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WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER

The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony, Fr Lester, Fr Agnelo.

IMPORTANT WORDS OF JESUS

NOT MY WILL BUT THINE BE DONE: Very often we seem to be saying, “Not Thy will but Mine be done”. Are we prepared to sacrifice what I want to do and do what God wants me to do?

WEEP NOT FOR ME BUT WEEP FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR CHILDREN: No self-pity, but have pity and compassion on the sufferings of others.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO: Even if others make me suffer, no Revenge but Forgiveness.

May we follow the ways of Jesus and experience the joy of the Risen Christ.

Fr Anthony D’Souza, Parish Priest.

JEZUCHIM MHOTVACHIM UTRAM

Mhoji khuxi nhoi punn Tuji khuxi zaum Bapa: Zaito pavtti ami amchea kallza monan mhonntanv, Devachi khuxi nhoi punn Mhoji khuxi zaum. Devak zai tem korunk amkam sakrifis korchi poddteli. Ami hi sakrifis korunk toiar asanv?

Mhoje pasot nhoi pun tumche ani tumcheam bhurgeam pasot roddat: Heam utramnim Jezu amkam ieramche kkoxt dukh somzunk ani tanche sovem doia dakounk apoita.

Bapa tankam bhogos, te kitem kortat tem te nokllo: Ieram amkam koxtt favo korit zalear ami vingans gheunk favo nam, punn tankam bogsonnem diunk zai. *Fr Anthony D’Souza, Parish Priest*

SONAPUR CAROLLING FOR CHRISTMAS





By Samantha Vaz

ST. BAKHITA COMMUNITY FEAST – 2020

What, with the Corona virus and the pale gloom of the economic situation and other horrifying issues in our country, the St. Bakhita community feast came at the right time, the 8th of February. The community celebrated on the 9th of February, 2020 with Eucharistic celebration and community get together on 15th February in the parish hall. Fortunately for the community, Valentine’s Day and Carnival are so close that it adds to the excitement. The animating team pulled out



all stops to make sure we all had a great time.

What better way, than to commence the celebrations with Holy Eucharist animated by the community remembering our patron Saint, ‘St. Bakhita’ and the values she pronounced. *She simply shared love with one another come what may*, the very essence of a Small Christian Community.



Joy, Love, Happiness, bonding!!! – Our community



members trooped in the Parish hall!! Looking excited, especially the children! They were joined in by invitees of the Parish Council. After a brief intro, Milred took over and organised some innovative games for the kids. What joy for the kids as also excitement for all of us present there. It was a spectacle worth spending the evening with. Snacks followed and more fun games for the children and lots of spot prizes kept everyone on their toes. Housie sent the excitement levels a notch higher! With Peter belting out some lively numbers, all took to the floor and danced away the evening as one big community. So many gifts and prizes and a lovely take-away for each family, made sure that many carried home some physical memories of a wonderful evening.



By Alba Andrade

LIST OF LECTORS IN OUR PARISH

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We invite our parishioners above the age of 18 years to join our Lectors Group. Contact Greta D’Souza – Mobile No. 9967021669. **Only those who belong to our Lectors Group can read for all Scheduled Masses in our parish.**



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



Our community - Holy Cross had visited The Our Lady of Piety Aged home on Friday 27 Dec 2019. Old age is like a second childhood; all in heart and mental ability. The moment we reached the home, there was a glow on the faces of the golden agers happy to see new faces around them. They were eager to know what we had come for and asked us our names and from where we came.



Aldrich setup his keyboard and the children gathered around him to sing carols with glee lead by Simran and Rayhan. The children sang carols in both English and Konkani.



There were all smiles over the faces of the seniors with a few tears of joy, few of them also hummed along the carols they knew.



Through interactions we discovered that the inmates were from abandoned families and a few of them were physically challenged.



After quality time with the golden agers it was time to say goodbye, which was hard for us. Sheryl along with the children distributed a Christmas goodies bag to each resident, bidding them farewell.



At the end of this visit, it was with mixed feelings in our minds, we were left thinking of the various trials the aged had to face and now to live their life here.



Mark Fernandes
Holy Cross Community



Holy Cross Community Celebrates their Feast

The Holy Cross Community celebrated its feast on Friday, 28th February 2020. It is a day when the whole community comes together in thanksgiving for the many blessings received.

