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Let's Carry
HOPE

"Nothing Lasts forever"

May **2021** be a Year during
which we carry
HOPE in our **HEARTS**

2021 has dawned



Baby, Liam, with mother, Ludy

Do not say:
“It is Morning” ,
and dismiss it with the name of
“YESTERDAY”

Welcome it as a new-born Child
that has no name

Rabindranath Tagore

As the New Year dawns
Let us remember that
“God’s residence is next to mine,
God’s furniture is love”

Emily Dickinson, Poems, XVII
(as quoted by Pope Francis in 2021 message)

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THEME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

St. Joseph

Patron of the pious believer for all time



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From the desk of our Parish Priest

Fr. Agnelo Fernandes

Dear Friends,

As we move into 2021, our sights are veering towards *Hope*. Dominated, but undeterred by Covid-19, we have made friends with cyberspace, as nearly every article or report in this our fourth digital issue of *Tonian Tweets* testifies. In fact, the many *YouTube* links provided will lead us back in memory to the dances, songs and skits presented; as the “Agera” dancers said: “*It still brings a smile every time we watch our dance video*”. So, I would encourage you to go through this issue with interest and find new hope as you re-live the memories.

Over the last few months, the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si* and *Season of Creation* directed us to deepen our understanding of burning issues affecting our common home – Mother Earth. Our main event was *Parish Family Day* at which each zone presented an Environmental theme; the eight videos were much appreciated and have been uploaded on the AOE website. You can log in again to your item using the web link provided, (see page 7) at the given mark on the video timeline.

As I was reflecting on the Christmas preparations done so lovingly by volunteers in the Church and Chapel, I was struck by one thought. At the first Christmas, “*Jesus came to His own, but they received Him not*”; now, in 2020, “*we prepared so lovingly for His coming, but at the last minute, Jesus was not able to come because of the curfew*”. It was a sad moment for many as Midnight Mass had to go online. However, the décor, cribs and stars are presented in this issue; they were so beautiful and will gladden our hearts as we thank those who spent time in making Christmas 2020 one to remember. As one community put it so well: “*It was magical and unique, because Neighbours, known by face, but never spoken to before, joined in the preparations, helping to achieve the true spirit of Christmas bonding and togetherness.*”

Other important events include “Confirmation” of 94 youth and the desire to work towards an inclusive attitude on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of *Human Rights Day*, especially in view of the throngs of migrants veering home, and the promises we remake each Republic Day.

Moved by these images and the thought of so many nameless, faceless workers behind the scenes in our mega crisis, Pope Francis, on Dec. 8th, 2020, announced the *Year of St. Joseph*, the silent, hidden saint, Protector of the Universal Church, Model of Fatherhood, and Patron of a holy death; the year will close on Dec. 8th 2021. To help us enter into the mind of the Holy Father, it would be instructive to read his Letter, *Patris Corde (with a father’s heart)* at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

The Holy Family was the first domestic Church ever. So, if the Church is God’s family, with Jesus as her head, Mary as her heart, and Joseph as her custodian, we can carry hope in our hearts as St. Joseph accompanies us on our journey through 2021.

May the year be blessed!



Celebrating Saints



St Agnes of Rome

*I belong to Him
Whom the angels serve*

Feast day: January 21

Patron Saint of Betrothed Couples, Chastity, Gardeners, Rape Victims, and Virgins

St Agnes was born to a wealthy Roman family in the last decade of the third century. Agnes came of age during the dreadful persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Dedicating herself to God, Agnes promised to never stain her purity. To every suitor, she would say – ‘Jesus Christ is my only Spouse.’ A rejected suitor betrayed her to the authorities who commanded her to sacrifice to pagan gods. On refusing, she was thrown into a brothel but her purity was miraculously preserved. Having escaped that fate, she was martyred in 304 AD. On the feast day of St. Agnes – whose name means ‘lamb’ in Latin – the Pope blesses lambs, whose wool is then offered and used to make the white pallium worn by archbishops.



St. Gonzalo Garcia

*My good friend,
God be with you*

Feast Day: February 5

Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Bombay and the Diocese of Vasai

Born of a Portuguese father and a native mother in Bassein (now Vasai) in c 1556, Garcia was trained under the Jesuits in his early years. At fifteen he left for Japan to join the mission efforts of the Jesuit fathers. Garcia served as a catechist for eight years in this mission field. He then betook himself to Alacao to set up a trade. His business flourished but Garcia yearned to be religious. Eventually, he joined the Franciscans. The Japanese shoguns suspected the missionaries of sedition and had them excised. On February 5, Garcia was crucified on Nagasaki Hills with twenty-six of his companions. On June 8, 1862, Pope Pius IX declared Garcia a saint.



St. Joseph

*Get to know Joseph and you will
find Jesus – St. Josemaria Escriva*

Feast Day: March 19

Patron Saint of the universal Church, fathers, unborn children, immigrants, workers, pilgrims, carpenters, happy death

We know very little about Saint Joseph except that he was the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. Scripture calls him a just man and hints at his humble profession - ‘*Is he not the carpenter’s son?*’ (Mt 13:55). We do not know of a single word he ever spoke yet his actions speak volumes. The New Testament Joseph seems a ‘*reprise*’ of the Old Testament Joseph for God spoke to both of them through their dreams and both saved their families by bringing them to Egypt. A hardworking servant of God, Joseph was faithful to his human and divine calling. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special ‘Year of St Joseph’ that began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, 2020 and will extend to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father also wrote a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (‘With a Father’s Heart’) to mark this anniversary. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost-letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

Community Collaboration

Advent ... The Coming

St. Francis Xavier Community, Kharodi

Advent is a Latin word meaning 'COMING', and relates to that special season of the year when we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming, through the four Sundays before Christmas Day.

In our community we prayed around the



“Advent wreath” every Sunday. The evergreen, circular wreath is symbolic of the promises of the Almighty which last “from age to age”.

The three **purple** candles, lit on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays, represent HOPE, LOVE and PEACE, the three gifts which our Saviour offers us at His birth, while the **pink** candle lit on the 3rd Sunday – *Gaudete* Sunday – represents JOY.

The **white** Candle, lit on Christmas Eve, represents “Christ the Light” which Jesus is to our world.

Each Monday, our whole Community assembled at four different Community crosses for the

Advent Wreath.

I appreciate the wholehearted support and participation of the Animators and members, their melodious singing, and reading of the Scriptures.

We prayed for many intentions, especially for Covid-infected members, friends and relatives, deceased members, unemployed youth. The *Environment-related activity* for the week was announced, and we ended with fellowship.

I thank each one who made time for these Advent prayers, in spite of the pandemic. A tribute of your love for Jesus and your trust in Him.

May God bless us all



- Ophelia G. Patel
Coordinator

Carol Singing

Nativity of Our Lady Community

Our community conducted “Carol Singing” on 20th December on the grounds of



Nazarene Apt., keeping in mind the social norms of the pandemic.

All the members of the community joined in this celebration which started with an opening prayer by Sr. Manisha followed by singing of carols and spot prizes. The children were very excited and enthusiastically sang along; the community spirit was alive and full of cheer. Our animator, Alwyn Fernandes, compered the event. We also enjoyed some yummy snacks prepared by enterprising Meghan, a community youth.

