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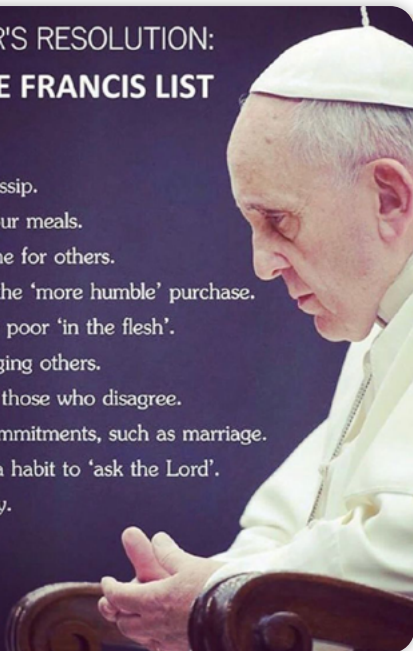
For a synodal Church
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An invitation by Pope Francis to
walk together,
over the next two years,
listening to the Spirit and to each other
with open hearts and minds.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



APPRECIATION

FROM BISHOP BARTHOL BARRETTO

THANK YOU for sending me the latest issue of Tonian Tweets. It's always a joyful experience to read all that is reported in the parish bulletin. I have noted that the entire bulletin revolves around the theme, **WE REAP WHAT WE SOW**. How true it is: we get what we invest. Please convey my sincere appreciation to all those concerned in bringing out the parish bulletin.

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THEME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

*Walking with The Lord In The Days
LENT To Us*



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From the desk of our Parish Priest Fr. Agnelo Fernandes

Dear Friends,

With our first issue of *Tonian Tweets, 2022*, we take up the theme of Pope Francis' invitation to the whole Church to journey together in **Synod** over the next two years. The global **Synodal** process on *Communion, Participation and Mission*, was formally launched on October 10th, 2021, with a Mass at the Vatican. In our Archdiocese, Cardinal Oswald Gracias inaugurated the synodal process with a solemn Eucharist at the Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, October 17th, 2021.

Pope Francis explained that **Synodality** is not so much an event or a slogan, but a **style and a way of being** by which the Church lives out her mission in our world today. Indeed, a Synodal Church is primarily **Called to Listen**, as the entire people of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in our times.

The participants in this synod are not just having a meeting to discuss ecclesial, or *Church-related*, matters. They are quite definitely on a "journey" somewhere, and they are going there as a group. For the pope, a Synod is a 'journey together' of the people of God, leading to the conclusion that the entire Church is on a pilgrimage,

"Every Synod should be a journey for all the faithful, in which every local Church has an integral part to play" says the Holy Father.

The Synod (2021-2023) on the theme: For a **Synodal Church: Communion, participation and mission** is designed to engage every diocese, every Bishops' Conference, and every Continental Church body. It will unleash the biggest popular consultation in history. It will require, as never before, the assembly of the people of God, in mass meetings at parishes and across dioceses around the world who are being given *the ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her Institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received*.

The Gospel tells us about a rich young man, who goes to meet Jesus, while he (Jesus) "went along the road" (Mk. 10,17). Many times, the Gospels present Jesus to us "on the road" (where he joins the journey of others, listening to them). Thus, Jesus reveals to us that God does not dwell in sterile places, in quiet places, far from reality, BUT walks with us and reaches us where we are, sometimes on the bumpy roads of life.

And, today, as we begin the Synodal path, Pope Francis is asking all of us - Pope, bishops, priests, religious and lay brothers and sisters, and especially our youth and children - do we, the *Christian Community* follow the style of God, who walks in history and shares in the events of humanity?

Having (*Participating*) in a Synod means walking on the same path, walking together. Let us look to Jesus, who first meets the rich young man on the road, then listens to his questions and finally helps him to discern what to do to have eternal life.

To **MEET/ ENCOUNTER**, to **LISTEN**, to **DISCERN** - these three Verbs characterize the Synod. May they also reverberate in the way we respond to Holy Father's invitation to the **SYNOD** on **SYNODALITY**





Saint John De Britto

SJ (1647 – 1693 AD)

*Not to answer the vocation as I ought,
would be to provoke the justice of God*

Feast day: February 4

Patron Saint of Portugal and Roman Catholic Diocese of Sivagangai, Tamil Nadu

Born of Portuguese aristocracy, at a young age, John de Britto almost died of an illness. His mother vowed he would wear a Jesuit cassock for a year if he recovered. Since then, John's heart burned with the desire to follow in St Francis Xavier's footsteps. John was admitted into the Society of Jesus at fifteen. Ordained in February 1673, in March, he set sail to Goa. For fourteen years Fr Britto worked in Madura. He adopted elements of the local culture in his evangelization, became an Indian ascetic, and renamed himself Arul Anandar. He was arrested, tortured, and commanded to leave India. Having refused, John was put to death. Pope Pius XII canonized him in 1947.



Saint Patrick

(c 385 - 461)

*Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ
before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me...*

Feast Day: March 17

Patron Saint of Ireland, Invoked against snakes and sins

Called the 'Apostle of Ireland', Patrick was born in Roman Britain. At fourteen, he was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. In captivity, Patrick turned to God and with His grace escaped at the age of twenty. On returning to his family, Patrick joined the seminary and was ordained priest by St. Germanus. Later Patrick was appointed Bishop and was sent to preach the Good News to Ireland. St Patrick is best known for using the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. After preaching for forty years, working miracles living in poverty, traveling, and enduring much suffering, St Patrick died on March 17, 461.



Saint Zita

(1218 – 1278)

A servant is not holy if she is not busy

Feast Day: April 27

Patron Saint of Domestic servants, homemakers, waiters, waitresses

Born of poor but devout Christian parents in 1218 in Italy, as a child, St Zita was obedient and pleasing to God. She performed her duties faithfully and endured every trial with meekness and patience. At twelve, Zita worked as a housekeeper for a rich weaver in Lucca and stayed with the family for forty-eight years. She lived a life of prayer and service. Initially, her employers were upset by her generous gifts of food to the poor, but gradually, they were won over by her goodness. Word spread in Lucca of her good deeds and the heavenly visions. At her death in 1278 the people acclaimed her as a saint.



Community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rathodi Advent and Christmas Activities

We assembled every Monday evening to participate in the Advent wreath prayers, while mindfully observing Covid norms of social distancing and wearing of masks. The beautiful advent wreath and the candles organised by a family, helped us to reflect on hope, peace, joy and love during the four weeks of advent. Special prayers and intentions were raised spontaneously, every week, for the needs of families in the community, specially the sick, the unemployed, the displaced and disturbed as well as those in mourning.

The Coordinator of the Community, Lorna Hanso, along with the animators, joyfully visited the 72 families with Christmas gifts and the Church calendar. The visits were an opportunity to share the peace and joy of the new born Saviour



and most importantly to pray and stay connected with the families, especially those facing difficult times. *May Jesus and Mary, our mother, bless each and every member of our community with love and grace throughout 2022, and put an end to the pandemic.*

- Marian Yarde
Member



Our Lady of Grace Community

PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

Christmas is like candy... it slowly melts in your mouth, sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it would last forever!

To re-live this sweetness, our community started with the Advent wreath prayer and lighting of the candles on the four Sundays of Advent.

The intercessory prayer was led by Mrs. Renita Pinto for a COVID-free world and a plea that normalcy would return soon! The children enthusiastically performed an action song which spurred the adults to join in as well.

The community went caroling around the buildings with our children dressed to represent the Holy Family, thus bring alive the spirit of Christmas.

We were so happy with the innovative minds of the children, who worked to give the crib a true touch of Bethlehem! A big Thank You, children, who are always ready to help in different activities.

Wishing everyone a happy and a blessed Christmas and New Year 2022!

