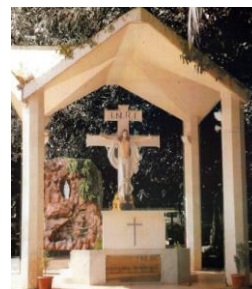


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Parents Day Issue

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**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
*The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony and Fr Lester.*

**DEAR REV. FR.  
ANDREW  
AGNELO  
FERNANDES  
YOU LEFT US  
FOR YOUR  
HEAVENLY  
HOME ON  
16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021  
WE MISS  
YOU**



**WE THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR HARD  
WORK IN OUR  
PARISH  
ESPECIALLY  
REGULAR VISITS  
TO THE SICK,  
COMFORTING THE  
BEREAVED,  
COUNSELLING  
THOSE WHO  
CAME TO YOU &  
YOUR MINISTRY  
IN THE  
CONFESSIONAL &  
EUCCHARIST**

### **What GIFT can we offer our Parents and Grandparents on their very special day?**

**The gift of GRATITUDE:** Let us personally thank them for all that they have done and are doing for us their children.

**The gift of CARING FOR THEM:** In the hustle and bustle of life, let us make a promise that we will take care of them specially when they need it the most.

**The gift of PRAYING FOR THEM:** There is no gift better than our Prayer for them. Let us assure them of our Prayers every day without fail.

*Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest*

### **REPORT FROM THE LEGION OF MARY**

The following are the activities undertaken by the members of The Legion of Mary:

- 1) Our legionaries recite the Opening Prayers, the Rosary, the Magnificat and the Closing Prayers on a daily basis in their homes as mentioned in the Standing Instructions of the Legion of Mary Handbook. The Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet is also recited along with family members. We also attend the Online Mass and Holy Hour Adoration and intercede and pray for the several prayer requests appearing in the WhatsApp Prayer Group. We also lift up the Sick and those suffering from Covid19 in ICUs/hospitals/homes. We pray for families coping with the Covid19 crisis and for their deceased members.
- 2) One member is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and helps in administering Holy Communion either in the morning / evening during the lockdown period when churches are closed.
- 3) One member visited the old, the lonely, sick and home-bound thus giving them a listening ear, support and encouragement to face the challenges of life in their dark and stressful moments. Members paid a visit to one of our legionaries who was sick and feeling depressed owing to stress and volunteered to take one sick parishioner to the family doctor and to purchase medicines, fruits, etc. and for the sick. We pray that

through the intercession of St. Joachim & St. Anne, the Sick may experience the healing touch of our Lord and Saviour and may their lives be blessed.

4) Helped one Catholic and one non-Catholic person to get admitted in the hospital and also helped at the time of discharge.

5) Two of our members paid condolence visits in the house of bereaved families and also attended the Funeral Prayer service outside the church of some of our departed Parishioners.

6) One legionary helped in distributing food grain packets financed/donated by the church to the Poor of our parish as and when the need arises.

*Lucy D'Souza, Legion of Mary*

### **A FEAST DAY CELEBRATION WITH A DIFFERENCE**

This year the Feast of St. Thomas on July 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 was celebrated with a difference by the Community of St Thomas. Though the pandemic and lockdown prevented us from physically meeting one another like in previous years at our community mass and social gathering, new innovative means were sought to be in touch. The lockdown opened new avenues like google meet and you tube to be in touch virtually.

We began with an online Triduum from July 1<sup>st</sup> with a talk by Fr. Myron Pereira s. j. who spoke on "St Thomas speaks to us today". Day 2 was a session by Fr Clifton Mendonca on "St Thomas, Apostle of India" and Day 3 Fr Anthony Fernandes spoke on "Trusting God". On July 3<sup>rd</sup> an online mass was offered by the Community in celebration of our Feast day

Who is a Disciple and who is called an Apostle? To be a disciple is to learn from Jesus, our role model. To show **mercy** to others especially the ones who have hurt us – something very difficult as we have very good memories to remember such things! To **serve others with love** not because of compulsion and to **adopt inclusiveness** – be friends with those who are unlike you. Father touched on the words / statements spoken by St Thomas in our Gospel readings : "We do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?" and Jesus explains "I am the Way the Truth and the Life" and yet another statement by St Thomas, "Unless I see and touch I will not believe"- just like us today, we seek proof and hard concrete facts and the Lord replies: "You believe because you have seen happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." And what was St Thomas's reply? "My Lord and my God!" Such a profound statement which we need to adopt in our everyday lives with total surrender to Jesus, trusting him in all situations of our life. To be Christian is to be witnesses of Christ as the Church has been built on the foundations of Apostles and Martyrs who believed and proclaimed the love and mercy of Jesus. Today too, each one of us are called to be Witnesses to courageously proclaim Jesus for when the time comes He will guide us what to say and do.

The link to the Triduum sessions was shared with our Parishioners so that all could attend. These sessions were very interactive and many of our doubts and queries were answered to our satisfaction. We were left wondering and contemplating on how to change our lives and live as better human beings and better Christians. If we only **TRUST in HIM** (the acronym stands for TRUTH, RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, SCRIPTURE & TOGETHERNESS) then everything else falls in place.

Thank you, Fathers for making our Triduum so meaningful and wholesome. May St. Thomas intercede for us and obtain God's blessing on us and our families.

*Mylene Sequeira*

### **BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

<b>BAPTISM DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHILD OF</b>
27 June 2021	Azalea Antonia Noronha	Egypsio Zico & Gracy

### **RESTING IN CHRIST**

<b>BURIAL DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
20 April 2021	Simon Joseph Pinheiro	294-96 Crasto Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Dr. C. H. Street
7 June 2021	Felix John Dias	A/12 Aidun Building John Crasto Lane
9 July 2021	Joseph Savio Ramos	98/1 Kavarana Building 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor 1 <sup>st</sup> Marine Street
17 July 2021	Susan Fermina Fernandes	298/D Kilachand Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Princess Street

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