Even though we were socially distanced, there was still a feeling of togetherness, while we concluded with a game of ‘Housie’ keeping everyone on their toes to win exciting prizes.

As we head towards the New Year, we ask the Baby Jesus to grant us joy, good health and happiness. Happy New Year 2021, to all.

- Tweega Carvalho, Community Member

Activites for quarter

Our Lady of Fatima, Rathodi

Events in our community during the months of October, November and December 2020 were mostly celebrated around the Cross in our village, where we have installed a statue of our patron, “Our Lady of Fatima”. We carefully observed all Covid-19 norms – wearing face masks and social distancing.

October – Month of the Rosary, Senior Citizens Day (Oct. 1st) and Community Feast

1st - Senior Citizens Day: A special prayer for our seniors was recited after the Rosary and pictures of home-bound senior citizens were uploaded on the group.

13th - Community Feast Our Lady of Fatima: The Cross in our village, where we have installed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, was decorated and illuminated. The rosary was recited with meditation on each mystery. Snack boxes were distributed and sanitizers were gifted to each family present.



November 14th - Children's Day: Because of the pandemic, “Children’s Day” was celebrated on a low key without any games or music. The Children assembled at our Village Cross in the evening and we began with a decade of the Rosary. To commemorate the occasion, our mentor, Ms. Yucca Gomes, had forwarded a special prayer for the children, which was recited by one of our Animators.

Then, all the elders, animators and our mentor, signed each child with a cross on the forehead and sprinkled them with holy water, after which snack boxes with homemade goodies were distributed. The children went home delighted, a smile writ largely on their faces, with memories to cherish.

December: Advent prayers were recited every Monday at our Village Cross, and the environmental theme for the week, in keeping with Parish Family Day was explained.



(Themes: *Save WATER, *Save ELECTRICITY, *Use CLOTH BAGS - Say ‘NO’ TO PLASTIC, *HOME GARDENING)



Community Crib and Star: The children, adults and animators helped in making the crib and star. Placards were displayed at the site on saving the Environment, Earth and the Advent themes.

- **Luiza Hendricks**
(Coordinator)

Advent and Christmas

Our Lady of Grace

Christmas is a season to cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, as well as giving and sharing. In “Covid” times, our community connected virtually over the *Advent Prayer Service* and *Carol Singing*, thanks to technology!

Each week, at the start of the Advent prayer, Ms. Agnes D'Souza, our coordinator, lighted the candles. Though not physically present, our voices were one in preparing for the coming of Our Lord.

Similarly, on Christmas Eve, carols were joyfully and enthusiastically presented by each and every



family, in English and Konkani. Children were overwhelmed and amazed to see Santa Claus and Snowman on the screen.

We fervently pray that the dark clouds of COVID-19 may fade away and flowers of joy and peace may bloom throughout the world.

- *Anthony Rodrigues*

Carol Singing

St Anne's Community

This year, Christmas was magical like never before. For the first time, due to the pandemic, many people, who were supposed to be on cruise liners or on foreign soil, found themselves with their families for Christmas, after ages. So, we had time and manpower to be truly creative.

Many had anticipated a low-key celebration with no fancy midnight dances or “New Year” blaring of *Auld Lang Syne*, with the affection of couples and fireworks that follow. However, in a true sense, Christmas was a ray of hope in a time of gloom spread by the ongoing Covid pandemic. And celebrations in our community were unique in ways never imagined!

To start off, the carol singing practice was held daily in our coordinator Maria Hickey's home. She led the choir of bustling children effectively and beautifully. An amazing performance backed by

enthusiastic and supportive parents. However, the carollers visited only 2 buildings this year - *Dolphin* and *Silicon Park* - instead of the vast number of buildings that make up our community. Animator Athena's daughter also made a creative candlestand from recycled paper.

Silicon Park for the very first time made a Christmas Crib and Star, thanks to animator husband-n-wife, Warren and Nisha Drego, and supportive members from their building - Quinton, Walter, Nick and Rowena. We were inspired by the theme of our parish and Archdiocese: “Care for Creation”. Neighbours, known by face, but never spoken to before, joined in the preparations, helping to achieve the true spirit of Christmas bonding and togetherness.

Later, there was a small snack party with guitar-accompanied carol singing, which was attended by our coordinator and a few members from other buildings.

Who knows what is in store for us next year and who will be there to replicate what we did this year? But one thing is certain...the bonds forged this Christmas will certainly not rub off for a long time within our community, and the appreciation and awe received, even from those of other faiths in our building, will never be forgotten.

- *Warren Drego, Animator*





A Memorable Virtual Parish Family Day @ St. Anthony's (Part I)

'Family', a term that can be implicitly compared to a tree, with its branches extending far out wide and its roots running deep within. A family similarly is incomplete without its members uniting with love and grounded in faith. November 8th, 2020 was a perfect example of such an episode for our parish.

Our Holy Father's encyclical, 'Laudato Si', urges us to care for, and preserve, our extended family which is the environment. This message was enacted beautifully by the eight zones of our parish on "Parish Family Day, 2020".

It was fascinating to watch how the entire event started shaping up from just a filament of an idea and a first timer for virtual creation. There was a bustle through the entire parish with each zone planning, practicing and eventually recording their performances. Each community with its own creative streak portrayed unique descriptions in the form of short skits, dances and songs, of how to conserve our Mother Earth.

(*) Post Script:

A special word of appreciation to our online comperes, Zenaida and Royston Gracias, who expertly guided the viewers through the maze with humour and grace, keeping the audience riveted throughout.

The PPC Executive Core Group, Zonal Heads, Coordinators, and parish Communication Team were a constant shoulder of support and guidance. The array of talent in our parish was finally put to the test and all accomplished their activities with smiles and giggles.

Our online comperes (*) looped the programme together through short, introductory clips between each zonal presentation; graphics, camera and videography captured the paramount clips; melodious notes of keyboard and voices echoed in the background; above all, nurturing and constant encouragement by our mentors.

Overall, our Parish Family Day was an umbrella of ardour, strong with support, gentle guidance, a multitude of relevant messages about care for our environment, heightened hope and dollops of fun.

*- Zenaida Gracias
O. L of Mount Carmel Community*

*(Part II)***How Zone 6 chose and worked on its theme:**

“Looking at the drastic effects of the current “Development” plans which are making a concrete jungle of our city and ruining it, we decided to touch on the burning topic of “Deforestation”. We focused on the urgent need to save our forests and to make people aware of how easy it is to plant trees which continue for generations to come.

Our children’s council had recently organised a seminar on the importance of trees and willingly shared their findings. So, “going green” was our target.

We collected shots of the various forms of Deforestation in fields & farms & forests, and highlighted the destructive effects of Deforestation and the importance of reversing them.”