In preparation for the feast, Rosary was recited every evening for three days. The Children, Youth and Adults took charge of the Rosary on their respective days ensuring that prayers were offered for the local community needs and the needs of the world.

The day of the feast was as always abuzz with community members coming together to clean, put up the chairs and decorating the altar.

The Feast mass was celebrated by Father Myron J. Pereira SJ, who in his very captivating style highlighted the importance of community life and keeping each other before ourselves. "Love Thy Neighbour" was the message Jesus himself gave us which is a must have in today's world to ensure Peace and Harmony.

Followed by Mass, snacks were distributed to every one present and were delivered to the homebound. The children and the "Young at Heart" joined in the games.

No celebration can happen without many hands coming together. It is the effort and participation of many that makes a community come alive. It is on account of those who contributed in cash and kind, those who offered their helping hand, those who shared their talent and everyone who joined in prayer that made the Feast truly a community offering to the Lord.

We Pray that Unity and Love always be our Strength.

Fiona Rodrigues
Holy Cross Community





CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Co-ordinators and Animators of the Holy Cross Community organized a special Christmas party for the senior citizens of the zone on 29th December 2019. We felt privileged to have a programme dedicated specifically for us and eagerly looked forward to the surprises that awaited us.

The party began with a game titled 'Pass the Balloon'. This was followed by the very enjoyable 'Housie'. Performances by Mr. Raymond, Ms. Blanche, Mr. Sabino and Mr. Melwyn kept our feet tapping as we sang our beloved Konkani and English songs along with them. Another game which was unique and very interesting was called 'Roll the Dice'. Finally, the 'Christmas Symbol Knock-out' game ensured that all senior citizens grooved to the music while playing.

Snacks were also given to each participant. The party ended with the distribution of gifts and prizes. The animators thanked the senior citizens for attending the party and this was reciprocated by one of the senior citizens who, on behalf of all, expressed their gratitude to the organizers for the consideration shown to them.

It was indeed a fun-filled evening with games and entertainment tailored for us senior citizens, thus giving us memories to cherish forever.

Soon after the Party ended, the animators together with the children visited the Homebound of our community to wish them and distributed snack boxes and gifts.

Mrs. Bella Gomes
Holy Cross Community





Christmas Celebration The Holy Cross Community Way

Pre Christmas preparation includes home cleaning, making sweets and long shopping lists. In all of the TO Dos some very committed hands come forward to make the community star and crib. While the satisfaction of putting up something that is symbolic to Christ's coming is nevertheless priceless, winning the second place for the Community Star adds to the motivation.



Christmas Celebration in the Holy Cross Community has always been a week long fest which stands as an example of inclusiveness for children of all faiths.



This year the programme had the regular features of every day Housie, Christmas Sharing, Mock Beat, Raffle Draws culminating to a Christmas Party ushering in the New Year. But what stood out were the new initiatives like the visit to the Society of Piety, Christmas Party for the Seniors etc that made this year's Christmas celebrations even more special.



The first day was dedicated to Christmas Sharing with children who are less fortunate. Starting with the DIY challenge that brought out the creative best in the kids. When each child is given two sheets of coloured paper and common resources to share like glitter paper, glue, crayons, stationary etc the only way things can get done is by sharing and making best use of the limited common resources. Not only were the children sharing their items, but also creating beautiful forms of decoration as well. This was followed by games. The concept of sharing with the less fortunate was so beautifully shown in action when children of the community brought snacks and drinks not only for themselves but for all those present to share with. Christmas sharing is always a humbling experience for the children and animators alike.



The second day, the children and youth accompanied by community members visited the Society of Piety – the home for the aged. They served snacks, sang carols and distributed goodie bags but also spread Christmas Cheer. The evening was a cheerful chaos when the kids got together to play Queen of Sheeba.





Day three, everyone got their competitive shoes on for the One Minute Games. It was truly amazing to see children as young as 6 and as old as 18 collaborate towards a team effort.

