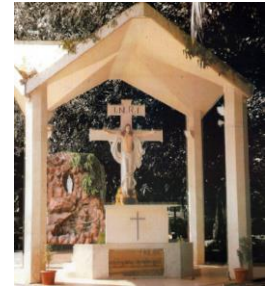


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WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER

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

Easter is not an escapist fantasy, holding out the mirage-like hope of “heaven” hereafter. For his first followers, when Jesus came out of the tomb on Easter morning it was the beginning of a whole new world. A world of healing and hope. This new world began to make waves. The movement spread rapidly, like the pandemic but with the opposite effect: people were healed, both physically and socially.

The reason people joined the movement was that the lifestyle of Jesus’ followers was hugely attractive. They looked after each other, and anyone else within reach. And they did away with the normal social and cultural barriers. One of the earliest writings to emerge from the new movement put it bluntly: “neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, no ‘male and female’—because you are all one in Jesus.

Christianity was committed to caring for the poor and to sharing a common life across racial boundaries. Trying to recreate a society like that without Jesus leading the way is like trying to type with your fingers tied together.

In his greatest letter, St Paul prays that the church will “abound in hope”, precisely in being a people of praise, with people of all sorts and from all backgrounds coming together in a new kind of family.

Jezuchea punnorjivontponna vorvim sonvsar bodolta. Sonvsarant bhogsonnem, pekovnni ani bhorvanso ieta. Jezuchea xisamchem jivit bodolta. Te ekamekachi porva kortat, ekamekak gorjent pavtat, ekvottan ani mogan jietat, goribank ani gorjevontank pavtat. Hi sovsarak Paskamchea porbechi bori khobor zaun asa.

Fr Anthony D’Souza, Parish Priest

SCC REPORT

As we are still in the period of the dreadful pandemic and going in for another lockdown due to the heavy surge in the number of Covid 19 cases here in Mumbai and all over India, we hope and pray for your safety and good health to carry on the good work of the small Christian community specially in times of turmoil.

The Covid 19 pandemic is the defining global health crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced. We have now reached a tragic milestone of more than two million deaths, and the human family is suffering under an almost intolerable burden of loss. Prayer is the only hope to deliver us from this pandemic. Prayer sessions were held on every Friday in some communities for those suffering from Covid 19, for families who have lost their near and dear ones, for those who have lost their jobs and for those involved in finding a cure for this virus.

Home visits to the old and homebound continued. Animators continued visiting families assigned to them and passed on information of Church and Community activities. Information regarding Online Mass was passed on to them and they were urged to participate in the online Mass. Animators also reached out to the lonely, to Senior Citizens living alone and helped them with getting groceries and ensured they are keeping good health.

Families of a community came together to ring in the New Year and shared a dish. This was possible only in a large building with twenty-two families. There was sharing, caring and bonding among the community members.

The SCC Paper regarding No one in Want in the Community was discussed on 11th Jan 2021. Communities ensured basic needs of provisions in every family in the

Community and also provided emotional support to individuals in these troubled times.

A talk on 'Latent and Manifest Motives' was held on 26th January 2021 via Online Telecast by Sisters of Nirmala Niketan which was very informative and enriching and was appreciated by many community members.

Our SCC Animators together with the volunteers took up the initiative to attend to one senior member of a community who lives alone and has no family to look after him/her. They also arranged a tiffin service and managed to get a person to clean the house and give him/her a bath on regular basis. Arrangements were made to put a person in Society of Piety Home as he has no one to look after him.

Prayers were offered for a non-Christian family who have come from West Bengal for treatment of their little boy aged 5 years who is suffering from Cancer and has lost one of his kidneys. Help was also rendered to this family in various ways – a refrigerator and utensils for cooking were arranged for this family including clothes and toys for the little boy.

Keeping in mind the danger of the spread of Covid 19, Online Feast Masses were celebrated by two communities. Special prayers were offered to heal the world and to get an immediate cure for Covid 19.

9-day reflection videos on the intercession and intervention of St Joseph was shown keeping in mind the Feast of St Joseph on 19th March and this year being dedicated to St Joseph by the Holy Father.

Distribution of food packets by our parish to the poor of our parish continued in communities. These food packets were well appreciated as it helped the poor to a certain extent to ease their suffering during the lockdown.

Do continue keeping our parishioners in your prayers in these difficult times. Do keep our SCC Coordinators and Animators in your prayers.

Victor D'Souza (Parish SCC Coordinator)

The following were confirmed in our parish by Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes: Hayden Urban D'Souza, Vincent (Vineet) Chawathe, Joshua Mascarenhas, Sian Braganza, Johanna Rodrigues, Eliska Regina D'Souza, Ronan Andrades, Michael Fichardo, Bluton Fernandes



RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
12 Feb 2021	Tyrone Neri Franco	6A / 27 Wellington Terrace, Dr. S.C.Fernandes Street
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20 Feb 2021	William Gomes	293/20 Sopariwala House Princess Street
20 Feb 2021	Philomina Pereira	Room 4 J. S. Pereira Building

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