**- Ramona Arrakal
(Zonal Head)**

(*) Post Script:

Technical details (ratio, fps, audio quality and video format) were provided by the parish Communication Team, while members of the PPC Executive Committee suggested the title:

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME... A CALL AND A CHALLENGE
Save our planet for you and for me

Similarly, all Zonal Heads selected their themes after discussion with their Coordinators and Animators. Videos submitted by all Zones were uploaded and can be viewed at:



<https://youtu.be/3K0naeuilSI>

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| Zone 1: Home Gardening (16:51) | Zone 5: Should Plastics be Banned? (1:10:49) |
| Zone 2: Global Warming (1:17:16) | Zone 6: Deforestation (51:4) |
| Zone 3: The Dance of Creation (42:44) | Zone 7: Best out of Waste (1:28:13) |
| Zone 4: Our Earth is not for sale! (59:44) | Zone 8: Water Pollution (25:25) |

The Archdiocesan Office for Environment (AOE) appreciated our Parish Family Day Celebration and posted our report on the Mumbai SCC website, at the following link:

<https://www.mumbaisscc.in/post/parish-family-day-at-st-anthony-malwani>

St. Anthony's presents *Aarti and Agera dance*

@ World Soil Day 2020: Celebrating Harvests

World Soil Day is celebrated on 5th December. It is a time to celebrate the material composite that goes to make up every single being on this planet and the cosmos.

As the year 2020 marked the "Golden Jubilee Year for the Earth", the Archdiocesan Office for Environment (AOE) strung together a few celebratory clippings situated in their cultural setting that rejoice in the produce of the earth.

We hope you will be able to pick up the delicate thread that joins production, sustenance and rejuvenation of resources in these particularly tough times through the several Indian harvest festival dances showcased in the video (link provided below)

The order of presentations in the video is as follows:

Aarti / *Prayer Dance* / *PowerPoint on the "Jubilee Year"* / *Harvest Jingle* / *Koli Dance* / *Agera* / *Tribal Dance* / *Pongal* / *Thanksgiving prayer for the Earth*

Our parishioners, guided by Shifra Patel and Cleopas Lobo, presented the *introductory Aarti* and the fifth *Agera* Thanksgiving festival dance, viewable at 0.0 and 12.30 on the timeline.

World Soil Day 2020: Celebrating Harvests



<https://youtu.be/W5ryZY1O9fA>

Credits:

Performers (Aarti) Shifra Patel, Gabriela Cherayath, Mariet Hanso, Serena Gomes

Performers (Agera Dance): The above group of ladies, joined by Conrad Gonsalves, Ferdinand Buthello, Alveno Gracias and Fabian Buthelo

Choreography & Editing: Cleopas Lobo
(St Anthony parish, Malwani, Malad West, Mumbai)

On behalf of the performers, Serena Gomes writes:

We, the youngsters from St Anthony's parish collaborated to showcase our "Thanksgiving for the Harvest" through the exuberant "Agera" dance performance. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to come back together once again and revive old memories, as we had all participated in either church or community events earlier and had always been so enthusiastic about the same.

We have had an amazing time of laughter, fun and learning a bit about our culture, while we were rehearsing and shooting and it still brings back a smile every time we watch our dance video. This "come-back" for the team has been a reason to revive all the happy moments of the lives we once lived.

Here are some of the many appreciative responses received on release of the video:

"What a lovely creative, lively video ... So painstakingly done ... I am sharing it now with all my friends ... enjoyed every minute of it ... Beautiful programme with a beautiful message ... the video refreshed us and made us humble and grateful to the Lord for His love..."

BCS (St. Anthony's Unit) Felicitation Outstanding Student Parishioners (Stds. X & XII)

The Malad Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha, at its function held on November 14th, 2020, felicitated fifteen students (from Std. X) and five (from Std. XII), who scored 80% and above, in their Board Examinations in the year, 2019 - 2020.

Through this annual gesture, the BCS, whose motto is “*Committed to a Better Tomorrow*”, appreciates the success of our children and encourages them to continue to do well in the future. The function also serves as an incentive for other children in the parish to strive harder in the academic field.

Ms Bernadine D’costa, as Chairperson of the Malad unit of the BCS, organised the function, and Fr. Vinay Kamath, parish Youth Director, presided over the event and presented the certificates.

The awardees were very appreciative and responded with personal *Thank You* notes, some of which are appended.

Congratulations to Ms Bernadine and members of our local BCS unit, and to each of the awardees. May you move to still greater heights as the years go by!

(As Reported)



I thank the BCS for this felicitation.
May they continue the good work!

Yoshua

The talk by Fr. Vinay was encouraging
and motivated me. This event was well
planned and I enjoyed every minute.

David



The event was encouraging and motivated
everyone to even better in the future.

Sherlyn

Thank you for the felicitation awards.
It really motivates and encourages us to
strive and work harder in the future.
Please continue to do the same!

Adrian

Bombay Catholic Sabha

I feel very happy and thank God for
the good results of my daughter.
I feel that in future years she'll do very
well and her future will be bright

A Proud Father

Thank you for the beautiful felicitation you organised.
Please continue to have this every year to encourage
and motivate our children

From Rhianna's Mother



OUR ADVENT ONLINE PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Advent increases our Hope, a Hope that will never fail to satisfy our deepest need.

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of Hope.” And so the online Penitential Service, held on Dec 22, 2020, at the Infant Jesus Chapel, did just that, in keeping with the words of Pope Benedict XVI! It prepared our hearts for the birth of the Baby Jesus.

‘Awake from your Slumber’, appropriately set the *Introductory Keynote* of the service. It gave scope for self-introspection: to look into our hearts and make room for the little baby Jesus.

Scripture Reading from Luke 3, vs 10 - 13, encouraged the participants to return to godly values and experience showers of God’s unconditional forgiveness and healing. It exhorted us to be a ray of hope for the hopeless, to lend a helping hand to the needy and above all to be honest and just, as a “Jesus-filled” community.

In the third segment, the *Examination of Conscience*, encouraged the penitents to look back in time and reflect on their relationships. In the words of Jeremiah, “I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not distaste, and plans to bring about the future you have hoped for.” These words were a salve

for the soul. They provoked removal of obstacles that hinder spiritual growth and the discarding of unwanted baggage, both of which are required for a fresh start. For isn’t this the message God sends to us at this time of the year? Advent, the time of Hope and Expectation!

The *Final Absolution* delivered by Fr. Vinay Kamath, was a reassurance of God’s love expressed eloquently in the hymn: ‘The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases..... they are new every morning...’. The words kept lingering long after the music ended.

A short *Prayer of Repentance*, was a reminder that, when Jesus comes, He will find in our hearts a worthy dwelling place to lay his sweet head.

The *Lord’s Prayer*, aptly concluded the service, with the participants quietly ready to move ahead in hope to welcome the Baby Jesus into their lives, in the true spirit of Christmas.

- Yucca Gomes
Our Lady of Fatima Community

My Journey towards Confirmation 2021 (A Confirmation Animator's experience)

“A Catechist is a person who facilitates the process of faith formation. This is done first by echoing the word of God in his or her own life, and second by helping others to do so. . . Through your work with adults, families, adolescents, and children, you are passing on a lived faith” - Joe Paprocki, *D.Min. National Consultant Faith Formation, Loyola Press, US*

My journey as catechist this year has been a tough one, because of the on-going pandemic, lockdown, and Covid situation. But God works in mysterious ways, and, guided by Fr. Vinay, we were off to a *Virtual start* in July 2020. Indeed Year 2020 has been one of Virtual learning – a totally new experience. We conducted all our classes, as well as other sessions – Retreats, Youth Alpha, Eucharist service, Community service – online.