- Cassandra Rodrigues
Zone 2



Our Lady of Nazareth Community In Preparation for Christmas

Throughout the month of December, members of our community prepared for the birth of Jesus by praying and reflecting together on this great event.

After a very long time, members met in small groups and recited the advent prayer.

We listened to the Word of God and spent time reflecting on the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

It was an enriching experience to get together and join in prayer as a community.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year 2022.



- Branca Teixeira
Zone 2



St. Francis Xavier Community. Kharodi Advent Preparations for Christmas

During the Advent Season, our Animators and members assembled every Monday at four different community crosses of different clusters, to recite the Advent prayers, sometimes in Marathi, at other times in English. The melodious singing at these gatherings coupled with scripture readings and intercessory prayers paved the way for a meaningful preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Each week, we began with an apt hymn, and, at the end, we prayed for different intentions, followed by a closing hymn and a fellowship get-together.

I thank every member of my community who made time to

attend these gatherings, in spite of the pandemic, showing their love for Jesus and trust in Him. It was this cooperation that made our Advent meaningful.

May the Infant Jesus bless us all.

- Ophelia G. Patel
Coordinator

St. Francis Xavier Community, Kharodi A Triple Celebration

Our community annual feast day Mass was celebrated by Fr. Victor Dalmet on 4th December, 2021, at the Infant Jesus Chapel, Kharodi. His inspirational homily drew parallels between the life of St. Francis Xavier and his missionary work. Fr. Victor also advised us to keep united with each other so that our community would develop and progress.

In keeping with Francis Xavier's works of charity, the community members presented food



articles like dal, rice, sugar, tea powder and oil during the Offertory. The participation of the whole congregation at the Eucharistic celebration, led by our Marathi choir, was heart-warming.

A small get-together after Mass marked a triple celebration: Our annual **Feast Day, Children's Day** and **pre-Christmas joy**. The Christmas-themed dress code in patented colors of red, green, silver and white lent an air of festivity. The evening was replete with delicious snacks and cold drinks.

Ruth Patel, our compere, infused enthusiasm into the games for both children and elders, all of whom enjoyed themselves thoroughly. There were stacks of spot prizes, quizzes, chocolates and gifts for all.

After the grace, a sumptuous dinner followed, with yummy *motichur laddoos*, which were relished.

Our whole Core team thanks each one for your continual support. Kudos to all our Animators and community members for making our evening's triple celebration extra special!

- **Ophelia G. Patel**
Coordinator



Sacred Heart Community, Ali Talao IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS...

Our community had a Christmas get-together after the 4th Sunday Advent Prayer Service. The children and adults were filled with the Christmas spirit as they sang carols which set the tone for the party.

Children and adults sang and danced while there were games and spot prizes. The highlight of the evening was having children of other faiths join in the celebration too. Yummy snacks were relished by all.

The dress code was red which lent an air of festivity to the evening. It was a wonderful day for us after a break of 2 years.

We thank God for the joy of meeting again.

- **Ramona Arrakal**
Coordinator

What is ADVENT?

Advent is derived from the Latin word *Adventus* meaning 'COMING' – the coming of Christ, and the Advent season consists of 4 weeks of preparation before Christmas, during which a candle is lit each Sunday as a symbolic gesture.

1st Sunday: A Purple Candle

referred to as the Prophecy Candle representing HOPE.



2nd: Another Purple Candle,

the Bethlehem Candle, representing Christ's LOVE for us

3rd: The Pink Candle

referred to as the Shepherd's Candle symbolising JOY at the birth of Jesus.

4th: another Purple Candle –

the Angel's Candle representing the Angels' song of PEACE

On Christmas Eve, a White Candle is lit, referred to as the Christ Candle symbolic of the Christ.



Gift of Joy Community World Food Day

"The food that we are privileged to receive is the dream of many!"

After a long break, the youth of *Gift of Joy* community had their first monthly meeting for the year 2021 on the 17th of October and after thorough discussions on various topics, we decided on the distribution of food grains to the needy of our community on the occasion of 'World Food Day'.

The collection in our respective clusters resulted in a sufficient amount of food grains and other food items which we distributed on 3 separate occasions. Firstly, on the occasion on World Food Day, and, subsequently, on the first Fridays of the months of November and January.

We had a really great experience collecting as well as distributing these food grains to the needy. These small steps towards making someone's day can mean a lot! They brought smiles not only to the faces of the needy, but also to our faces as well.

Genuinely, the whole experience was worth it! I would like to end this short article with the word of God, "Gather up the leftover fragments, so that nothing may be lost." Jn 6:12.

- Sian Quadros
Youth



Gift of Joy Community Church cleaning at Christmas



On 2nd November, 2021, around seven youths and one senior animator helped in cleaning the church windows ahead of our Church opening for Christmas. We took about 3 and half hours to do a thorough cleaning ... and then we had some refreshments!

We were delighted that we had an opportunity to clean our church and thankful to all who came and helped.

- Benjamin Chettiar
Youth



Gift of Joy Community, Zone 3 Paper-Drive leads to Crib

On 9th November, 2021, we had our first round of *Paper Drive*. We gathered together at around 7:30pm with our main agenda being to collect newspapers, magazines, boxes, glass/plastic bottles, old Christmas ornaments, decorations and clothes.

Ahead of this drive, in our meeting we had decided to reuse all the items we collected to creatively craft a Crib for the Baby Jesus at Christmas. All the youth went from door-to-door in all clusters of our community for the collection.



The 2nd round of *paper drive* was on the 19th November, 2021. We again started the collection at 7:30pm, with all the youth going from door-to-door collecting recyclable items and then storing all the collected materials in the church *godown*.

After this exhausting, yet fruitful, evening we had a fellowship dinner together at a nearby restaurant. It definitely was a fun-filled and memorable experience for us all!

Thanks to Rainel Lobo for bringing us all together and helping us to step-in and use our creativity. Thanks to all members of our community for their cooperation and support.

- Erica D'Souza
Youth



Gift of Joy & Gift of Hope Communities, Zone III Christmas Nativity crib

The Youth of our two communities from Zone 3, put together a life-size, eco-friendly Christmas crib in the *baalwadi* of St. Anthony Church, Malwani, this Christmas 2021.

The preparations began quite ahead of Christmas, in the month of October-November, when the youths went around conducting a paper drive in the entire community, after which all the recyclable items were segregated and worked upon to make what we have now as a nature-friendly, Christmas Nativity crib.

Our main inspiration was drawn from the two encyclicals of Pope Francis - *Laudato si'* on *Care for Mother Earth & Fratelli Tutti* which means *Brothers all*. In a challenging call to detach ourselves from our own (friends, families and nature) the pope asks us to remember that we're all in the same boat. The only option in front of us for people suffering is to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who helped without knowing who the injured man was, where he came from and what his beliefs were.

This crib is made completely with the use of recycled cardboard cartons, corrugated boards, newspapers, plastic and glass bottles, old clothes, also avoiding heavy usage of electricity we opted for minimum lighting, thus avoiding any harm to God's creation. Even so, our main aim was to keep in mind the theme of an eco-friendly crib with reflections from Pope Francis

encyclicals.

We were awarded the 1st prize in the crib competition conducted by the BCS of our parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dear Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, our parish priest, Fr. Osmand, the coordinators of both communities, Mrs. Flora and Mrs. Connie, the Animators of both communities, & Mrs. Franzinha, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Minino for all their love and support throughout the making of this crib.

Lord, we hope and pray that you will grant us the wisdom to care for our Mother Earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. AMEN

Here is the link to the video of our Eco Crib, describing the process of our work of art
<https://youtu.be/Ds3p07E2ESk>

- Rainel Lobo
Youth



Nativity of Our Lady Community Advent Evening of Prayer and Carol Singing

Our community, together with the residents of our Nazarene Housing Society, gathered on the fourth Sunday of Advent, to cherish peace, mercy, love and faith. It was time to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas 2021, with new hope and prayer in our hearts.

