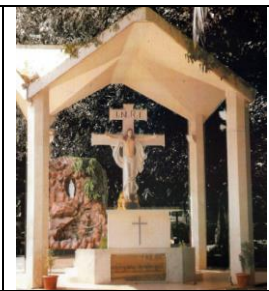


PARISH BULLETIN OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH, SONAPUR, MUMBAI



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WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

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

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF
LOURDES: IMMACULATE
VIRGIN, MOTHER OF MERCY,
REFUGE OF SINNERS,
COMFORTER OF THE
AFFLICTED, BRING
HEALING TO OUR SICK
BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
YOU KNOW MY WANTS, MY
TROUBLES, MY
SUFFERINGS; LOOK WITH
MERCY ON ME



LOURDES SAIBINNIK
MAGNNEM: NIXKOLLONK
ANKVARI, KAKUTICHE
MAIE, PATKEAMCHO
ALAXIRO, AMCHEAM
PIDDEVONTAMCHER
BOREPONN HADD.
AMCHEO GOROZO, KOXTT
DOGD TUM OLLKHOTAI.
TUJE KAKUTIN MHOJER
NODOR GHAL

Fr. Anthony D'Souza

INTER RELIGIOUS PRAYER SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH DURING CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE WEEK



MASS, HEALING SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR THE OLD SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ON 1ST JANUARY 2023.



Our Parish Priest Fr. Tony had a special Mass and Healing Service for the sick, old and housebound on Sunday, 1st January, 2023 at 11.30 am in Our Lady of Dolours Church. Parishioners were requested to bring them to the Church and take them back home. It was a lovely act of love shown to our loved ones. The Eucharistic celebration was made lively by Fr. Tony with his melodious singing and active participation of those present. The homily delivered was inspiring, encouraging and meaningful. After Communion, Fr. Tony had a healing service where the sick, were anointed with holy oil. The singing of Christmas Carols drew smiles on their faces. Snacks were served. Ms. Renee Carvalho gave a vote of thanks at the end. It was indeed a memorable day which drew joy in the heart and a feeling of contentment.

By Lucy D'Souza

FIRST HOLY COMUNION ON 15TH JANUARY 2023



COVERING LETTER – S.C.C. REPORTS OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022

We have entered into a new year all full of hope and a desire to work harder in building the SCC's further and hoping that this year gives us better opportunities in building our communities in a positive way. I hereby present the quarterly reports of our Parish for the quarter October to December 2022. Our Parish comprises of 7 Communities, each community has a Coordinator and a Joint Coordinator along with Animators who form the Core group. In the reports each community has descriptively highlighted their community activities and programs held during the quarter October to December 2022

Animators continued visiting families assigned to them and passed on information of Church & Community activities, Distributing Calendars, Selling Christmas Raffles of the Community and also reached out to the lonely and made them feel wanted and loved. The list of children and Youth in the Community were updated in all the seven communities making it easier to plan ahead and also passed on this list to the Parish Priest.

Many parents in the villages find it extremely difficult to stitch a special dress when their children receive First Holy Communion and so through Fr. Deepak Toppo currently residing in our Parish and studying at Nirmala Niketan, we got in touch with Fr. Jebamalai connected with the Gujarat Mission for the same. A message was sent to all in the community requesting those interested in donating the dresses to get in touch with community animators. The response was good. On 10th December 2022, we sent a package to Fr. Jebamalai through Speed post containing the following:
3 suits, 2 pairs of shoes and 2 Wedding Gowns.

Although these are baby steps towards our generosity; we will be doing the same on a larger scale; hoping to have a much better response in the near future.

Through Fr. Jebamalai we also got in touch with Sr. Sharmila from Bethany Convent, which is running the local school, regarding donating English Work Books and English Reading Books. She expressed her desire to have these items. We will be sending the same to her in Bhiloda via Speed post during the Summer Vacations.

We heard the homily of Fr. Jodman during the Septena, wherein he mentioned that we keep clothes for years without using them instead we should give them especially to the under privileged like the needy migrants in our city. Taking a cue from this, we contacted Fr. Jodman and found out details of items required. Then we sent out a message to all the members in our community via WhatsApp requesting them to go through their wardrobes and give us clothes not being used and in good wearable condition and also other utility items. We had a very good response. We managed to collect a tempo full of items and sent them to Fr. Jodman at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Chuim, Khar on 4th December 2022 to be handed over to the needy migrant families. These clothes and utility items will help a lot of migrant workers in meeting their daily needs.