Christmas ALPHA YOUTH programme



Confirmands, taking the pledge

I have always loved being with children and being a Confirmation Teacher of children in the “16 to 20” age group was special. I found in these young confirmands an eagerness to learn, and a desire to think deeply – to know more about God and our Catholic Faith, which they take seriously. Big ideas are grasped quickly, new information adjusted to, and they leap to conclusions in a single bound. They like to be respected as ‘people’, not just as ‘children’. Most importantly, they enjoy meeting high expectations.

My goal as a catechist was to do my best to help the group to have an encounter with Jesus, to form their hearts and souls in the image of Christ, to pass on knowledge about the Catholic faith, and help them to become *The Best Version* of themselves.

Being part of this noble profession, I too was blessed in many ways. Above all, my journey helped me come closer to the Almighty. My faith grew deeper each day, and I realised the importance of every person’s unique perspective about life and God. Truly, Fr. Vinay’s words, “*Try and make disciples*”, kept me going.

Being part of a team of eight Animators was a further blessing, teaching me the value of team work, group guidance and support, and complete trust that God is in charge. I feel so grateful to have been given this opportunity to know better my mission to share God’s love in my home, in my community, in the Catholic Church, and in the world.

Let me end my testimony, with these words of Pope Francis:

“Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with Him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord’s presence and letting ourselves be led by him”.

- Mary Pereira
Confirmation Animator



Confirmation Day - January 17th 2021

After months of virtual, **online** preparations, D-Day dawned at last, and the confirmands finally came together, **in person**, to be anointed in the Spirit by Bishop John Rodrigues, with Fr. Vinay Kamath as co-celebrant, the eight animators as godparents, and a single Entrance Pass per family. The norms were strictly SMS (*Sanitisation / Masks / Social Distancing*), with only the 94 confirmands filling entire nave of the Church, and the whole ceremony conducted with solemnity and grace.

Parents seated outside the Church viewed the ceremony on the screen and others participated online, via YouTube, from various corners of the globe. The feedback received was positive

and enthusiastic, especially referring to the superb rendering of the four-member choir, led by Candida Lobo, the readings and chanting of the psalm by three confirmands and the moving testimony and thanksgiving by two others. The final uploading of artwork by our budding artists in the group and their warm written testimonies can be viewed at the following links:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FnN4nGUeASzmYyEy9> (Art Work)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/UxYTmsNx7cZizXGt5> (Testimonies)

It was, indeed, a Day blessed in every way by the Spirit!

Concelebrants with: Confirmation Animators,



Acolytes,



and the Choir.



TESTIMONY

(Presented at the end of the Confirmation Service)

Good Morning everyone and a warm greeting to my friends, who, like me, have just been confirmed in the Spirit. I feel privileged to share my experience of our Confirmation journey towards this special day.

As we look back over the years, we all grew up in Catholic families, surrounded by the teachings of our faith and the Church from the very beginning. I did "Catholic things" that I thought we were all supposed to do. I can say that I knew *about* Jesus, but I didn't really know Him. I became very consumed with what people thought of me and was living for the acceptance of the world.

When my parents registered my name for the sacrament of confirmation, my first thought was: *"Now, I will be maturing in my spiritual life"*, and the journey has been blessed.

This year, due to the covid-19 pandemic, we could not have physical interactions, actual classroom teaching, "Outreach" programmes, or a *lived-in* retreat. However, we were introduced to *virtual* confirmation classes, a new online *Alpha Youth* series, and, even, a two-day, *online retreat*. Each of these programmes touched us at a different level.

During our online classes each week, our Animators, under the direction of Fr. Vinay Kamath, used the *"Decision Point"* programme by Dynamic Catholic.com to guide us on our journey. These classes gave me an insight into God's love for us, and how the

Holy Spirit acts as a guide and directs us to be the *Best Version of Ourselves*.

The *Alpha Youth Series* was a terrific experience, as it was a part of the 'transformative' platform in my life.

The Q&A sessions in our breakout rooms were interactive and helped me discern from a different point of view. In one of the sessions, the Animators prayed over us and I felt the power of the Holy Spirit, which was a blessed experience, making me realise God's mission in my life.

Finally, at the online retreat, I was touched by the personal testimony shared by the preacher, and began to understand the integral role of the Spirit in our lives, and how God transforms us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let me end with a scripture passage from Acts: Ch.1, 8.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".

Friends, today, have received this Sacrament; but our journey has just begun.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will empower each of us from this *Confirmation Batch 2021* to be a true witness of Jesus in our world today.

THANK YOU

- **Adrian Fernandes**

THANKSGIVING

(Presented at the end of the Confirmation Service)

As we begin our onward journey into the future, these words keep coming to mind: *"For all that has been 'Thanks'. To all that shall be 'Yes'.*

Above all, we thank God for giving us this opportunity, amidst the pandemic, of several months of the confirmation program, so well organized, even though we could not meet in person - A very different experience, but deeply meaningful.

We were accompanied by our confirmation team led by **Fr. Vinay**, our animators - **Sr. Daphne**, Ma'am's: **Savie, Jacinta, Mary, Shiny, Zena** and **Sirs Lancy** and **Santosh**. With every chapter, they introduced to us various ways of praying, reading the Bible and understanding God's plan. You were always there for us. Thank you.

The 'Alpha youth team' and the 'online Retreat team' led by Lenny sir also brought us closer to the Lord in a different way and we are grateful. These spiritual journeys will always be cherished in our memories.

And, today, on "Vocation Sunday", we feel so blessed and grateful to be anointed by our Bishop and to be sent forth to the mission each one of us is called to fulfil. For, as we learnt during these months, **there is no second version of "ME"!**

Friends, we know that "The longest journey is the journey inward." To our parents, who have been with us right through, we will always be grateful.

To the Bishop and our mentors we say: *"After many years when we meet again, we hope that you will be proud to see who we grew into, but still having the same heart as we have now"*.

- **Marcia Rodrigues**

Christmas Preparations
at St. Anthony, Malwani

Christmas is a time for sharing Gods love. The actual preparation begins during Advent, the season of the liturgical year when we await Christ's Coming at Christmas. We go back in time thinking how it might have been 2000 years ago at the first Christmas.

Many display their talents, especially children who make cribs of different sizes, with themes related to the different situations being faced at any particular time. Stars of different sizes along with fairy lights are also put outside homes and living areas giving them a festive look. Homes are decorated to add beauty indoors, sweets are made and distributed among our loved ones, relatives

& friends. There is a festive feeling in the air and joy in the heart.

This year was different, churches were closed and masses were online. We had to distance ourselves from one another so that we did not spread the virus ... but we could still spread His love and keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

We prepared for the Lord's coming, and were looking forward to His being with us.



*- Stanford D'souza
(Our Lady of Fatima Community)*

Post-Script

In keeping with the parish tradition, both the Church and Infant Jesus Chapel were beautifully decorated; the altar and crib were lovingly adorned with flowers, carefully selected for their colour and fragrance, in the hope of Midnight Mass being celebrated.

But, unlike the first Christmas, when Mary and Joseph could find no place for Jesus to be born, it was disappointing, that, after all our preparations, celebrations together were not permitted; so our Christmas Mass 2020 was held online. However, loving hands of our parish decorators had worked hard, as can be seen from the attached images and all our hearts were open to receiving Him again. A Warm Welcome Lord Jesus!



