोधण्याचे आमंत्रण दिले आहे.

येशूच्या जन्माचा सण साजरा करताना, आपण या वर्षी मिळालेल्या अनेक आशीर्वादांबद्दल, जीवनाच्या देणगीबद्दल, कुटुंब, धर्मग्रामीण समुदाय, मैत्री, आणि दररोज आपल्याला आधार देणाऱ्या विश्वासाबद्दल देवाचे आभार मानूया. वर्षभर दाखविलेल्या उदारतेबद्दल, सक्रिय सहभागाबद्दल आणि सातत्यपूर्ण सहकार्याबद्दल मी तुमचे मनःपूर्वक आभार व्यक्त करतो.

हा ख्रिसमस तुमच्या कुटुंबात शांती आणि तुमच्या हृदयांत आनंद घेऊन येवो. फादर बियू, फादर रॉक, फादर वाम्शी आणि ब्लेसॉन यांच्यासह, मी तुम्हा सर्वांना आणि तुमच्या प्रियजनांना आमच्या मनःपूर्वक शुभेच्छा देतो.

**फा. रॉन्सन डिसोजा CSC**

**प्रमुख धर्मगुरू**

**'May your Homes be filled with Peace,  
and Hearts with Joy'**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather today to celebrate the feast of Christmas, I greet you with a heart filled with joy and happiness. This is a special occasion, for we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who came into this world as a humble child, bringing with Him the gift of divine love and salvation.

In 2025, we may have found ourselves facing numerous challenges and uncertainties. However, the message of Christmas remains ever relevant and powerful in our lives. It reminds us that even in the midst of darkness, there is hope, for Christ is the light that shines in the darkest night.

The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem centuries ago was not just a historical event, but a moment that transformed human history. It was divine intervention that showed us the depth of God's love for us. Christmas is a reminder that God loved the world so much that

He sent His only son to dwell among us, to teach and guide us, and, ultimately, to sacrifice himself for our redemption.

As we celebrate this feast, let us not forget the significance of the manger, where Jesus was laid. It represents simplicity, humility and poverty. Jesus, the King of Kings, chose to bring a message of love, compassion and service, teaching us to value what is truly important in life. In the midst of our celebrations, let us remember those who are less fortunate, those who are lonely, or struggling. Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, an opportunity for us to extend Christ's love and mercy to others.

Sitting down to write these words, a profound sense of gratitude fills the heart for everything that has taken place this year - the joyful and the challenging moments. Why even the not-so-good? Because, as St. Paul reminds us, "For all things, give thanks to God" (1 Thes 5:18). There is deep gratitude for the ways in which God continues to move in the hearts of our parishioners who say "Yes" to His will, allowing Jesus to be born anew in their families, relationships, and daily lives.

This year, the Church has also been spiritually enriched by the Apostolic Exhortation of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. In this inspiring document, Pope Leo XIV calls the entire Christian community to renew its commitment to holiness, compassion, and authentic Gospel living. He reminds us that the Church grows not simply through plans or structures, but through hearts transformed by Christ. He invites us to deepen our prayer life, strengthen our families in faith, and reach out to the poor, the lonely, and the suffering with genuine Christian love. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received—the gift of life, family, our parish community, friendships, and the faith that sustains us each day. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your generosity, active participation, and continuous support throughout the year.

May this Christmas season fill your homes with peace and your hearts with joy. Together with Fr. Biju, Fr. Roque, Fr. Vamshi, and Blessen, I extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

**Fr. Ronson R. D'Souza, CSC**  
**Parish Priest**

# St. Louis Official

## Christmas Services Schedule

**Sector-Wise Star Competition**  
23rd December 2025 (Tuesday) at 7:30 pm

**Christmas Services**  
24th December 2025 (Wednesday)

9:30 pm Carol Singing  
10 pm Solemn Mass

**25th December 2025 (Thursday)**

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

**New Year Services**  
31st December 2025 (Wednesday)

9:30 pm Adoration  
10 pm Solemn Mass

**01st January 2026 (Thursday)**

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

**Novena in Honour of St. André Bessette**

7th, 8th, 9th January 2026

**Feast of St. André Bessette CSC**

10th & 11 January 2026

## Parish Vision

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

## धर्मग्राम दृष्टीकोन

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*The Parish team wishes all parishioners and well-wishers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026.  
May baby Jesus bring Love, Joy and Peace to you and your loved ones.*

सर्व धर्मगुरुंच्या वतीने सर्व ग्रामस्थांना  
नातळच्या व नुतन वर्ष 2026 च्या  
हार्दिक शुभेच्छा. बाळ येशू तुमच्या  
जीवनात व तुमच्या कुटुंबात प्रेम,  
आशा, शांती प्रस्थापित करो ही सदिच्छा.