Preparations for the Advent evening had started 15 days earlier, with selection of carols, the skit to be performed, and all the children and youth gathering at 7 pm sharp every evening for the practice. The word CAROL signifies a joyful song, our carols brought us together and connected us in groups of shared experience and feelings. All the children were very excited about the Christmas Carolling, willingly volunteering to sing, perform, compere and play their instruments which brought another charm to the event.

The theme for the evening was “Let’s Celebrate our Saviour”!

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with glitter and lights. Everybody from the society turned up in their theme colours of red and white. It was beautiful Advent evening of togetherness, in an atmosphere of expectation, joy, and friendship.

We started with an Advent prayer and lit the fourth Advent Candle of Love.

Carols were sung by the children who were waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus with



his usual stocking of candies and goodies, distributed to sounds of “Ho, Ho, Ho” ...

Then our little ones performed a skit based on the story of “Three Trees”, reminding us that God has a beautiful plan for each one of us. Sr Manisha gave an inspirational insight into the importance and significance of Christmas.

As our Youth played and sang the usual Christmas Carols, to the sound of Jude’s strumming guitar, the whole atmosphere reverberated with the spirit of Christmas, and our hearts overflowed with joy.

The Santa Claus parade followed, with gifts being distributed to the little ones. The event ended with Christmas quiz, games and lovely snacks.

- Carol Rego
Member

Special Note by a member of the admiring audience:

The whole evening, with the play and choir, was beautifully organised by Carol, who personally supervised the daily practices, ensuring that the children knew their dialogues and were perfect with their harmony. The children enjoyed performing and the audience was delighted. Thank you so much, Carol





Nativity of Our Lady Community My First Experience of Compering

In preparation for Christmas, our community set aside the 4th Sunday evening in Advent, so that our whole Nazarene Housing Society would be able to participate.

Since my mother was preparing the children for the skit and

the carols, she asked me if I would help her by hosting the event. I was quite hesitant and refused at first, but, with Mom's gentle coaxing and encouragement, I finally agreed.

I began by sorting out the events and prepared a script for the evening; then I had quite a few silent rehearsals to boost myself.

When the actual evening came, I had goose bumps about standing on stage and holding

the attention of the audience and I kept whispering to myself *Just keep going ...*

Later, I was told that the event was a grand success.

When it was all over, I realised that beginnings are tough because of the uncertainty, but once we get through the beginning, the way ahead clears.

Now, I feel happy that I said *Yes*, in spite of some mistakes (which I later I got to know were not noticeable at all), but just the fact of facing a crowd was an experience in itself.

So, now, when I look back, I can say that my first-time compering was definitely worthwhile. Thank you, Mom.

- **Cian Rego**
Member

Walk together as a Church with the Holy Spirit

The purpose of the Synod is "to plant dreams", to "journey together" following the course of the Church in the third millennium with a truly synodal mentality.
Join us!





Reflection on the theme and logo

Synod is a Greek word **Synodos** meaning a Meeting or Assembly.

The two Greek words that make up **Synod** are: **syn** (meaning **together**) and **Hodos** (meaning **way or journey**)

And this is how the Holy Father is calling us to follow Jesus again today

Walking together as **Followers of the Way** which is how the first Christians were described.

On the left side of the logo is a **majestic tree** which expresses the Cross; it has extended branches like wings, symbolising the Holy Spirit to whom we are called to listen anew today. It carries the Eucharist which shines like the sun.



The logo depicts fifteen silhouettes of people of different ages and walks of life, including the handicapped, couples, children, youth, the elderly, all **walking together**, not static, but **moving**, with a bishop and a religious sister, not leading, but on the same level as the people, all walking in the same direction. They are led by the children and the youth, as the voices of all are to be listened to.

On the horizontal baseline we see the theme ...

For a synodal Church - Communion, Participation, Mission

The first call is to **Communion**, because the Church is Communion; created in the image of the Trinity and we are **One Body**, as seen in the logo.

The second call is to **Participation**. Everyone is called to participate, not only those who come to church, but those who have left the Church, those who have a negative impression of the church, those who don't belong to the Church and those who believe in other ways.

The third call is to **Mission**; we start off in a new way, being who we TRULY ARE. This is an exciting time, the *Springtime of the Church*, as Pope Francis says, a time to renew our commitment to being sent forth to share the love and mercy of Christ with others.

The title **Synod 2021-2023** at the end encompasses the entire theme.

- Sr. Daphne, rscj



30 YEARS OF THE SCCs And the SYNOD on SYNODALITY

For Communion, Participation, Mission

As we approach the *Pearl Jubilee (30 years)* of the Small Christian Communities (SCCs) in our parish, we feel blessed to have been one of the earliest parishes in our Archdiocese that responded to the challenge of this *NEW WAY of BEING CHURCH*.

And it has been a joy to witness the growth from just 3 communities in 1992, to 43 Communities today, from just 1400 parishioners geographically covering Marve, Malwani and Rathodi, initially, to 14500, today. Our parish has grown in length and breadth encompassing newer areas of *Janklayan, Bhoomi park, Alitalao*, together with the *Asmita Jyoti cross*.

As parishioners, we have tried to take seriously the three pillars of the SCC - *Faith Formation, Community building and Outreach* and, especially that, like the first Christians, no one should be in need. Slowly, we have been growing more secure with each other within our communities and at the parish level. The support and openness of the Church to its parishioners enables the parish team and lay people to work as one, through the PPC and other cells, making decisions together about the growth and development of the parish.

We have tried to become a participatory community, with the SCC core teams, coordinators, and animators helping the parish community to bond and communicate with each other and the parish administration.

So, when Pope Francis announced a *Synod* or meeting of the whole Church, to stop for a while and listen, in a spirit of *Communion, Participation and Mission*, to what is being asked of us as followers of Jesus in today's world, it was a reminder to me of what we have been trying to do in our SCCs over so many years.

In many senses, the presence of the SCCs in our parish over 30 years has been an excellent preparation for us to respond positively to Pope Francis' invitation to the *Synod on Synodality*.

This way of *Being Church* is what we have been working at for 30 years – trying to understand the mission of every individual towards the needy, love and inclusivity of our neighbours and those of other faiths, reaching out to the marginalised, encouraging and supporting families.

However, we still have a long way to go, encouraging upcoming future generation, especially the youth, to direct their energies towards the church and its mission, expressing hidden talents by participation in parish and community activities and a continued dynamism in approaching our church and society at large.

Let us use our 30 years' SCC experience to welcome Pope Francis' invitation to walk together with all the people of God during the next two years.

Let us also pray that the *Synod on Synodality, 2021-2023* may lead us to the communitarian, participatory and missionary Church, desired by Jesus.

- Richard Lasrado

The Magic of Christmas still lives on...

*A little child, a shining star,
a stable rude, the door ajar,
Yet in that place, so crude, forlorn,
the Hope of all, the world was born!*

**And so, the magic of Christmas was reborn
at St. Anthony's, Malwani, Malad.**

It was that time of the year again! Despite the constraints caused by the pandemic, the message of Christmas went out undiluted to the parishioners who set out to prepare the way of the Lord and 'make straight the crooked paths'.

The *Small Christian Communities* set the tone by making it convenient to meet at the village crosses and other central areas, each Sunday of Advent. Prayer services laced with carols created the right aura for the coming of the Messiah. The advent wreaths displayed at the venues of the prayer services, symbolizing eternity and God's endless mercy were a ray of hope in this troubled world. They cemented the focal theme of the Advent message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and one could see visible changes as people moved towards the message of Bethlehem.

The Nativity scene enacted in several communities and clusters caused people of other faiths to stand and stare. Actions speak louder than words!

Weekly messages carrying colourful and prayerful videos were posted on the Parish Pastoral Council WhatsApp group. The spirit kept soaring. The enthusiasm was infectious. Christmas, we realized, is a time of giving and sharing!