Holy Cross Community, Enaswadi, Youth Group

Infant Jesus Chapel Crib and Star

On 19th Dec, 2020, when our community mentor and co-ordinator, Brother Sebastian, delivered a voice message on our WhatsApp Youth Group about making a crib at the Infant Jesus Chapel, it came as a shock because the time span was too short. However, the next day, after a little discussion, everything got sorted out, and we agreed to take up the challenge.

With the ongoing pandemic where masks have become the new normal, we decided to focus our crib on **“HOPE”**. Giving hope in the times of economic fall, social distress, mental illness, unemployment and unrest prevailing in society. We also wanted to stress **being fearless, welcoming “God into our heart”** and eventually, **passing hope to others**.

Along with the crib, we also decorated a star. **The Star** has great significance in Christianity. It provided direction to the three kings who paid homage to the baby Jesus. Just as the star gave direction and protection from King Herod, the Christmas Star gives direction to many, delivers the good news and also provides a spiritual path.

We enjoyed working on the Crib and the Star

Overall, there was a sense of unity among those

of us who actively participated and offered our time and energy. The event gave an opportunity to understand each other, to come together, meet each other and perform an activity for “The Lord, Our God”.

The selfless contribution of our community youth, despite the perils of the pandemic, added cherries to the cake. The frequent visit of Sister Manisha, her guidance, motivation and blessing helped us to keep going.

The moment Baby Jesus was placed in the crib, great joy filled the hearts of each one as we looked at our work and found it exceedingly above our expectations. We had kept our promise to Brother Sebastian and God had accompanied our efforts with blessings.

It was a beautiful feeling of fulfilment, Christmas joy and peace.

*- Nelson Richard Jeyaseelan
(Enaswadi Youth Group member)*



Matters That Matter

8th December, 2020

Pope Francis springs a surprise – announces the “Year of St. Joseph”

On Dec. 8th, 2020, the feast of the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*, Pope Francis sprang two surprises on the faithful. First, he visited the Spanish Steps in Central Rom early in the morning at 7.00 am and entrusted the city and the world to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Father, then, announced the “Year of St. Joseph”, to be held until Dec. 8th 2021.

To commemorate this latter event, Pope Francis wrote the Apostolic Letter, **Patris Corde**, which begins with the words: *With the heart of a father – that is how Joseph loved Jesus whom all four Gospels refer to as the son of Joseph.*

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html



Why December 8th, 2020?

The Holy Father explained that Dec. 8th 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8th, 1870, in his *Urbi et Orbi* decree, (to the City of Rome and to the World).

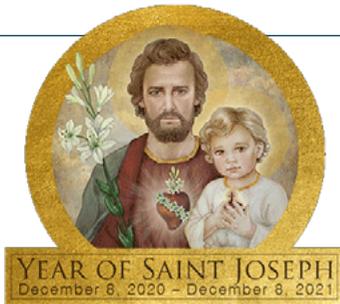
The historical context in 1870:

The years leading up to Dec. 8th, 1870 were a time of great political, social and religious upheaval in Europe and the Church, with the fall of the Papal States and the Unification of Italy; a time when the First Vatican Council had to be “put on hold” after Rome was captured on September 20th, 1870, and the Holy Father was confined to the Vatican.

Pope Pius IX began the decree with an explanation:

“As almighty God appointed Joseph, son of the patriarch Jacob, over all the land of Egypt so when the fulness of time had come ... He chose another Joseph, of whom the first had been the type, and made him lord and chief of His household, the guardian of His choicest treasures...

– Yes, the ONE whom countless kings and prophets had desired to see, Joseph not only saw but conversed with, and embraced in paternal affection, and kissed ...



And the decree then places St. Joseph in the context of the Church in 1870:

Now therefore, when in these most troublesome times the Church is beset by enemies on every side, and is weighed down by calamities so heavy that ungodly men assert that the gates of hell have at length prevailed against her ... the Sovereign Pontiff ... Pope Pius IX ... solemnly declares St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. (Excerpts from decree of Dec. 8th, 1870).

Similarly, **Pope Francis**, in his introduction to *Patris Corde*, explains that, 150 years after St. Joseph was declared Patron of the Universal Church, he feels urged to share his reflections on this extraordinary saint because during these crisis months of the pandemic, he experienced:

“... how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in the newspaper headlines ... yet are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers ... cleaners, caregivers, transport workers, providers of essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men & women religious and many others ... daily offering hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility ...

Fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to deal with a crisis by adjusting routines ... and encouraging prayer”... yes, PRAYER ...

Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a discreet, hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

A word of recognition and gratitude is due to them all.”

The Pope refers to the central role of St. Joseph in the history of salvation. Blessed Pope Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Universal Church”, Venerable Pius XII named him “Patron of Workers”, and St. John Paul II as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. St. Joseph is also universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”.

Pope Francis also expands on the title, *Patris Corde*, addressing the various attributes of Fatherhood which St. Joseph exemplifies in his life, with references to scripture and our contemporary world.

“The aim of this Apostolic Letter” ends Pope Francis, “is to increase our love for St. Joseph, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal”.

As we read the exhortations of these two Holy Fathers, 150 years apart in history, may we appreciate more deeply, during this year dedicated to him, the greatness of St. Joseph, who, though hidden in the background, was assigned such an important role in the life of the young Jesus by the Heavenly Father; not forgetting the fathers among us, and all those who today serve society in a quiet hidden way.

- Sr. Daphne, rscj

10th December, 2020

70th Anniversary of the “formal inception” of Human Rights Day
How ‘right’ is right?



In 2008, some of the world’s most prominent filmmakers, artists and writers were called upon to contribute to the making of *Stories on Human Rights* in observance of the Sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Created and produced by “ART for The World”, this was the first large-scale film project to sensitize people across the planet to what “human rights” actually mean. In the making of each three-minute short film, the artist-director was inspired by one of the six themes that capture the ideals enshrined in the declaration: Culture, Development, Dignity and Justice, Environment, Gender, and Participation. And the result was some overwhelming 22 short films, combined into one major film: *Stories on Human Rights*.

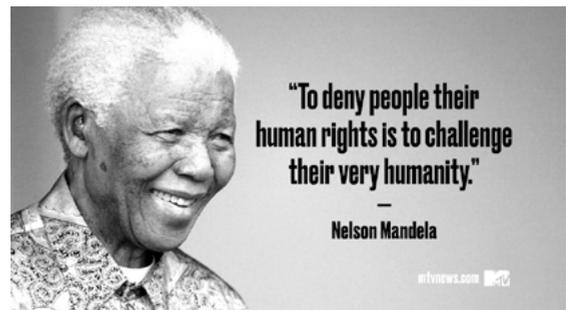
Do watch it at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XXGF_V8_7M

You may ask: What are “Human Rights”?

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (UDHR) on December 10th, 1948, with its formal inception and celebration two years later, December 10th, 1950. Drafted as “a common standard of achievement for all peoples and nations”, the Declaration for the first time in human history set out

basic civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all human beings should enjoy. It has over time been widely accepted as the fundamental norms of human rights and December 10th observed worldwide as *International Human Rights’ Day*.