## St. Louis Church Records

### Baptised in Christ

Glenis D'Britto  
Eliora D'Silva

### Married in Christ

Augustine Torne & Satakshi Katpara

### Resting in Christ

Banudas Patil  
Ciril Pinto  
Ignatius D'Souza  
Meena D'Silva  
Jane Simoes  
Antonio Marques  
Pradeep Bhatia  
Lawrence Fernandes  
Martinha D'Souza  
George Gomes  
Regina D'Costa  
Hilda Naik  
Rosy D'Souza  
Liyan D'Souza

*As on 30th November 2025*

*In Ever Loving Memory of*



## **CHARLIE ELIES D'SILVA**

*17th December 1958 – 10th December 2025*

A beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather,  
Brother, Friend, Musician, Visionary Leader,  
Vice-President of St. Louis Parish Pastoral Council.  
He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

*A Heartfelt Tribute from*

**The Clergy Team,**

**Parish Pastoral Council & Parishioners of  
St. Louis Church, Dahisar**



## AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2025

### AUGUST

**Catechists' Recollection:** A recollection for Sunday School teachers of all parishes was held in our parish by the Borivali deanery.

**Independence Day:** Our parishioners, along with the staff and students of St. Louis School, joined in the flag hoisting ceremony.

**East Indian Dhamaka:** The East Indian Community came together for the Stanik Kristi Samaj's celebration on August 15. A special thanksgiving mass was followed by a cultural program and community lunch.

**St. Louis Feast:** The novena to our patron, St. Louis, was held in Marathi and English from August 16 to 23. Preachers from other parishes enlightened our parishioners with their homilies. Stalls offering delicious snacks were put up by the sectors. The feast masses on August 24 were at 8 am in Marathi and 9.30 am in English. A cultural program by the Sunday School children and youth was followed by lunch.

### SEPTEMBER

**Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady:** The novena was held in Marathi and English from August 30 to September 7. The 7 pm mass was animated by the Sunday School students.

**Girl Child Celebration:** The women's cell organised a vibrant Girl Child Day celebration on September 7, with games and various other activities.

**Monthi Fest:** The festival was celebrated on September 14 with a special mass, followed by a cultural program in Konkani and traditional lunch.

**Outreach Program:** On September 21 the Sunday School children and teachers visited different orphanages and old age homes. The love offerings collected during the Nativity novenas were distributed to these homes.

**SVP Feast:** The St. Louis Conference offered mass in honour of St. Vincent De Paul on September 27, the feast day. It was followed by a get-together.

**Deanery Faith Formation:** As many as 30 Sunday School students from Class 5 and 6 participated in the deanery faith formation, held at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Kandivli, on September 28.

### OCTOBER

**Month of the Rosary:** The Rosary was conducted daily in Marathi, Konkani and English in the church. The statue of Our Lady was circulated to the sector families. On October 31, the Rosary was conducted by the members of the Legion of Mary at the church grotto.

**Recollection-cum-Celebration:** A recollection-cum-celebration was held on October 4 for adopted and aided families of the SVP.

**World Elders' Day:** Members from the Senior Citizens Association attended a program in celebration of World Elders' Day at Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, organised by the Bombay Archdiocese Senior Citizens Association (BASCA).

**Rosary Rally:** The Sunday School students participated in the Rosary Rally October 5. Various games and activities were provided for them.

**World Elders' Day:** In celebration of World Elders' Day on October 15, senior citizens of the parish had a get-together, with games and dinner. Recollection: Members of the SVP attended a recollection at Infant Church Chapel, Malad, organised by the Area Council on October 22.

**Louisian Sports Meet:** The Inter-Sector sports meet for parishioners was organised by the parish youth on October 25 and 26.