The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is to sing out loud for all to hear...the Youth of

the parish, organized an evening of carolling at the Church Annexe, with anyone and everyone pitching in while heralding the festive spirit!

The universe operates through dynamic exchange: giving and receiving....this facet was encouraged thorough a newspaper drive, the proceeds of which went to the less fortunate in and around the parish!

Not to feel isolated or depressed, the Senior Citizens' Fun Day, was a thrilling experience of fun, music, dancing and games followed by dinner, and got them energised for Christmas.

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere... came alive, through the crib and 20-foot-high star at the church and chapel and at strategic points in the community! Star and crib competitions saw a high level of enthusiasm among the parishioners.

Advent is a season of hope, of light piercing through darkness and eternal life that awaits those who love God. The sacrament of reconciliation offered many an opportunity to come back to the Lord! It was as if people were determined to act as inn-keepers to make room for baby Jesus.

'Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas each day!'....

The active awakening of the parishioners at St. Anthony's said it all! No fear of the pandemic could take away the joie de vivre! Indeed, the magic of Christmas lives on!

- Yucca Gomes
Vice-President of the PPC)



Anthonian Youth Group (AYG) Corner

The coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on everyone. The youthfulness of the AYG too was in suspension all through 2020. However, 2021 came bearing good cheer.

Under the leadership of Fr. Osmand D'Souza, the AYG was all set for new beginnings. We kickstarted our journey with the Children's and Youth Quiz in August. A glimpse of the same has been published in the previous edition of the Tonian Tweets. After an entertaining yet informative quiz time, we moved into some fun and frolic with the *Telegames* and *Baarish Box Cricket* in the month of September. The church premises were filled with athletic and enthusiastic youth, with some even taking home the winning prize!

With a short break for mid-semesters in October, the AYG was back with a bang in November. The *Youth Dhamaka* was a winter spin-off for the well-known summer club. A week full of fun, frolic and fellowship.

But all of this wasn't enough to exhaust our energy.

With our spirits on a high in the month of December, the AYG organized a triple event - The ***Christmas Fiesta***, consisting of a *Newspaper Drive for Charity*, the *ChrisTime Carol Singing* and the *Christmas Party*!

But that was not all! If you passed by the church or chapel, you'd see our youth working hard on building two beautiful cribs for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas.



One of the biggest achievements for us this year was that the AYG was able to raise an amount of almost Rs. 40,000/- through our paper drive. The proceeds of the same will go towards a charity in 2022.

All in all, whether the global pandemic is here to stay or not, the AYG, with the blessings and guidance of Christ and a youthful spirit, are here to serve.

- **Alancia Menezes**
AYG Core Group



Christmas Crib Competition 2022

Organised by the Bombay Catholic Sabha

The BCS organised a *Interzonal Crib Competition* in December 2021.

There were eleven excellent entries, each one unique in its lowly splendour. But the best message we received is that both youth and adults, and, above all, children of all faiths, came together to prepare these homes for the Infant Saviour.

The feedback from the parishioners and the participants was that, after a long time, they really enjoyed this activity. Gathered together as one family, they experienced anew the spirit of Christmas peace and joy.

The resounding message was: In this time of uncertainty Jesus alone is our Saviour

We invited our BCS counterparts from the neighbouring parish of *Our Lady of Lourdes, Orlem*, to be our honourable judges for the competition this year. They made their decisions on December 30th, results were declared the next day and the prize distribution was held on January 1st, during the 9.30 am Eucharistic celebration.

The three trophies were won by **Zone 3** (*first place*), **Zone 7**, (*second place*), and

Zone 2 (*3rd place*); they were presented to the well-deserving winners by our BCS spiritual director Fr. Victor Dalmet together with chocolate gifts.

A special word of appreciation to the Youth of the *Gift of Joy* and *Gift of Love communities*, of **Zone 3** for their creatively designed **Eco-Friendly Crib**. They personally went on a door-to-door collection of materials discarded by their clusters over several weeks, and arrived at the final design keeping Pope Francis' encyclicals *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti* in mind.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Youth of Zone 3 on their superbly creative GREEN crib

I thank all those who participated in the crib competition 2021 with so much thoughtfulness, love and patience. May the Infant Jesus bless each one of you this New Year, 2022!

- Bernadine D'costa, Head
Bombay Catholic Sabha (St. Anthony's Local Unit)



1st place: Zone 3



2nd place: Zone 7



3rd place: Zone 2



Sunday Funday

Celebrating Senior Citizens' Day

October 3, 2021 was truly a **Fun Sunday** for the seniors of our parish. The *Family cell* along with the *Senior Citizens' Cell* put together a most enjoyable evening of old-time memories, puzzles, music and other delights for the seniors.

The evening began with a prayer led by Fr. Osmand, after which we launched into a game of Housie. The energy was electrifying as we enjoyed ourselves; each and every person present was in it to win!

Rhonda Divecha came up with interesting online games to set us thinking. Some

were truly mind-boggling, while others just needed a little out-of-the-box thinking. The innovative way of guessing the songs really got those grey cells going. Everyone had a rollicking time and one senior even played the tunes on the mouth organ.

All in all, it was an evening well spent. Thank you to our priests and the organisers for putting together such a enjoyable programme. We look forward to the day when this pandemic ends and we can celebrate in the fresh air once again, rather than online.

- **Amelia Nunes**

St. Michael Community, Zone 8

Senior Citizens Christmas Funday

Senior Citizens' Cell

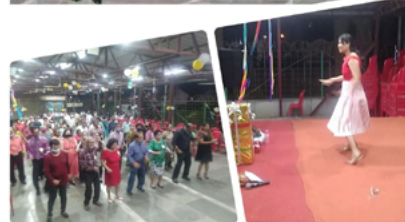
An unforgettable *Christmas Funday* was organised for the *Senior Citizens of our parish by the Senior Citizens Jesus, Mary & Joseph (JMJ) Cell*. Fr. Agnelo, our parish priest, led us in prayer. He spoke about the importance of caring and loving the elders in our families, especially by their children, family and society at large. We were overwhelmed!

The celebrations took off with a Konkani action-song led by compere Ms. Renita, with those in the 60 to 80+ age group participating – truly a sight to behold! Everyone did their best to follow the leader as closely as possible. This brought out the youth in all of us.

Fun games like the balloon dance, followed, with each couple trying to out-beat the other. Many spot prizes were distributed, as also a *Gift Hamper* with Christmas sweets. A large gift-wrapped carton filled with surprise Christmas goodies, including cakes, wine, and snacks was auctioned. These extras generated a lot of excitement, leaving the lucky winners thrilled and stunned!

Fr. Osmand's few words elated us all, because he began by saying, that, when he saw the senior citizens in full form taking part in the games and dancing, he could not tell the difference between the children/youth and senior citizens. What a compliment!!!

Frs. Victor and Francis Xavier also dropped in for a short while, making us feel loved and special. Sr. Manisha led us in



the grace before meals, speaking briefly on the lives of senior citizens.

To top it all, we must say the snacks, food and dessert were absolutely delicious and the music by the DJ, Ryan, was unbeatable. Kudos to Ms. Delyse for entertaining us with carols and nostalgic songs of the 60s and 70s, which brought some couples on to the dance floor.

A big **Thank You** to all the Organizers for making this celebration such a grand success.

- **Isabel Pinto**

Community of Our Lady of the Assumption



Helpers of Jesus Sisters

Sneha Sagar Society

"Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal.

For your heart will always be where your riches are."

Mathew 6:19-21

The *Sneha Sagar Society* is a trust founded by Sr. Martha Mondal in Mumbai (1999, later registered in 2001) and presently working in Thane, Palghar, Navi Mumbai and Delhi. The sisters have been providing training, shelter and education to underprivileged women and girls, regardless of caste, creed, or background for over twenty years.

