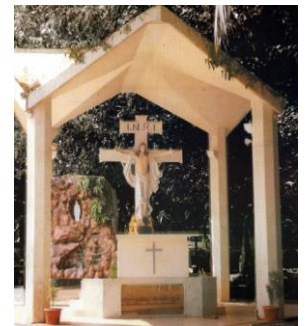


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WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024.

The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony, Fr Lester & Fr Deepak.

**DURING CHRISTMAS
BABY JESUS INVITES US:
TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO
GOD AS MOTHER MARY DID.
TO SAY YES TO THE WILL OF
GOD AS MOTHER MARY DID.
TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS
MARVELLOUS DEEDS AS
MOTHER MARY DID.**



**NATALAMCHE PORBE SOMOJAR
BALLOK JESU AMKAM APOITA:
MORIE BHAXEN DEVACHEM
UTOR CHIT DIUN AIKUNK
MORIE BHAXEN DEVACHEA
UTRAK SODAM HOI MHUNNONK
MORIE BHAXEN DEVACHEAM
VHODD KORNEAM KHATIR
DEVAK VAKANNUNK.**

Fr. Anthony D'Souza.

Congratulations Pierre, Samara, Sydelle, Shervic, Adelda for winning 1st Prize Deanery Treasure Hunt



SUMMARY OF OUR SCC QUARTERLY REPORTS

I hereby present the quarterly reports of our Parish for the months July to September 2023. The Parish comprises of 7 Communities, each community has a Coordinator and a Joint Coordinator along with animators who form the Core group. As elections were held in all 7 Communities, we have many new fresh faces who are in fact become Coordinators/ Joint Coordinators for the very first time. In the reports each community has descriptively highlighted their community activities and programs held during the months July to September 2023.

Community Feast Celebration: It was a day of bonding and fellowship with community members. Special Academic awards were given to students on successful completion of SSC and HSC exams to encourage them towards pursuing future studies. We felicitated our out-going Community coordinators and welcomed our new ones. We felicitated Sister

Verna from Nirmala Niketan who is 100 years old. The day was well celebrated with community members enjoying interesting games, songs and dance and sumptuous snacks and lunch.

Visiting the sick and old: Each Animator was assigned a particular building / buildings for visitation to pass on information regarding various activities of the Parish, to reach out to the lonely and also to coordinate in arranging Holy Communion for the homebound.

No one in want: Some of the community members contributed and gave financial assistance to one of our housebound members for 3 months to help the person tide over bad times. We also visited a very Senior citizen who is home bound and unable to walk or recognize and spent time with her family, who take exceptional care of her. This family appreciated the gesture of our visit. This is a small way of returning back the love and affection which we received from our parents and grandparents.

Parish Census: We visited families in our community clusters and updated the parish census.

Funeral Arrangements: Our community Animators helped families in making the funeral arrangements and also helped in the liturgy and the choir during the Funeral Mass in our Church.

Farewell to our loving Sr. Anna Costa: We bid farewell to our loving Sr. Anna who served in our parish for a long time and were deeply touched by her works in our parish during her tenure specially taking care of the poor street children. We will miss her work and her love and care especially for the poor street children.

Septena Liturgy: The Septena liturgy was in Konkani. We encouraged members of the community to take part in the liturgy and also trained them to read in Konkani at Septena Mass.

Parents Day: We encouraged Parents and Grandparents to attend the event organized by youth of our parish. This event was well attended with many Parents and Grandparents enjoying the programme, It was a well-planned evening with the youth mixing with the parents and grandparents and making them feel important and loved.

Vianney Sunday: Parish fathers were felicitated at Mass. Families in the parish came forward to offer love offerings in cash and snacks were given to our priests. A small get together was also organised.

Weekly online recitation of the rosary was held on Tuesday evenings and on first Fridays of the month to keep the community members bonded together through prayer. We prayed for the sick, house bound, for community members who are without jobs, for those who are hospitalised, for the departed and for various other needs of our community and parish.

Thanking you for your prayers. May God bless you all abundantly. Do keep me in your prayers, so that I may continue working with and for Christ and building a stronger SCC in our parish.

By Victor D'Souza, Parish SCC Coordinator

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING







DEANERY SCC RALLY AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL CUMBALLA HILL



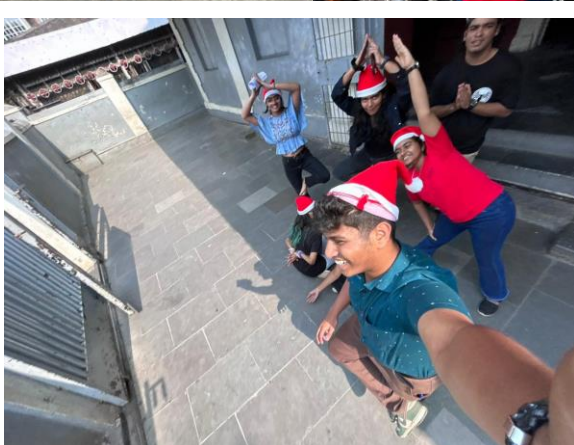
CHILDRENS DAY CELEBRATION IN ST ANNE'S COMMUNITY



OUR PARISHIONERS WON FIRST PRIZE IN GROUP SINGING AT THE MAHARASHTRA KONKANI AKALA SANSTHA COMPETITION. MYLENE WON FIRST PRIZE AND SUPER SINGER TROPHY IN THE INDIVIDUAL SECTION AND JEREMY WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE CHILDREN'S GROUP. MERLYN, MYLENE AND PLACIDA FROM SONAPUR WON 2ND PRIZE IN GROUP SINGING.



CONFIRMATION TREASURE HUNT CHRISTMAS PARTY





LOOKING AHEAD

22 nd Dec:	Confessions from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a break for 7 p.m. Mass
23 rd Dec:	Confessions from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a break for 7 p.m. Mass
24 th Dec:	No Evening Mass. At 11.30 p.m. Carol singing by Parish Choir followed by Christmas Midnight Mass.
25 th Dec:	Masses: 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. in English. No Evening Mass.
28 th Dec:	Feast of Holy Innocents. Blessing of children after every Mass.
31 st Dec:	Special Mass with Healing service & Christmas Celebration for Senior Citizens, sick and homebound parishioners at 11.30 a.m. Parishioners are requested to bring these parishioners especially those from your Community to the Church and take them back.
31 st Dec:	No Evening Mass. At 11 p.m. Holy Hour followed by New Year's Midnight Mass
1 st Jan:	Masses: 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. in English. No Evening Mass.
21 st Jan:	First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30 a.m.

BORN IN CHRIST

Baptism Date	Name	Child of
17 Dec 2023	Mario Naidu	Jayram & Pinky Naidu

RESTING IN CHRIST

Burial Date	Name	Residence
3 Nov 2023	Olinda Alphonso	4 th Floor, Sharaf Manzil
29 Nov 2023	Benny D'Silva	Indra Bhuvan Building No. 5

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