### NOVEMBER

**Catechists Training Session:** A special training session was conducted for Sunday School teachers in the parish on November 16.

**Christ the King Feast:** On November 23, Holy Hour was conducted in Konkani, Marathi and English. At 5 pm parishioners joined in procession with the Blessed Sacrament. It was followed by homily and benediction.

**Compiled by:**  
**Cheryl Rego**

**St Peter's Community (Dahisar East)**

## Feast of Christ the Universal King 2025

On 23rd November 2025, our parishioners gathered in large numbers to adore Christ the Universal King in a spirit of faith and devotion. The day was marked by moments of profound prayer and reflection as the faithful spent time with the Lord through a Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration, Procession, inspiring preaching, and solemn Benediction. The atmosphere of reverence and unity offered all present an opportunity for spiritual renewal and a deeper encounter with Christ.

The celebration drew participation from parishioners of all age groups, reflecting the strong faith life of the parish community. Sacred hymns and periods of silent meditation enriched the experience, allowing the faithful to offer their intentions before the Lord. The day strengthened a sense of unity and shared devotion among the parishioners. It served as a meaningful reminder of Christ's kingship over hearts, homes, and the world.



Pictures Courtesy: Cleston da Costa

## Events Organized by Women's Cell, St. Louis Parish

### Grandparents Day Out

The St. Louis church women's cell hosted a beautiful Grandparents Day celebration during the 10:15 am Children's Mass on Saturday, July 27, 2025. Approximately 75 grandparents joined in the celebration and were lovingly greeted with boutonnieres and bookmarks on arrival. The mass included a special homily that honoured their crucial role in passing down faith and wisdom to younger generations.

The memorable tribute concluded with a special blessing by Rev. Fr. Roque and a joyous group photo.

### Girl Child Day Celebration

The Women's Cell also organized a vibrant Girl Child Day celebration on September 7, in the church stilt area in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event started with an opening prayer, followed by young girls singing hymns and participating in a delightful series of games and activities. The Parish Priest sponsored ice cream and chips, which added to the snacks, spot prizes, chocolate, fun and fellowship enjoyed by all the participants.

The successful day ended with a heartfelt thank-you prayer, sending the girls home joyful and inspired.

**Maria D'Souza**  
Secretary, Women's Cell



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
YOUR SMILE IS OUR BEST GIFT

**Dr. Teena Miranda**  
Trust Dental Clinic  
K. K. Medical Centre. Opp. Kandarpada Bus Stop Dahisar (West)  
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## When Faith speaks One Language

Saint Francis Xavier sector hosted a **multilingual Rosary** and were joined by St. Joseph's in honouring our Blessed Mother. The heart of the initiative was to rise above linguistic and social differences, bring every member of the community together, and celebrate the unity that prayer creates.

The Rosary was prayed by around 50 people in five beautiful languages: Konkani, Marathi, Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil. The evening began with a vibrant procession, filled with hymns in multiple languages. It set up a deeply reverent tone.

Devotees joyfully sang welcome hymns and offered flowers to Mother Mary as a symbol of affection and devotion. After the prayer service, everyone gathered for light fellowship snacks, creating a warm space for conversation, connection, and community bonding.

The experience was truly special. It showed once again that when hearts come together in prayer, language ceases to divide and only faith remains.

**Esther Michael Antony**  
**Councillor, St. Francis Xavier Sector**



## It's Christmas... Just Give; Let your Love Flow

In a far corner of a parish lived a rich widower. His name was Mr. Macmillan. He was just rich; everything he touched, like the story of the king, would turn to gold. He had a grandson named Arnold, who was the only living member of the family. The boy was not denied anything; he had to just utter his wish and it was granted. Arnold was in a Catholic school. He was known for his courtesy, discipline, and whatever you wanted was found in him. He had for his care an old lady, Mrs. D'Sa. Unfortunately, she was a widow, and her only wealth was her grandson, Allan. The boys, Arnold and Allan, were almost of the same age and got along well.

Christmas came and Arnold got whatever he wanted, but he was not confined to what he received. He made it a

## Evenings out with Our Lady

October. That's the month we Catholics look forward to. It's when Mama Mary visits us.