In rough times, Sr. Martha and her sisters also provide food to struggling families on the street so that no one would not have to go to bed hungry. During the pandemic, cooked food was served, as well as food grains; recently, some families were also provided with LPG cylinders, through generous donors.

A great initiative is the *FRIDGE FOR THE POOR*, which is stocked with leftover food from homes around. This cooked food is distributed among families who cannot manage their daily meals. They come in and can have a meal from the fridge as needed.

Since the pandemic began, food grains have been provided to over 500 families, as well



as cooked food to over 500 people on the streets every month. During Christmas week 2021, the sisters along with some volunteers distributed cooked food to approximately 200 people on the streets as well as food grains to 50 families.

This mission of service is presently supported by donations from benefactors who are inspired by the commitment of the sisters and by the blessings of those who have been, and continue being, helped throughout the years.

However, there are many more who are in dire need of basic necessities.

At the end, the sisters promise to not give up and will continue to help the needy in every way they can. Your help in this mission of service is deeply appreciated.

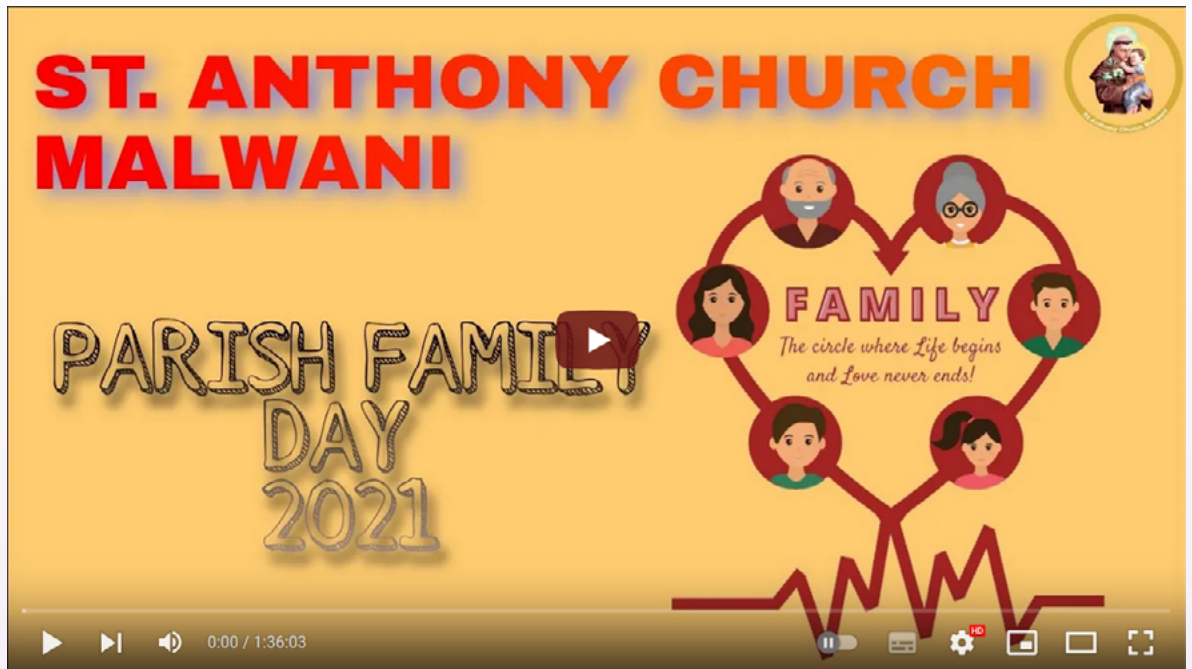
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- Sr. Martha Mondal





The planning for our Parish Family Day 2021 began with Fr. Osmand, our SCC Spiritual Director, the PPC Executive Team and the Zonal Heads inviting all parishioners to suggest a central theme based on the FAMILY, as the year had been declared the *Year of the Family* by Pope Francis. As a parish, we had also been reflecting each Friday on a paragraph from the Holy Father's apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love)

The challenge was well-received and the award for the best theme was won by Ms. Freeda Bhobe who gave us the beautiful and meaningful theme:

FAMILY: The circle where Life begins and Love never ends.'

'Based on this central theme, sub-topics were shortlisted for performances and the mode of performance as well, e.g., *Skit, Group Dance, Talk Show, Pantomime* by each of the eight zones. Fr. Osmand kindly offered the Church premises for official recordings if needed.

Thus initiated, the Zonal Heads worked with their respective coordinators, animators and

clusters to create a superb overall performance for our *Parish Family Day*.

Cleophas, with Nelson and his team did a fabulous job recording the acts of Zones 2, 3, 6 and 8, while Zones 1, 4, 5 and 7 chose to have their own set up.

Despite the pandemic, many Children, Youth and Adults took part in the various performances, keeping all the necessary Covid precautions in mind. The comperes, Laura Fernandes and Cletus Menezes, showcased their talents in their smooth hosting of the event.

On Nov. 20th, we were alerted by the PPC:

*The day we all have been waiting for, which is filled with excitement, has arrived at last. The video link gives us a gist of our parish families performing with skit, song and dance. Let's enjoy our **Parish Family Day** together with Joy.*

We received excellent reviews for the PFD 2021, not only from our parishioners but also from all who viewed the programme.

- Shaila Fernandez
Zonal Head: Zone 8



Family where Life Begins and Love never Ends

Winning theme for our Parish Family Day (PFD) Competition

The quote, *Family where Life Begins and Love never Ends* was always one of my favourites because the family is the home where we are listened to, accepted and loved.

As J. Maurus rightly writes. In the family you are free to cut your own path, determine your standards, dream your own dreams, pick your own style.

You can do the thing you do best: BE YOU!

Family is the channel of grace, an institution of love.

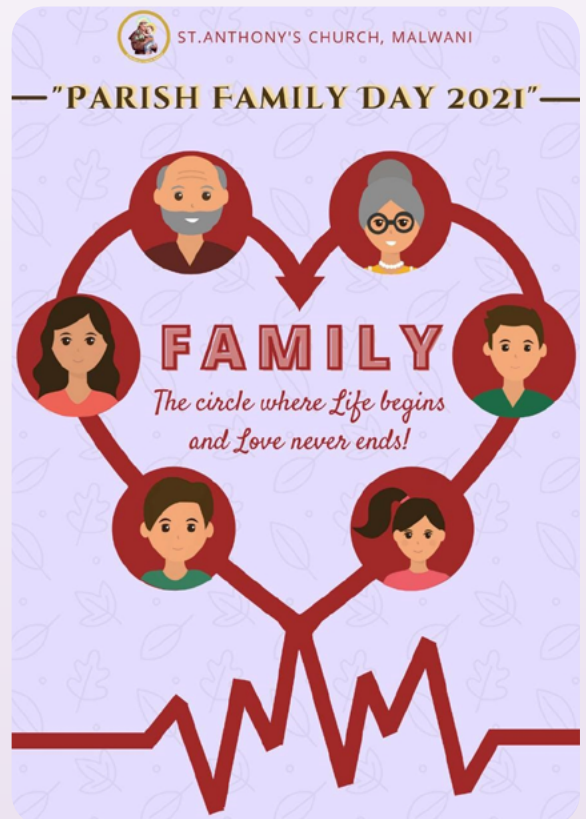
An institution not made up of bricks and cement but with hearts.