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death. They can never be taken away, although they can sometimes be restricted – for example if a person breaks the law, or in the interests of national security. These basic rights are based on shared values like dignity, fairness, equality, respect and independence which are defined and protected by law. As Nelson Mandela once said: “*To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.*”



Without being armchair critiques, can we ask ourselves, how have we strayed from these ideals? Without going far from home, how compassionate are we, if we come across a naked or hungry brother in front of us? Do we go out of our comfort zone to even make a day in his life seem worthwhile with a wee bit of care and concern?

We just about had an open panoramic picture of thousands of migrants flocking to their native places, dying along the way, for want of food, shelter and even the hope that they will reach the end of the tunnel soon ...and alive? And what did we do?

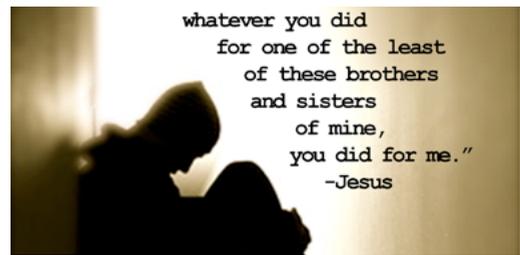


Take the case of Ajurm Patro. In February, she travelled 1,000km from her village in Ganjam, Odisha to Chennai, in search of a job. In May, unemployed, starving and with the fear of the coronavirus stalking her, she took a bus back. The journey was an ordeal. Now, despite cases surging in Tamil Nadu and her daughter just three, she is ready to make the journey again. Her heart is telling her to stay put in Manapalli, but her mind is made up. "What work is there for us here? We can't have two square meals a day even if we toil hard," she said. Though electricity has reached the village, piped water is still a pipe dream. And just one instance in a million!

On the other hand, what about the several other vociferous innocents who have lost all

possibility of even hearing about their RIGHTS ... while we discuss from our heights about "Rights-Based Advocacy"? We have to come together as a people, be visible and vocal, without hiding under the carpet!

In the light of the world's great diversity and cultural wealth, can we go into self-introspection mode and ponder over the hurdles, challenges and solutions to make life more meaningful for the lesser fortunate? Especially with regard to the right to equality, irrespective of caste, colour, creed or status. For, in the words of Scripture: *'whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do it unto me!'*



It's time to think! And act... Now! Especially in this New Year, after the severe lessons learnt in the current 2019 pandemic, a backlash for neglecting creation as reminded by Pope Francis in his encyclical: *Laudato Si*. If not, the words of the haunting melody, I heard this morning, should serve as a reminder: *'May we all have a hope, a will to try, if we don't, we might as well lay down and die.... you and I.'*

"Money won't save us. Things won't save us. We've failed our moral responsibility to be stewards of this planet. I hope this epiphany arrives, and I hope it leads to change."

*- Rudyard Gomes
Our Lady of Fatima Community, Rathodi*

Lockdown Creations

Poster, Inspired by the Season of creation

When we look at the poster, it is like **Expectation vs Reality**.

What we expect is the part where the tree is beautiful and green ...

but

the reality is the part of the tree which is burnt.

The roots are the most interesting part of the whole poster. In both the parts, the roots give us a similar meaning. If the tree is beautiful and green it is because we protected it and helped it grow, we were part of those roots that helped the tree stand strong. But if the tree is burnt and weak, it is because we didn't take care of it, we were those roots which were not strong.

The year, 2020, was celebrated as:
"A Jubilee Year for the Earth"

Nature is God's beautiful creation. But this creation is not in its beauty any more. We all are aware about various harmful elements for the environment as shown in the poster.

It is good to know that many are working together trying to save our planet. If we want avoid pollution and all that harms the environment, we need to realize it first. That is what inspired this poster. And at Confirmation, we prayed for the Spirit to "**Renew the face of the Earth**".

In order to keep those roots strong, we all need to come together like those roots which help the



tree to stand strong. If we don't, then those roots will grow weak and eventually the tree might fall apart. May the Spirit inspire the nations of our world to save our Environment!

I hope this poster conveys this message and everyone may realize it and be motivated by it.

- **Marcia Rodrigues**
(Confirmed on 17th Jan. 2021)



INSPIRED BY NATURE – MY TEACHER

‘Mother nature’, as she is fondly referred to, is an epitome of life itself. There is no greater teacher than *Nature*. She has every aspect of life enveloped within herself.

I recall reading: *“Nature will give you the best examples of Life Lessons; just open your eyes and see”*. The question struck me – Was I really seeing or just looking?? I have always admired the lovely flowers and plants in my neighbourhood gardens, but when it came to me, I blamed my busy work schedule and felt that tending a garden was not my cup of tea.



During the LOCKDOWN, having a little more time, I felt”

Why not grow a few plants on my window grills?

There was no turning back, and from there on I embarked on a ***Green*** journey!

Now my window grills are filled with different kinds of flowering and vegetable plants of varied sizes and colours, some of which I planted, others I have bought or borrowed. They brighten up, not only my home, but my life as well.



Each flower that blooms in my garden shows me that there is hope giving me immense joy and satisfaction. Our lives are not bleak, but colourful, and we need to spread the colour around to brighten up the lives of others.

When I see a flower die, I am not saddened because I realise it will be one with the earth from where it originally came. Just like a plant needs water, I know that I need to water my dreams and ambitions with prayer as my life is nothing without the greatest Gardener – God, our Father.



After watching my garden closely I have come to terms with the fact that nothing is permanent in life. Change occurs over and over again and we need to adapt ourselves to those changes. We sometimes need doses of love and encouragement to fertilise our lives and make us better human beings.



I would like to end in the words of Frank Lloyd Wright –

“Study Nature, Love Nature, Stay close to Nature. It will never fail you.”

Rajiv Pereira
O. L. of Fatima Community



मनोगत

बायबल अभ्यास – एक अनुभव

मित्र/मैत्रिणींनो, बायबलचा अभ्यास यावर मी माझे मत तुम्हाला सांगते. बायबल वाचणे आणि बायबलचा अभ्यास करणे यामध्ये खरोखर खूप फरक आहे. आपण दैनंदिन जीवनात जरी रोज बायबल वाचन करित असलो तरी बायबलचा अभ्यास करताना आपणास बायबलविषयीचे खरे ज्ञान प्राप्त होते. मी मुक्तीसागर प्रबोधन केंद्रामध्ये मराठी बायबल वर्गात प्रवेश घेतला आहे. आणि त्याचा अभ्यास करताना खरोखर खूप मानसिक समाधान मिळते याचा अनुभव घेतला. संत जेरोम यांच्यामते “बायबलविषयी अज्ञान म्हणजे देवाविषयी अज्ञान आहे.” बायबलचा अभ्यास

करण्यासाठी प्रबळ इच्छाशक्ती असावी लागते. जेव्हा आपण प्रार्थना करतो, तेव्हा आपण देवाशी बोलत असतो आणि जेव्हा बायबल वाचतो तेव्हा देव आपल्याशी बोलत असतो. आपण बायबल वाचन कसे करावे? बायबलचे सामर्थ्य इतरांना कसे पटवून द्यावे? कॅथलिक लोकांमध्ये बायबलचे स्थान कुठे असले पाहिजे? अशा अनेक प्रश्नांची उत्तरे आपल्याला बायबलचा अभ्यास करताना शिकायला मिळते. म्हणून जास्तीत जास्त लोकांनी बायबल वर्गात (इंग्रजी किंवा मराठी) प्रवेश घेऊन बायबल शिकण्याचा प्रयत्न करावा.