The next day was a special day for the seniors who came together to have a little fun. While the games surely helped build an appetite, there were healthy snacks available to beat the growling tummy. The highlights of the evening were special performances by Blanche who gracefully accepted our invite in spite of other commitments. Our very



own community Super Stars also put up hilarious acts. It was fun to see the seniors groove to both English and Konkani classics.

Later in the evening the children got together for Dumb Charades – Bollywood Blast. We sure do have untapped acting talent. It was fun watching the kids scratch their head to guess Bollywood movies, songs and dialogues.



Day five had the events most enjoyed by kids and adults alike. The Mock Beat and ABCD (Dance Competition). The children truly gave it their best when it came to making their props and displaying their performances. The little children stole the show and a lot of prizes with their stage presence.



New Years Day is the Finale of the week long activities. The Christmas Party for children is always a fun filled affair and why not? Santa finally comes at his generous best and literally showers the kids with sweets. Games for all children ensure that the lane is all abuzz with excitement. Santa gave away goodie bags and prizes won during the week to the winners. Raffle draws were announced. It was raining prizes and gifts. What a way to start the year.



Executing events involving 80 to 100 kids requires planning and precision. The efforts of the coordinators, animators and the many community members who step in to help in cash, kind and more importantly their time helps with seamless execution of the activities.



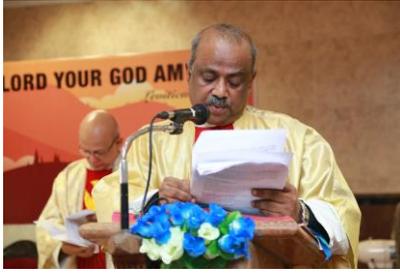
It is with a sense of fulfilment that the HolyCross Community ensures that children of all faiths come together and celebrate the Birth of Jesus by truly living his message of "Love One Another As I Have Loved You". We look forward to a brilliant year filled with Love, Faith and Hope.



Fiona Rodrigues
Holy Cross Community



CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH ON 23RD FEBRUARY



THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S GET TOGETHER

The Seniors of our parish, were given a warm reception, welcoming the new year 2020 by our Parish Priest Fr. Tony. it began with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Tony as the main celebrant. the homily delivered by him was very apt and thought provoking with an inspiring message for each one of us. After culmination of the Eucharist, a healing service was conducted by Fr. Tony, Fr. Agnelo and Fr. Lester. Fr. Tony rendered feet tapping, famous goan mandos, accompanied by the playing of guitar. It was a lively and a pleasant atmosphere, where we all participated in singing while snacks were served. It was a memorable event.

By Lucy D'Souza



COMMUNITY WALKS THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH JESUS

As part of their Lenten Services, the Daughters of the Heart of Mary or DHM (Sisters of Nirmala Niketan) conducted the Way of the Cross on Wednesday, 11th March, 2020. They

warmly extended the invitation to the families of St. Thomas Community to partake in this Lenten devotion to make it a “Community in Prayer” event.

Due to the Coordinator’s efforts in reminding and following up with the community members, we had a good response from the members who were punctual at 8.30 pm in the Nirmala Niketan chapel.

Sr. Hazel D’Lima conducted the Way of the Cross – it was crisp and very meaningful. The stations were interspersed with singing of hymns.

The devotion took around 40 minutes. The members were edified and were grateful to the nuns for including us all.

To top it all off, delicious hot soup was served to one and all in the refectory. The community members liked the meaningful prayerful session and requested if they could attend all Wednesdays henceforth. This was whole heartedly welcomed by the Sisters. However, with the news of the widespread Corona Virus we could not bring this plan to fruition.

This was an evening well spent in the presence of the Lord. Thanks to the Nirmala Niketan nuns for their hospitality as usual. May God bless them and keep them in good health always.

By Emily Andrade



ON ACCOUNT OF CORONA VIRUS, AND LOCKDOWN OF OUR NATION, OUR CHURCH, CROSS MAIDAN AND PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TILL 14 APRIL 2020. HENCE, THERE WILL BE NO MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE CHURCH AND NO HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN THE CHURCH AND AT CROSS MAIDAN.

EASTER BLESSING WITHIN THE FAMILY

N.S.: At a suitable time, during Easter week, when all the members of the family are present, the Easter blessing is held at home, led by the head of the family (or his/her representative)

HYMN: “HE IS LORD” (or any other suitable hymn you all know well.)