- Ms. Freeda Bhobe



FAMILY:

Where love is everything
And yours is so well known
That through anything
That life can bring
You never feel alone
Here hopes and dreams
Are always on the rise
When you are with family
You are helped to see
Life through loving eyes



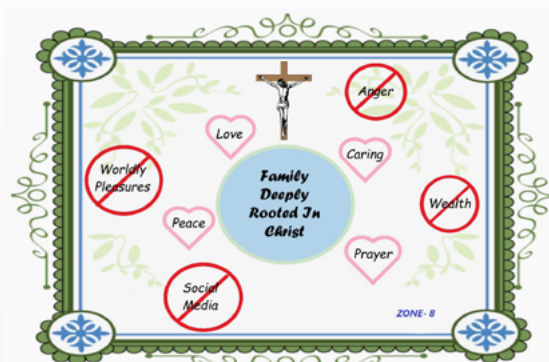
Our Parish Family Day St. Michael Community

Parish Family Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the precious gift of our parish as a family. This year, we were looking forward to an offline celebration, but the second Covid wave forced us to go online again with our performances on November 20th, 2021.

The theme **The Circle where Life begins and love never ends**, despite the pandemic and danger of the virus all around, was a splendid effort by all our lovely parishioners. The Parish team, PPC, all the zones, area coordinators, animators, videographers, editors did a magnificent job in making this event possible via YouTube. I would like to share my experience on being part of the Parish Family Day.

During the Diwali vacations, our talented Youth and children practiced daily with enthusiasm. Our Vibrant Animators took turns to monitor, guide and encourage the participants.

The Theme of our Pantomime Act was **"Being Rooted in Christ"**, where the story had to be portrayed solely by means of body movement, no words were used. Only



symbolic gestures, music and dance was used to communicate and entertain the audience. In order to enhance the Pantomime Act, the participants painted their faces white to highlight their facial expressions.

Congratulations to our youth for coming up with the concept, script, music, choreography, costume, makeup and direction. The dance was the highlight; overall the pantomime act showcased family values that helped us understand how to be rooted in Christ and committed to GOD and our FAITH.

Indeed, being "deeply rooted" means *Putting God at the Centre*, and this is possible when we spend time with God's Word, pray daily as a family, and together thank for the blessings of each day.

- Mary Pereira
Animator



Parish Family Day

A Compere's View

The pandemic doesn't seem to be making things easy for anyone and our PFD was no different. An event that used to bring families together to celebrate was once again on a virtual platform.

I was privileged to be one of the hosts for this event and, although we would have loved to have an audience, we had to essay our roles in front of a camera so that everyone could enjoy the program in the safety of their homes.

The core team under the able guidance of Fr. Osmond chose "Family" as the theme for this year and a competition rolled out to the parishioners resulted in Mrs. Freeda Bhobhe giving us the winning tag line. **Family: The Circle where life begins and love never ends.**

The 8 Zones had worked hard on different aspects surrounding the theme of FAMILY. Each Zone was given a different sub-theme and a mode to convey the message. Dances, melodious singing, skits, interviews,



pantomimes, digital presentations and even a walk down memory lane were different modes by which the importance of family in our lives was showcased.

A little bit of comedy, some drama and music blended perfectly to make our online *Parish Family Day 2021* a rocking success. Although the event was well collated by our parish digital team, I certainly hope that we can go back to celebrating Parish Family Day the traditional way.

- Laura Fernandes
Host for the event

Confirmation Mission-cum- Retreat

Three Days Well-spent in Walvanda



Our Confirmation Group (2021-22), accompanied by our Director, Fr. Osmand, and our Animators, had a unique three-day *Mission-cum-Retreat* experience in the tribal area of Walvanda from November 10th – 12th, 2021. We stayed at the Don Bosco Samajik Yuvak Kendra, and had a tough, though

fruitful, disciplined, yet enjoyable, time – a truly memorable experience!

Our first learning was that: *We don't know what someone is going through until we are in their shoes.* Living in big cities, we do not realise that the things we obtain so easily, are the daily trials and hardships faced by our

brothers and sisters in villages and tribal areas.

Even though we did not get an opportunity to meet the tribals in person because of the present pandemic LOCKDOWN



situation, Fr. Osmand conducted various activities through which we had a different type of mission experience.

Fr. Aniclet, SDB, in charge of the Don Bosco *Samajik Yuvak Kendra* was very hospitable. Besides giving us an insight into their mission of tribal empowerment, he also allowed us to experience various projects. The different activities gave us a slightly deeper understanding of the tribal lifestyle and how we can learn several lessons relating to our own lifestyles.

For example, we were taken on a nature trek - a tough route travelled by the people as they search for their basic resources. Another activity was making miniature houses with raw materials from nature; this taught us how difficult it is to build houses with materials from nature. We also learnt the importance of making our foundation in life strong.

Other activities, like picking elements from nature, gave us a feeling of being connected with nature and helped us obtain peace. Using natural resources to the maximum, avoiding any sort of wastage, and putting the needs of others before our own were also important values.

We visited a few leisure places like the *Sunset point* and the *Jai Vilas Palace*, and also other projects, like check dams and *mogra farms*, accomplished with much struggle and hard work.

We experienced *Nature in its purest form*. The clean water tasted so different from the water we usually



drink - no pollution, climate calm and cool due to many trees, and everything clean and well-maintained. Both the place, as well as the lifestyle of the people kept our interest going.

It has been rightly said that *We learn the value of things when we lose them*. So, it was with us! We learnt the value of modern technology after we lost it for three days. We learnt how people can live without resources like mobiles, network, i-pads and the like.

The story about the *American Bald Eagle* will always remain with us as a motivation from Fr. Osmand. The daily rosary, Mass and prayers upheld us spiritually. We were given delicious home-cooked food and were taken very good care of.

After one and a half year of just ONLINE interactions, we finally met our confirmation batchmates in person and got to know them well. We will carry with us the learnings of caring, sharing, unity, support, hard work, honesty and much more, into the future.

A huge *Thank-You* to Fr. Osmand and our confirmation teachers for this experience. Our mission trip to Walvanda didn't just give us spiritual knowledge, but several life lessons as well! **THREE DAYS WELL SPENT IN WALVANDA!**

- Celeste Swamy
Confirmand



सहप्रवासात्मक ख्रिस्तसभा २०२१-२०२३

रविवार दिनांक १० ऑक्टोबर २०२१ रोजी रोममध्ये पोप फ्रान्सिस यांनी निवडक विश्वासूच्या एकत्र चालण्याच्या सिनड चे उद्घाटन मिसाद्वारे केले.

त्यानंतरच्या रविवारी म्हणजे १७ ऑक्टोबर २०२१ रोजी जगातील प्रत्येक धर्मप्रांत व धर्मग्रामामध्ये सर्वांनी मिळून मिसेद्वारे या सहप्रवासात्मक धर्मपरिषदेचे उद्घाटन केले. सिनडचा कार्यकाल हा ऑक्टोबर २०२१ ते ऑक्टोबर २०२३ असा आहे. सदर सिनडद्वारे पोप फ्रान्सिस यांनी जगभराच्या ख्रिस्तसभेला तिचे जीवन आणि मिशन कार्य ह्यांची दिशा ठरविण्याच्या विषयावर चिंतन करण्यासाठी पाचारण केले आहे.

सिनड म्हणजे काय ?