- शुभांगी दिनेश त्रिभूवन
(खारोडी, मालाड)

वृत्तांत

आगमन काळाची तयारी

नाताळच्या सणाची सुरुवात नेहमीप्रमाणे आगमन काळाने झाली. आगमन काळातील चार आङ्गवडे आम्ही बाळ येशू शेजोळ परिवारामध्ये प्रार्थना केली. ही प्रार्थना आम्ही क्लष्टरपद्धतीने म्हणजे छोट्या-छोट्या गटामध्ये आयोजित केली. प्रार्थनेमध्ये पाण्याचा, वीजेचा वापर कशा पद्धतीने करावा?, प्लास्टीकचा वापर टाळून पर्यावरणाची हानी कशी टाळावी? यावर चर्चा करून त्या संबंधीचे मार्गदर्शन आम्ही भाविकांना केले. या संबंधीचा आराखडा

धर्मगुरूंनी दिल्यामुळे धर्मप्रांताचा हेतु सफल झाल्यासारखे वाटले.

तसेच करोना विषाणुपासून संपूर्ण जगाची सुटका लवकरात लवकर व्हावी म्हणून सर्व शेजोळ परिवाराने मेणबत्ती पेटवून विशेष प्रार्थना केली. आणि आपल्या पापांबद्दल पश्चाताप करून, प्रार्थना केली. अशी सर्व तयारी आम्ही शेजोळ परिवाराने आगमन काळाची केली.

- मेलवीना ग्रेसेस
(बाळ येशु कम्युनिटी, खारोडी)

वृत्तांत

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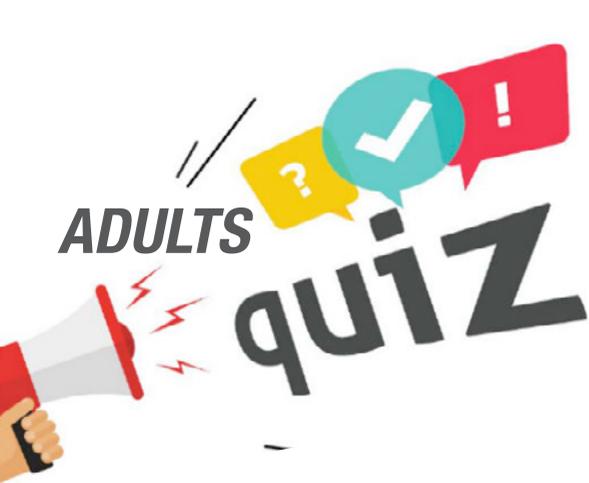
करोनाच्या पार्श्वभूमीवर यंदाचा नाताळ सण अत्यंत साध्या पद्धतीने साजरा करण्यात आला. करोना काळातदेखील आपल्या धर्मगुरूंनी व चर्चच्या कार्यकर्त्यांनी आपले कार्य सुरू ठेवून भाविकांना धार्मिक सेवा पुरविली. अर्थात यासाठी हे सर्वजण अभिनंदनास पात्र आहेत.

नाताळच्या मिस्सेचे ऐनवेळी वेळापत्रक बदलल्यामुळे ऑनलाइन मिस्साच फक्त आयोजित करण्यात आली. या ऑनलाइन मिस्साचे आयोजन अतिशय उत्तमरित्या पार

पाडल्याने भाविकांची गैरसोय टळली. श्रवणीय प्रवचन व सुमधुर संगीत याचा उपयोग सर्व कुटुंबियांनी एकत्र बसून घेतला. यामुळे घरामध्ये आनंदाचे व शांतीचे वातावरण निर्माण झाले. ख्रिस्तशरीराचा अभाव असल्यामुळे मनामध्ये एक पोकळी निर्माण झाली, परंतु आध्यात्मिकरित्या ख्रिस्तशरीराचा स्वीकार कुटुंबियांनी केल्यामुळे मनाला आनंद झाला.

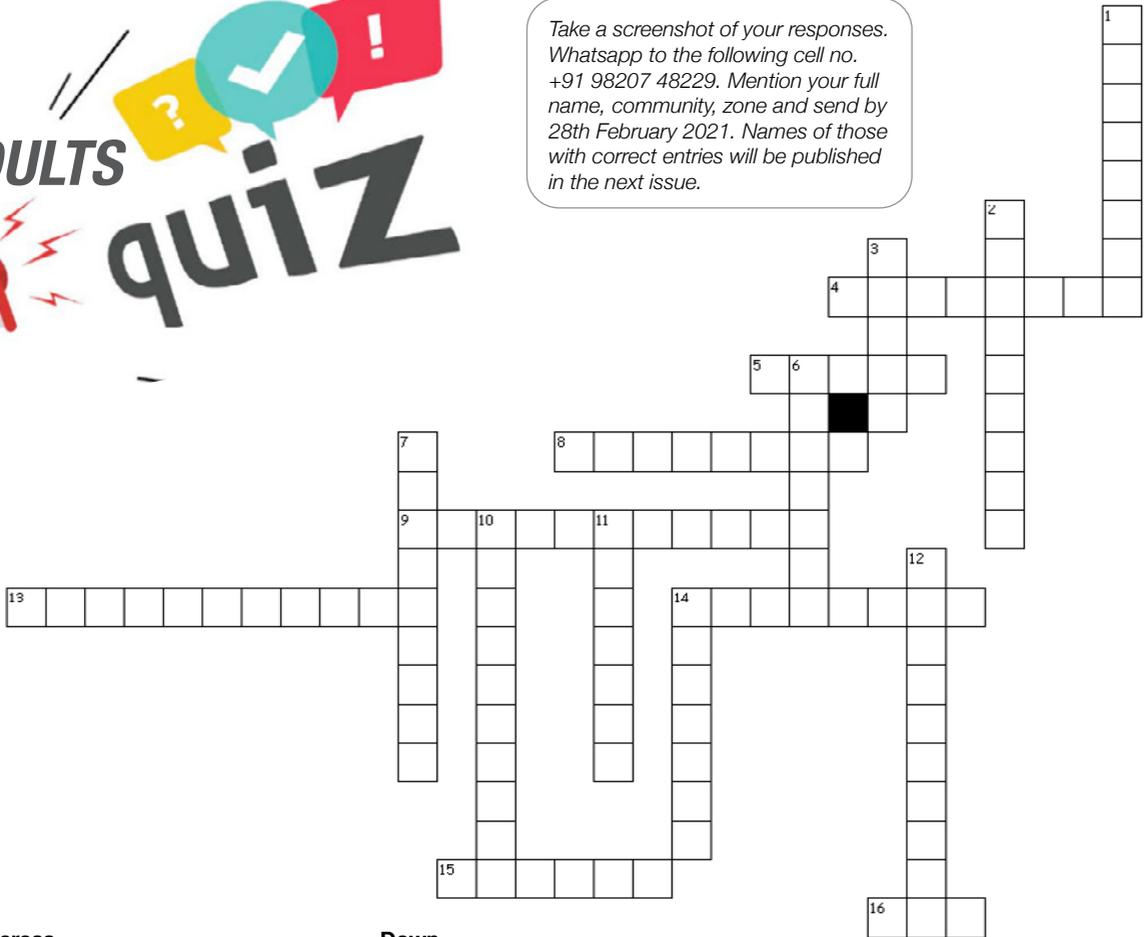
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- मेलवीना ग्रेसेस
(बाळ येशु कम्युनिटी, खारोडी)



ADULTS quiz

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 2021. Names of those with correct entries will be published in the next issue.



