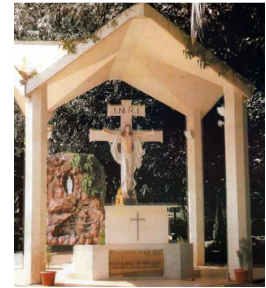


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WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

HOW DO I ACCEPT CHRISTMAS?

HEROD'S ANSWER = HOSTILITY: Let Jesus be destroyed. He is a danger to my position, my power, my comfort, my pleasure.

INNKEEPER'S ANSWER = PREOCCUPATION: I am too busy. I have no time for Jesus.

SIMEON'S ANSWER = COMMITMENT: I want to meet you Lord Jesus. I have been waiting for you.

WHAT IS MY ANSWER?

Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest

NATALAMCHO VELL

Kakut dakoupacho vell: Patkachea gulamponnan astanam, Deva Bapan amchi kakut keli ani amkam suttka diunk aplea ekleach Puta Jezuk hea sonvsarant dhaddlo. Hea vellar ami ekamekachi kakut korunk zai.

Xanti ani boreponn haddpacho vell: Jezu aplea zolma vorvim munxeakullak xanti ani boreponn haddta. Amchea kornneam vorvim ami xanti ani boreponn amchea somazant haddunk proitn korit ravum ia.

Dadosponnacho vell: Ballka Jezuk polloun gonvlli ani teg vidhvan dadosponn bhogtat. Hench Ballka Jezuchem dadosponn amche sovenm sodanch asum.

Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest

Wishing you a Happy Christmas



CHILDRENS DAY CELEBRATION



OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR STREET CHILDREN: Coaching classes are held daily for the children after school. The children are taught and encouraged to study, by making the lessons interesting for them. This year we had children attending the coaching classes. The Social worker and I visited the houses of the students and families. We insisted that the child attends either a Marathi or English medium school. Co-curricular activities, songs and dances were organized to encourage them to attend. I instructed them on cleanliness; at times I even bathed them. I gave them a listening ear when they needed to share their troubles and difficulties. We provided them with school uniforms and some dresses to use at home, if they needed them. We gave them a boiled egg, bananas and different kinds of biscuits twice a week. At times, when possible food items like rice and dal or kitchdi (a mixture of rice and dal cooked

together with some flavouring) were supplied. We needed at times to give them a bath and cut their nails. We provided eye check up for a child and gave her spectacles. Every month we have a meeting with parents regarding children's study, health and cleanliness. We speak to them about keeping their children neat and tidy. We instruct them to encourage their children to study and send them to school every day. We encourage parents to attend PTA meetings in the school and check their child's progress. These are some of the efforts we have made so far with our limited resources to uplift the children and give them a sense of dignity and an experience of equality in society today.

By Sr. Anna SCC



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Members of St. Thomas Community observed the World Day of the Poor, 21st November, in a different manner. They spent more than an hour with Frank and Villa D'Souza. The couple are senior citizens and are house bound. They were overjoyed and jubilant that we had come to see them and spend so much time with them. They were very appreciative that they had a good time chatting with us and a chance to interact with persons other than the daily visitors. This World Day of the Poor was not observed in the traditional way, i.e. financially poor. For the Community it was rather a way to meet the poverty of compassion, companionship and interaction with the other people and the outside world at large. We left the D'Souza couple with very happy memories and a promise to visit them again - a promise that will be kept.

By Vilma da Silva

LOOKING AHEAD

21 st , 22 nd Dec:	Confessions from 5 p.m. to 8p.m.
23 rd Dec:	Special Mass with Healing Service at 11.30 a.m. for old, sick and homebound parishioners followed by Christmas celebration. Confessions for these parishioners from 11.15 a.m. onwards. Parishioners urged to kindly help in getting the old, sick and homebound to the Church and taking them back home.
24 th Dec:	No Mass at 7 p.m. At 11 p.m. Carol singing by Parish Choir followed by Christmas Mass at 12 Midnight.
25 th Dec:	Masses: 7.30 a.m. in Konkani, 8.30, 9.30, 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:	No Mass at 7 p.m. At 11 p.m. Holy Hour. 12 Midnight New Year Mass.
1 st Jan:	Masses: 7.30 a.m. in Konkani, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30 a.m. in English. No Evening Mass.

FEAST OF ST. CECILIA

The Feast of St. Cecilia was celebrated by the Senior choir members on November 22, 2018, with a mass offered at 7:00 pm. The celebrant was Fr. Lester Vaz. After the final blessing, Fr. Lester led the congregation in singing a Happy Feast to the choir members. After the choir practice, the members of the Senior choir had a small celebration.

By Fiona Fernandes



PARISH FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION



PLATINUM JUBILEE FINALE



Glory to the world. Our Lady of Dolours School celebration of Platinum Jubilee was flagged off on 17th November 2018.

Proud feet made their way to St. Teresa's School Chapel, Charni Road, where the Grand Finale mass of the Platinum Jubilee was held in the evening. Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes was the main celebrant of the Eucharist accompanied by the Ex-Principals Fr. Ernest Fernandes, Fr. Francis Carvalho and Fr. Anthony D'souza, the present Manager of this school. The Captive moment of the Mass was when the gathering sang the School Anthem with great pride.



"Footprints in the Sands of Time" was the theme for the day.

With bonding and re-living the olden days along with refreshments on the side the Ex-students proceeded to the hall where they were entertained by our students, the slide presentation of the glorious journey





glorious journey of Our Lady of Dolours made everyone nostalgic. The head girl of the school proposed a special vote of thanks to the invitees and the Ex-students for their valuable presence.



Later in the evening the gathering was directed to the grounds for the party. The inaugural cake cutting ceremony was performed by the Manager Fr. Tony, Headmistress Sr. Josephine and the Core Team which marked a momentous occasion for the Dolorites.



Sensuous feet tapping and rhythmic music filled the atmosphere with joy, fun and excitement, games added enthusiasm to the party.



Gifts were distributed to the winners of the games. The very old Ex-Students, Ex-Headmasters, Ex-Teachers, Staff and Support staff were felicitated.



Fr. Anthony Fernandes, Manager of St. Teresa's School graced the dinner which was sumptuous. After the heartfelt celebration, came the time to bid a good-bye.



Mementos were given to the invitees.

Zakiya Farid Shaikh conveyed the vote of thanks. She exhorted the ex-students to continue their support to their Alma Mater.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

BAPTISM DATE	NAME	CHILD OF
16 Dec 2018	Ezra Gomes	Sydney and Myola

RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
27 Nov 2018	Sharon Ivor Fernandes	77 A Cooper Building Charni Wadi
28 Nov 2018	Max Francis Gomes	Padamsee Building

OLDHS ANNUAL DAY 2018



The most awaited day, the Annual Day of Our Lady of Dolours School dawned on 16th November 2018. The function began at around 10:30 a.m. at St. Teresa's School Auditorium, Charni Road.



The Chief Guest, Manager Fr. Anthony D'souza and Headmistress Sr. Josephine Dias was led to the dais by the Student Council. The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and the Headmistress. The prayer dance marked the beginning of the annual day. Parents and the Chief Guest were greeted by singing the welcome song. Various dances were performed, the enacted skits reflecting moral and cultural values, karate display, handing out of the Academic Scholarships, the slide presentation of the academic excellence and the Chief Guest speech applauded the school for its all round success and future of the school. The head boy proposed the vote of thanks. The National Anthem marked the end to the Annual Day Celebration.