सिनडचा मूळ अर्थ विचार-विनिमयासाठी एकत्र येऊन सोबतीने प्रवास करणे असा आहे. ख्रिस्त सभेला उद्वेगणाऱ्या समस्या व प्रश्नांवर सर्व थरातून चर्चा करून सर्वांचे ऐकून पुढील वाटचालीसाठी दिशा ठरवणे हा यामागचा मुख्य उद्देश आहे. प्रत्येक क्लस्टर लहान ख्रिस्ती समूह (SSC) व सर्व धर्मग्राम पातळीवर सक्रिय राहून श्रद्धेमध्ये एकत्र विचारविनिमय करणे, पवित्र आत्म्याविषयी परमेश्वर आम्हाला काय सांगत आहे ? जे चर्चला धरून आहेत व जे सोडून गेले आहेत अशा सर्वांचे ऐकायचे. आज ख्रिस्तसभेला कशाची उणीव आहे ? कोणाला कोणत्या गोष्टी खटकत आहेत ? एकमेकांची दखल व काळजी कशाप्रकारे घेतली जाऊन परोपकार करता येईल ? चर्च पुन्हा कसे पवित्र आत्म्याच्या चैतन्याने भरून जाईल ? इत्यादी सर्व प्रश्नांविषयी चर्चा - ऊहापोह पॅरिश पातळीवर होऊन त्याविषयीचा अहवाल एप्रिल २०२२ पर्यंत भारतीय बिशपांच्या परिषदेला पाठविण्यात येईल. भारतीय बिशपांच्या परिषदेमध्ये पारखून आलेला हा वृत्तांत अहवाल आशियाई बिशपांच्या परिषदेला पाठविला जाईल. अशाप्रकारे सातही

खंडामधून आलेला अहवाल पारखून घेतल्यानंतर पुढे तो रोमला ऑक्टोबर २०२३ मध्ये पोप महोदयांच्या उपस्थितीत पारखला जाऊन ख्रिस्तसभेच्या पुढील ध्येय धोरणाविषयी व आगामी वाटचालीसाठी एक नवा मसुदा (Draft) ठरावाच्या रूपात आकारास येईल. हाच ठराव पुढे जाऊन धर्मप्रांत, धर्मग्राम, लहान ख्रिस्ती समूह व क्लस्टर यांना राबविण्यास सांगण्यात येईल.

थोडक्यात म्हणजे ख्रिस्ताने स्थापन केलेल्या चर्चचे नूतनीकरण करून न्याय, शांती, समानता, प्रीतीभाव व आनंद यांनी समृद्ध असलेले ख्रिस्त सभा तयार करणे होय.

सिनडचं चिन्ह

मुखपृष्ठावर झळकत असलेला सिनडचा लोगो म्हणजे चिन्ह तयार करण्यासाठी दूरदृष्टीपूर्वक विचार मांडण्यात आला आहे.



आकाशाला भिडणारे एक भव्य वृक्ष जे कुसाप्रमाणे भासते

त्याच्या केंद्रस्थानी ख्रिस्तशरीर आहे जे सूर्याप्रमाणे तळपत आहे. या वृक्षाच्या आडव्या फांद्या उघडलेल्या हाताप्रमाणे किंवा पंखाप्रमाणे सर्वांना कवेत घेण्याचे प्रतीक दर्शवितात. या चित्रात संपूर्ण मानव जातीचे प्रतिनिधित्व करणाऱ्या १५ लोकांच्या प्रतिमा दाखविण्यात आल्या आहेत. जे सर्वजण एकत्रपणे चालत आहेत. यामध्ये बिशप, धर्मगुरू, धर्मभगिनी हे सर्व लोकांपुढे चालताना दिसत नाहीत तर लोकांबरोबर चालताना दिसत आहेत.

'सहप्रवासत्मक ख्रिस्तसभा : एकात्मता सहभागिता आणि मिशन २०२१ -२०२३' हे बोधवाक्य चिन्हाबरोबर झळकताना दिसत आहे.

- शेखर पारवे

आगेरा

दरवर्षीप्रमाणे यावर्षी सुद्धा आगेरा म्हणजे आभार प्रदर्शनाचा दिवस आपल्या धर्मग्रामात पारंपारिक पद्धतीने साजरा करण्यात आला. नवीन आलेल्या पिकातील पहिले पीक देवाला अर्पण करण्याची पद्धत कुणबी समाजात वर्षानुवर्षे चालत आली आहे. कुणबी समाज म्हणजे शेतकरी समाजाचा हा सण.

सकाळच्या मिसावर भाताची कणसे देवाला अर्पण करून आशीर्वादित केलेली ही कणसे घरोघरी नेतात व आपल्या दरवाजावर अर्पणाचे प्रतीक म्हणून लावतात. यावर्षी फादर ऑज्मंड यांनी बैलगाडी मध्ये भाताची कणसे आणली. प्रातिनिधिक स्तरावर बैलगाडी सारथ्य म्हणजे बैलगाडी हाकण्याचे काम फादरांनी केले. कोविड -१९ चे निर्बंध पाळून धर्मग्रामवासींचे यामध्ये सहभागी झाले होते.

मिसानंतर घरोघरी गोड-घोड पदार्थ करून हा सण साजरा करण्याची पद्धत पुर्वीच्या काळी होती. परंतु आधुनिकीकरणाच्या युगात या प्रथेचा सुद्धा अस्त होत चालल्याचे निदर्शनास येत आहे.



- प्रतिनिधी



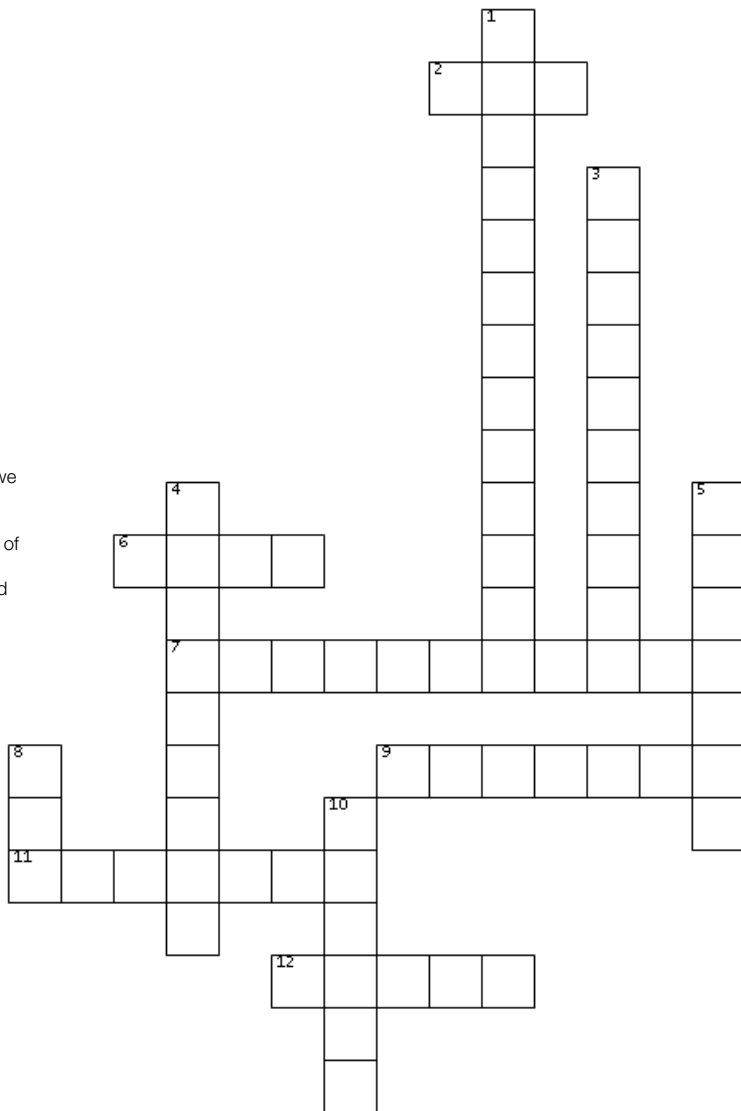


Across

2. in the early Church Before we were called Christians we were referred to as followers of the ?
6. Where was opening celebration of the Synod held?
7. To understand or know something through the power of the Spirit.
9. This Pope has invited the church for the current Synod
11. In which month did the current synod begin
12. Special council of members of the church

Down

1. Communion, ? and Mission
3. The church exists to do this (preach the gospel)
4. We are called to listen to this, get enlightened by it and live it
5. Through this Sacrament we must become active participants in the church
8. Number of years for the Synod
10. An act of communication by humans with God



Take a screenshot of your responses. Whatsapp to the following cell no. +91 98207 48229. Mention your full name, community, zone and send by 28th February 2022.