The parishioners of St Louis who belong to Infant Jesus sector had an overwhelming response for the Rosary. Our youth, children, adults, senior citizens and councillor were present at every home to join in daily prayer to Our Lady and meditate on the life of her son, Jesus.

I am proud to be associated with the humble and warm people of Infant Jesus sector. Thanks to our councillor and team of animators for their cooperation and coordination with the families and support at all times.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the success of this October devotion.

**Valerie Corderio**  
**Infant Jesus Sector**



point to see that Allan too was comfortable. He made sure that everything purchased was for Allan too.

Can't we also think likewise? The conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society at St. Louis church, Dahisar, makes every effort to bring joy to the underprivileged of our parish at Christmas. It holds a party, creates a festive spirit for them and makes sure that they are not denied the hope and love that symbolizes the season.

Your contribution too will surely go a long way in achieving this end. Remember, Christmas is a time to celebrate peace, joy, giving, and kindness.

**Freddy Miranda**  
**St. Louis Sector**

Merry Christmas

Hallelujah



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## ऑल टाईम ग्रेट - श्री चार्ली डिसिल्वा

श्री चार्ली डिसिल्वा हे एक उत्कृष्ट हार्मोनियम वादक होते. संगीत त्यांचा श्वास होता. मुंबईतील असे एकही चर्च नसेल की त्यांनी त्या चर्चमध्ये हार्मोनियम वादन केले नाही. ते हार्मोनियम वादन करीत असताना त्यांच्या बरोबर असलेल्या गायन मंडळाने केलेली छोटीसीही चूक त्यांना सहन होत नसे. मग ते डोळे मोठे करून गायन मंडळींकडे पाहत आपली नाराजी व्यक्त करायचे. दूरदर्शनवरही कित्येक वेळा त्यांच्या गायन मंडळाला हार्मोनियम वादन करण्याची संधी मिळाली. ते चर्चमध्ये गायन करीत असताना भाविक तल्लीन होत असत. मराठीशिवाय इतर भाषिकांनाही त्यांचे गायन खूप आवडत असे. म्हणून असे भाविक मराठी मिस्साला येत असत.



गेल्या कित्येक वर्षांपासून वेलंकनी येथील चर्चमध्ये त्यांचे मराठी मिस्साला गायन होत असे. सध्या ते वेलंकनी येथे होत असलेल्या ईस्ट इंडियन मिस्साला गायन करीत असत त्याचबरोबर झाशी येथे दरवर्षी होत असलेल्या मराठी नोव्हेनाच्या मिस्सालाही त्यांचे गायन मंडळ गायन करीत असे.



दहिसर येथील नवीन सेंट लुईस चर्च उभारण्यात त्यांचा सिंहांचा वाटा होता. या चर्चमध्ये असलेल्या पॅरिस कौन्सिलचे ते कित्येक वर्षे उपाध्यक्ष होते. संपूर्ण मुंबईत मराठी मिस्सा करणाऱ्या सर्व धर्मगुरूंशी तसेच मुंबईचे आर्चबिशप यांच्याशी त्यांचे जिव्हाळ्याचे संबंध होते.

दहिसर तसेच आयसी विभागात राहणाऱ्या वसईकर भाविकांना चर्चमध्ये मिस्साला वाचन करण्यासाठी त्यांनी सतत प्रोत्साहन दिले ही आम्ही कदापि विसरणार नाही. वसईकर कॅथलिक समाजाच्या दरवर्षी होणाऱ्या वार्षिक स्नेह मेळाव्यासाठी त्यांनी नेहमी सहकार्य केले.



यापुढे सेंट लुईस चर्चला मिस्साला हार्मोनियम वादनासाठी त्यांची अनुपस्थिती हे खूप वेदनादायी असणार यात शंका नाही.

पुढील आठवड्यात ते आपला ६७ वा वाढदिवस होता परंतु नियतीला ते मान्य नव्हते. दुर्दैवाने त्याअगोदरच त्यांनी या जगाचा निरोप घेतला.



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**विल्यम गोन्सालविस**

## YOUTH JOURNAL: AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2025

### Nativity Novena Stalls

(30th August – 7th September 2025)

To celebrate the birth of our most beloved Mother Mary, the Parish Youth Group set up their annual Nativity Novena stalls from August 30 to September 7, 2025. After every mass the stilt area came alive with parishioners enjoying a variety of snacks, desserts and games.