LEADER: Let us pray to the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, whom the Father has made the Alpha and the Omega of all creation: the foundation of our family and our home. Let us call on His name and say

RESP: Lord, stay with us always. (Please repeat)

LEADER: Lord Jesus, in the days after your Resurrection, you appeared to your disciples and you gladdened them with the gift of your peace. Bring all of us in this family your peace: the sign of your Presence among us.

(Other spontaneous intentions could be added here).

LEADER: Let us all join in reciting the “OUR FATHER” together.

ALL: OUR FATHER . . .

LEADER: Blessed are You, O Lord, Heavenly Father. In the Passover of the Old Testament, you kept unharmed the houses of your people who were sprinkled with the blood of the Paschal Lamb. Our Lord, Jesus Christ is the very fulfilment of those signs, He is the true lamb of the New Testament, crucified for us and raised from the dead, so that we may all be filled with the grace of his Spirit. In his name we pray you, bless + all of us in this family, so that the joy of your love may gladden the hearts of all who live here in this house. We make this prayer through the same Christ Our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN: WE ARE HAPPY CHRISTIANS...

PASKANCHEA KALLAR KUTTUMBACHER AXIRVAD

N.B.: Zata zalear. Paskanchea satolleant. jednam sogllem kuttumb hajir zaum ieta tednam ho axirvad dovorcho, ani Vhodilan (Bapui vo Avoi) suru korchi hi sokol dilea ti rit.

HYMN: BHAV BHOINNI AMI SOGLLIM

VHODDIL: Punor-jivont zal'lea, Somia Jezu Krista lagim magum-ia, Zaka Bapan kelo oromb ani xevott soglle pritumecho ani rochnnecho, buniadh amchea kuttumbachi ani ghorabeachi. Tachea nanvan prathum-ia

SOGLLIM: Dhonia, Sodankal amche modem rav.

VHODDIL: Somia Jezu, Tum punorjivont zalea uprant, zaite pavtt Tujeam xisank distti poddloi ani khuxalkai tanchea kallzant haddli, diun tankam xantichem dennem, hich xanti sodankall uronk amchea kuttumbant amkam favo kor.

SOGLLIM: Dhonia, Sodankal amche modekot rav.

VHODDIL: Konnank khoxi asa zalear, kuttumbachea vho yeram gorzam passot magum-ieta.

VHODDIL: Atam sogllim ekthaim Amchea Bapa mhunnum-ia.

MAGNNEM

VHODDIL: Mhoimevont Deva, Sorginchea Bapa, zoxem Tunvem Pornnea Korarant, Tuje vinchun kaddale porjechim kuttumbam vaitta vignnantlim rakhlim, zancher mendreachem rogot xinvrailelem; toxem atam hem amchem kuttumb sambhall, zacher Krista Khorea Mendreachem rogot xinvrailelem asun Tachea koxttam mornam vorvim; ani uprant Bapa Tunvem Taka jivont keloi, amam-somestank bhorcheak Povitr Atmeache kurpen. Tachea nanvan ami atam magtaum Tuje lagim, ghal mhonn axirvad hea kuttumbacher, ghorabeacher ani soglleancher hea vorvim khuxalkai Tujea mogachi haddcheak sontos amcheam kallzannim. Hem magnnem ami kortanv Teach amchea Somia Jezu Kristache nanvim.

SOGLLIM: AMEN

HYMN: ARGAM TUKA SOMIA

UNITED IN CHRIST

MARRIAGE DATE	NAME OF COUPLE
21 Dec 2020	Vinod Lawrence Rego & Jolin Maisuriya

RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
11 Jan 2020	Detura Alex Andrades	Padamsee Building, Princess Street
11 Jan 2020	Anthony Xavier Alphonso	Kilachand Building, Princess Street
16 Jan 2020	Victor Gabril Aronjo	Dubash Building 1 st Marine Cross Lane
12 Feb 2020	Maria Goretti Vaz	Sidat Mansion, 2 nd Marine Street
20 Feb 2020	Joseph Godfrey Noronha	Wellington Terraces, Dr S. F. Street
21 Feb 2020	Alex John Mascarenhas	Ashish Apartments, Sorabji Santook Lane
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