Across

4. Rope like belt used by priests
5. Saucer like sacred vestment
8. Study of nature of God and religious truth
9. Contains prayers of the mass
13. Responsible for safety of the Pope
14. Staff of a Bishop
15. A colour on the Papal flag
16. Sacred container to take Host to the sick

Down

1. Outermost vestment of priests
2. Learning and teaching of faith
3. Hat of the bishop
6. Prayer associated with the Incarnation
7. City of David
10. Sacred vessel used to expose Blessed host
11. Longest Gospel
12. Contains Scripture Readings for mass
14. Generally worn in black but priests in India use this garment in white.

No Entries for Adult Quiz (Oct-Dec 2020)

Answers to Adult Quiz October-December 2020

Across

2. Songs of praise **Psalms**
4. Dry bones **Ezekiel**
11. A wise queen **Esther**
15. Wise sayings **Sirach**
17. Love of a daughter in law **Ruth**
18. Dialogue between lovers **Song of Solomon**
20. All is vanity **Ecclesiastes**
21. Blind man, an angel and a wedding **Tobit**
23. Famous poem on love **Corinthians**
24. Prophecy about the Messiah **Isaiah**

Down

1. A glimpse into the future **Revelation**
3. 7 brothers killed in front of their mother **Maccabees**
5. Flight from Egypt **Exodus**
6. Written by a Doctor **Luke**
7. Early Church **Acts of the Apostles**
8. New leader after wandering for 40 years **Joshua**
9. Story of creation **Genesis**
10. A man thrown overboard a ship **Jonah**
12. Wore a yoke and bought a field **Jeremiah**
13. Runaway slave **Philemon**
14. Wet fleece dry ground. Wet ground dry fleece. **Judges**
16. Lions and dragons **Daniel**
19. Woman cries in the temple for a child **Samuel**
22. One man lost everything and gained it many times over **Job**



Bible Trivia

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 2021.

1. There are ____ books in the New Testament.
2. _____ was the first king of Israel.
3. The shortest verse in the Bible is _____
4. The book written by Jesus is _____
5. The longest book in the Bible is _____
6. There are _____ books in the Old Testament.
7. True or False: The Bible was first written in the English language.
8. _____ (Human being) wrote the most books
9. God send _____ plagues on Egypt.
11. Solomon prayed for _____ from God.
12. True or False: John the Baptist wore clothes made of sheep hair.
13. Jesus went to the _____ to pray after the Last Supper.
14. _____preached at Pentecost.
15. _____ taught us the Lord's Prayer.
16. _____ is my patron saint.

WINNERS OF THE KIDDIES QUIZ (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020)

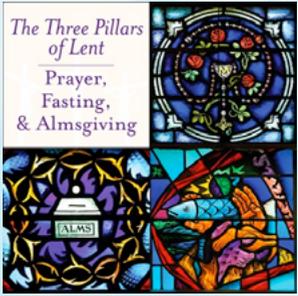
Sr No	Name	Std	Zone
1	Joel Fernandes	7	7
2	Rickson Alva	8	2
3	Renita Alva	10	2

Called to **Eternal Life**

	Name	Date	Age	Relation	Area
1	Carmeline Pereira	01-10-'20	68YRS	W/o Anthony Pereira	Malwani
2	John Samson	03-10-'20	70YRS	S/o Machin Samson	Rathodi
3	Inacin Fernandes	04-10-'20	55YRS	S/o Jokim Fernandes	Kharodi
4	Godfrey Baptista	18-10-'20	53YRS	S/o Charlie Baptista	Goregaon (W)
5	Robby C. Patel	22-10-'20	67YRS	S/o Nicholas Patel	Kharodi
6	Natal Koli	23-10-'20	73YRS	S/o Pedru Koli	Malwani
7	Lily Fernandes	23-10-'20	79YRS	W/o Albert Fernandes	Asmita-Jyoti
8	Bruno Anthony Miltan Fernandes	30-10-'20	78YRS	S/o Anthony Fernandes	Orlem
9	Joseph C. Kinny	30-10-'20	67YRS	S/o Cajitan Kinny	Bmc Colony
10	Twinkle Chanil	01-11-'20	36YRS	W/o Elron Melvin Chanil	Malwani
11	Philomena Rosario	07-11-'20	82YRS	W/o Valentine Rosario	Kharodi
12	Baylon Gonsalves	11-11-'20	59YRS	F/o Zenada Gonsalves	Jankalyan Nagar
13	Casmir Piyad Pinto	30-10-'20	85YRS	H/o Jos Pinto	Malwani Malad
14	Georgina Sudan	27-11-'20	80YRS	W/o Joseph Sudan	Rathodi
15	Denver Dominic Fernandes	14-12-'20	26YRS	S/o Dominic Fernandes	Kharodi
16	Theresa Britto	19-12-'20	80YRS	W/o Philip Britto	Malwani
17	Noel Joseph Rodrigues	20-12-'20	36YRS	S/o Joseph Rodrigues	Malwani
18	Lucy Mathias	20-12-'20	85YRS	W/o Lawrence Mathias	Jankalyan
19	Harvey Miranda	21-12-'20	67YRS	S/o Klein Miranda	Kharodi
20	Female Infant of Roaney Yadhav	21-12-'20	1HR	D/o Roaney Yadhav	Malwani
21	Felix Gabriel Dias	21-12-'20	61YRS	S/o Gabriel Dias	Malwani Malad
22	Joaquim Antonio M D'costa	28-12-'20	70YRS	S/o Antonio M D'costa	Jankalyan
23	Allwyn Francis D'mello	31-12-'20	44YRS	S/o Stanisulas D'mello	Kharodi

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (2021) – TT 1

FEBRUARY	
2	Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple -The day of Consecrated Life PPC Meeting
7	Infant Jesus Feast
9	World Marriage day
11	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the sick
17	Ash Wednesday
MARCH	
2	PPC Meeting
8	International Women's Day
19	Feast of St. Joseph
25	Annunciation of the Lord
28	Palm Sunday
APRIL	
1	Maunder Thursday
2	Good Friday
3	Holy Saturday – An Hour with Our Lady
3	Easter Vigil
4	Easter Sunday
6	PPC Meeting
11	Divine Mercy Sunday



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
8.12.2020 to 8.12.2021

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter
"Patris Corde"**

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
- St. Teresa of Avila



Infant Jesus Chapel altar and crib ready for
Midnight Mass 2020

(Courtesy: Parishioners Meena Patel, Stanford D'Souza, Peter Kinny)



St Anthony's Church Grotto
at Christmas



St. Anthony's Shrine at the Church
(Christmas 2020)

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