Answers to Adult Quiz Oct-Dec 2021

ACROSS

3. homecoming, rebuilding, God is worshipped **Ezra**
7. A queen, a plot, God's saving grace **Esther**
11. Good man, loses everything, gains more than ever **Job**
13. what to offer, how to offer, when to offer **Leviticus**
14. God created, man disobeyed, sin entered **Genesis**
16. history retold of father, son and others **Chronicles**
17. All is vanity, you live, you work, you die, another enjoys **Ecclesiastes**
19. Review of forty years, reminder of covenant, death of Moses **Deuteronomy**
20. Disobedient man, a fish, repentance **Jonah**
21. God calls, servant answers, anoints first and second king **Samuel**

DOWN

1. men in exile, fire and lions **Daniel**
2. A war, a widow, a victory **Judith**
4. Songs for health, protection, thanksgiving etc **Psalms**
5. Wise sayings for daily life **Proverbs**
6. Israel sins, gets invaded, God sends help, repeat from beginning' **Judges**
8. A good man, a marriage, a healing' **Tobit**
9. Jesus ascends, his friends continue His work' **Acts of the apostles**
10. Greetings, visions, waiting for the Lord **Revelation**
12. One kingdom divided, great drought, Wind, earthquake, fire, soft voice **Kings**
15. Israel cried, God heard, Moses sent **Exodus**
18. crossing a river. blowing trumpets, collapsing walls **Joshua**





KIDDIES QUIZ



Find out 20 books from The New Testament and write them down from the below puzzle

N K S S N E P Z Z Y P R U G S
W R D N K R T K Q K E R C I N
F A A U A F F N A V R O S Q A
O M L T Z I F P E C R N N X I
Q T V B R Z S L E I T C A P S
Q Z L W Z N A E N T L S I R S
W N R Z S T Z T H Y E O N O O
B E Y W I Q H W H P T R O M L
F D H O D I C T X X E W L A O
E B N T A Z O J U D E B A N C
J O H N T M Q A S Z J P S S H
E X S F I A Y M J J R D S J T
S A O T W K M E B A H M E R W
E K F I B K D S T S G N H Q Y
P X B S N O I T A L A G T I J

Dear Children,

Re. the Kids' Quiz Oct – Dec. 2021

It is very sad to note that there were no entries for the Kids' Quiz in the Oct. – Dec. 2021 issue of Tonian Tweets ... We urge children, in all classes up to and including Std. X, to attempt the Quiz which is designed each quarter especially to help you study the Bible more deeply.

We look forward to more entries to the Quiz in this issue

Take a screenshot of your responses. Whatsapp to the following cell no. +91 98207 48229.

Mention your full name, standard, community, zone. Send by 28th February 2022.



Called to Eternal Life

	Name	Date	Age	Relation	Area
1	Benedicta Carlo	02-10-'21	61yrs	Wife of Victor Carlo	Malwani
2	Dominic Lawrence Castelino	02-10-'21	59yrs	Son of Lawrence Castelino	Malwani
3	Faustin Jerome Rodrigues	04-10-'21		Wife of Jerome Rodrigues	Malwani
4	Xavier Juran Patel	08-10-'21	88yrs	Son of Juran Patel	Jankalyan
5	Edward John Gonsalves	09-10-'21	62yrs	Son of John Gonsalves	Rathodi
6	Female Child	19-10-'21	23days	Child of Suchitra G Mathew	Malwani
7	Anthony Paulu Gonsalves	23-10-'21	63yrs	Son of Paulu Gonsalves	Kharodi
8	Samson Simon Lewis	24-10-'21	81yrs	Son of Simon Lewis	Malwani
9	Mariama George	28-10-'21	66yrs	Orphan	Rathodi
10	Perpet Peter Marquis	03-11-'21	75yrs	Wife of Peter Marquis	Jaynagar
11	Francis Kiny	07-11-'21	61yrs	Son of Clament Kiny	Kharodi
12	Sebastiana Victor Fernandes	12-11-'21	67yrs	Daughter of John Fernandes	Malwani
13	Charles Bartholomeusz	13-11-'21	75yrs	Son of Patrick Bartholomeusz	Kharodi
14	Michael Albert Monteiro	14-11-'21	73yrs	Son of Albert Monteiro	Jankalyan
15	Vincent Alphonso D'souza	16-11-'21	57yrs	Husband of Lucia D'souza	Malwani
16	Pasquelina Rodrigues	19-11-'21	91yrs	Wife of Aleixa Rodrigues	Jankalyan
17	Dominic Patel	20-11-'21	77yrs	Son of Claudi Patel	Kharodi
18	Valerian D'souza	22-11-'21	74yrs	Son of Gregory Dsouza	Malwani
19	George Patel	22-11-'21	57yrs	Son of Sylvester Patel	Kharodi
20	Vinnie Gonsalves	24-11-'21	67yrs	Wife of Blaise Gonsalves	Kharodi
21	Errol Nunes	24-11-'21	65yrs	Son of Eric Nunes	Jankalyan
22	Rosy Saldhana	27-11-'21	53yrs	Wife of Pascoal Saldanha	Malwani
23	Franko Nigrel	30-11-'21	68yrs	Son of Francis Nigrel	Kharodi
24	Regina Pregrina Nazareth	02-11-'21	81yrs	Wife of Manuel Nazareth	Malwani
25	Manual Fernandes	05-12-'21	71yrs	Son of Peter Fernandes	Malwani
26	Albertine Harold Thorne	06-12-'21	92yrs	Daughter of Caron Sequeira	Jankalyan
27	Joseph Francis Gonsalves	15-12-'21	70yrs	Son of Francis Gonsalves	Kharodi
28	Michael Robert Anthony	15-12-'21	45yrs	Son of Robert Anthony	Rathodi
29	Anna D'mello	18-12-'21	65yrs	Wife of Alick D'mello	Malwani
30	Clara Fernandes	19-12-'21	74yrs	Wife of Paul Fernandes	Malwani
31	John Francis Mascarenhas	29-12-'21	70yrs	Son of Francis Mascarenhas	Malad (W)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 rd January	Sunday of the Word of God (Bible Sunday)
26 th January	Republic Day
28 th January	Infant Jesus Novena begins.
2 nd February	Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple -The day of Consecrated Life
6 th February	Infant Jesus Feast
8 th February	PPC Meeting
11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
	World Day of the sick
13 th February	Confirmation – Bishop John Rodrigues will administer the sacrament.
	World Marriage Day
1 st March	PPC Meeting
2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
8 th March	International Women's Day
19 th March	Feast of St. Joseph
25 th March	Annunciation of the Lord
5 th April	PPC Meeting
10 th April	Palm Sunday
14 th April	Maundy Thursday
15 th April	Good Friday
16 th April	Holy Saturday – An Hour with Our Lady
16 th April	Easter Vigil
17 th April	Easter Sunday
24 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday



A Prayer For Our Earth at the start of 2022 - By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution
and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to
recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your
infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. AMEN

*We have a big year ahead for our common home, humanity, as we continue to navigate the many
obstacles and crises impacting our lives – COVID-19, climate, ecological, and many more.*

Let us keep all those fighting for climate justice in our prayer during the New Year 2022

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for a Church Assembly of discernment (i.e. Synodal)

Every session of the Second
Vatican Council began with
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus,
meaning, “We stand before You,
Holy Spirit,” attributed to Saint
Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 636).
We pray that the Holy Spirit
operate within us during the
Synod 2021-2023, making us a
community of grace.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.





Our Altar decorated for hourly veneration services for the last Sunday of the liturgical year



Parish Family Day winning theme ... Ms. Freeda Bhobe



Gift of Joy Community Youth Eco-friendly Crib (Awarded 1st prize)



Gift of Joy Community Youth Church Cleaning in preparation for Christmas

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