### Deanery Youth Day (2nd October 2025)

The North Borivali Deanery celebrated Deanery Youth Day (DYD) on October 2, at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Kandivali East, bringing together youth from seven parishes for an evening of music, performances and fellowship. Fr. Harry shared an insightful talk on the Holy Sacraments. It was followed by a lively DJ session and dinner.



### Youth Rosary (12th October 2025)

In honour of the month dedicated to Our Lady, the Louisian Youth led a special Rosary – by the youth, for the youth - on October 12, under the guidance of our Youth Director, Fr. Vamshi. The prayer service unfolded beautifully, bringing our youth together in heartfelt devotion.



**Nicole Murzello**  
**Creative Head, Parish Youth Group**

### You can reach out to the Least Among Us!

A misnomer I often come across is, '*In Mumbai, everyone is well off*'. Working at grassroot levels through organisations like AGNI, Church in the City, Civic and Political cells opened my eyes and mind to a completely different unkind truth of our urban dwelling. There are many in our city who struggle to make ends meet. The Catholic faithful from parishes across Mumbai and even our parishioners are not insulated from hard times.

Being a member of the St. Louis Community Welfare Association, I have seen several applications asking help for **fees, medicines, surgeries, treatments and more**. An amount that may seem miniscule to us could break someone's back and spirit. It moves our heart seeing people in need of medical treatments for **cancer, heart surgeries, dialysis etc.** These medical procedures take a huge bite out of one's finances and are recurring in nature.

The cruel COVID-19 pandemic wiped out several jobs and some never recovered from it. The surge of Artificial Intelligence at workplaces is breathing down the necks of employees and some have told me they constantly worry about being replaced by AI.

The Community Welfare Association tries its best to reach out to our parishioners and people from beyond the parish. **But there's only so much we can do and the help we render can be limited as we depend on the funds we raise from our parishioners.** Each year, we rely on you to help us reach the ones in need. It is you, dear parishioners, that help us do the Lord's work. I remember the verse Matthew 25:40: '*Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me*'. Our faith teaches us not only to pray but also to reach out to those less fortunate.

Parishioners and friends, through this write-up, **I appreciate your generosity in the past and appeal to your kind hearts to continue helping us financially in our humble efforts and endeavor to reach out to those in need.** We request you to contribute to the welfare fund for the financial year 2025-26. Do feel free to reach out to your Sector's Welfare Association representative for more details.

*With my hands joined in gratitude,*

**Cleston da Costa**  
**Treasurer,**

**St. Louis Community Welfare Association**

## Competition, Camaraderie at Louisian Sports Meet 2025

The Parish Youth Group hosted the much-awaited annual Louisian Sports Meet on October 25-26, 2025. The first day featured football, badminton, table tennis, rapid chess, carrom, and kids' favourites ludo and snakes & ladders. The action continued on Day 2, with basketball, throwball, volleyball, telegames for kids and senior citizens, and the highly awaited football final.

With great enthusiasm and the Lord's blessings, Fr. Ronson D'Souza CSC officially declared the meet open. Parishioners arrived in large numbers to support their sector teams and cheer the participants. A new addition to the roster this year was badminton, which received wonderful response and turned out to be a huge success. The entire day witnessed spirited competition, camaraderie and several wholesome moments shared among families and friends.

Day 2 unfolded with the same excitement, all teams ready and families eagerly cheering for their loved ones. However, to everyone's disappointment, the weather took a turn for the worse. With dark clouds and persistent rain, competition had to be halted and rescheduled for the following Saturday.

On November 1 the remaining events - semi-finals and final of basketball and football final were played. The day concluded with the prize distribution ceremony. Holy Family sector emerged overall champions, while Holy Trinity were close runners-up.

The meet came to a cheerful end, leaving behind proud smiles, treasured memories, and the beautiful reminder of a parish that continues to stand united in spirit. A heartfelt thanks to our Youth Director, Fr. Vamshi, the entire clergy team, and all our parish youth for their unwavering support in making this event a grand success.

**Nicole Murzello**  
**Creative Head, Parish Youth Group**



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**Organising Committee - Parish Youth Group**



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