This year as World Day of the Poor and Children's Day were back to back, we decided to combine both and celebrated Children's Day with the less fortunate children in and around the community under Jagruti (NGO) run by Sr. Anna of Sisters of the Cross in our Parish. Most of the parents and members of the Community and Sponsors donated generously. 60 children were present including 35 children from the NGO. The children enjoyed games, snacks, music and prizes. Each child returned home with a gift. The children beamed with joy on receiving their gifts. We came back celebrating Children's day with a difference: "In Giving We Receive", an invisible blessing from Our Lord Jesus Christ. It was amazing to see our children and parents come forward and generously contribute towards those in need, keeping in mind the theme NO ONE IN WANT.

The community while making the Star and Crib focused on Jesus being the centre of our lives and community. The Theme was based on the recently concluded Football World Cup - "JESUS IS OUR GOAL". There were a few people of other faiths who came forward to help. Our community members did a great job in making the crib and star and portraying this message to all.

On Christmas Day, the Animators visited the families who had lost their near and dear ones and were in mourning to be with them and give them love and feeling of security. Gifts were given to the aged, ailing and House bound showering them with love and affection and making them feel wanted and important. A week-long programme was held in our communities involving all children, youth, adults and senior citizens. It was an eventful week wherein all age groups had something or the other for them and on one of the days of the programme week we intended having an Interfaith Prayer Meet but ended up having the Interfaith Meet where we had people of different faiths cover different topics based on our everyday life. Our esteemed Speakers were:

Fr. Myron Pereira s.j. who spoke on Peace

Ms. Anamta Khan who spoke on Ecology

Ms. Preeti Naidu who gave her Experience living in our community

Ms. Celine Gomes who spoke on the Status of Women in Society

Sr. Anna who shared what she has received from our Community.

Mr. Pushpasen Rajput, Ex Corporator who gave us his experience in working with us in our community

Mr. Milind Mhatre who enlightened us on cleanliness and other measures, we need to adopt for the betterment of our community as a whole.

This was a much appreciated and well organised programme which enlightened us on various topics based on our everyday life.

The statue of Our Lady was circulated in our communities, bringing us together in prayer.

Our Parish Priest Fr. Tony together with Fr. Deepak took the initiative and a challenge to bless the houses in the entire parish. Though we have mostly old buildings with steep staircases but that did not deter them and they completed the blessing of the houses as per schedule.

Our Parish calendar for the year 2023 was distributed to all families in our communities.

We had a parish sports day conducted by the youth of our parish. It was a well organised event where football teams from other parishes took part.

Our Coordinators attended a programme for Coordinators at Holy Name Cathedral. The topic was on conflict, holding grudges for generations and importance of communication. This programme was enriching and thought provoking. We felt the need for such programmes & talks on a regular basis.

Planning for our Parish Family day was undertaken with all communities. We encouraged people to attend the Family Day which was to be held on the 18th of December 2022 but eventually had to be postponed due to the Football World Cup finals on the very same day and was postponed to 8th of January 2023.

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 S.C.C. Coordinator

GOD'S LIGHT RADIATES IN FAMILIES OF ST JUDE COMMUNITY



**THESE PARISHIONERS MADE OUR SONAPUR PARISH PROUD:
PARISH TEAM AT BCS INTER PARISH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT,
SCHOOL DANCE GROUP AT DABUL, CINDY AT KBC, BLANCHE
MASCARENHAS, JOANNA RODRIGUES FOR PITCH PERFECT
SINGING COMPETITION, BLANCHE MASCARENHAS, JEREMY
VIEGAS, MYLENE SEQUEIRA AT MAHARASHTRA KONKANI
KALA SANSTHA SINGING COMPETITION.**



FAMILY DAY ON 8TH JAN 2023



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
22 December 2022	Lawrence Joseph Lobo	6A/1 Ground Floor Wellington Terrace
29 December 2022	Sira Max Cabral	Room No 22, 3 rd Floor, J.S. Pereira building,
16 January 2023	Maryann Vaz	493/495 Brahmouy Mansion J. S. S. Road
30 January 2023	Michelle Ludovick D'Souza	Room 30, 3 rd Floor, 6 A Wellington Terrace

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