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WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER
The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony & Fr Lester.

The angel said to the women: Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. (Mt 28:7).

Important for family:

PRESENCE

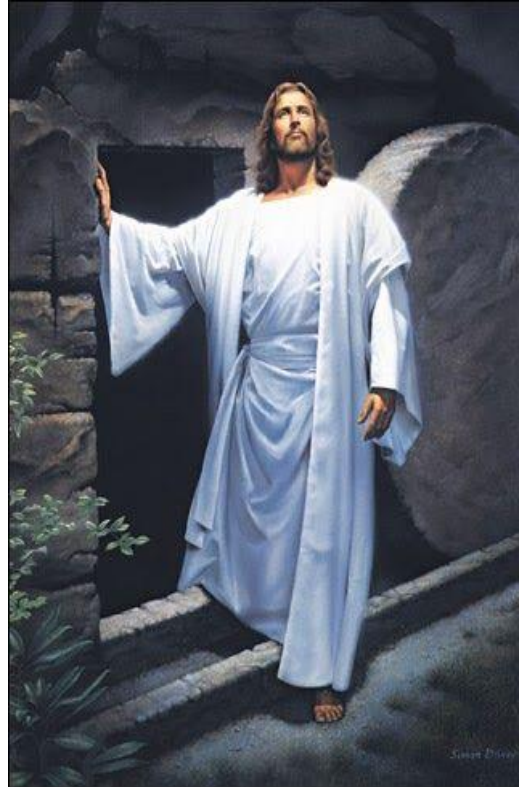
Jesus breathed on them and said to them: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20:22-23).

Important for family:

FORGIVENESS

Then Jesus said to Thomas: “Put your finger here and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless but believing.” (John 20:27)

Important for family:
TRUST



Devdutan ostoreank mhollem “Vegim vochun tacheam xisank sangat: Devan taka mel’leantlo jivont kela ani polleiat to tumche fuddem Galeliak veta; thoitm tumi taka dekhtoleat. (Mt 28:7) *Familik mhotvachem: HAJIRPONN*

Tannem tancher svas soddlo ani tankam mhollem: Povitr Atmo gheiat. Zankam tumi tanchea patkanchem bogsonnem ditat tankam Dev tea patkanchem bogosnnem dita (Jn 20:22-23) *Familik mhotvachem: BOGSONNEM.*

Uprant Tannem Tomasak mhollem: Tujem bot hanga ghal: he polle asat mhoje hat! Tuzo hat hanga had ani Mhoje kuxint ghal! Hea fuddem bhavart naslolo zaum naka, punn bhavart dhor. *Familik mhotvachem: VISVAS*

*Fr Anthony D’Souza,
Parish Priest.*

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY VISIT TO THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF PIETY, DABUL.



The Animators of St. Thomas Community visited the residents of the Society of Piety on the evening of 28th March, 2022, at Vijaywadi, Dabul. The Society has 12 ladies & 3 men. We were welcomed with broad smiles. Over a cup of tea and biscuits we conversed and got to know a little more about them and their families. Ms. Christine Murray showed us the beautiful and neat cross-stitch work done by her on small napkins and the muffler she was knitting. Many others also shared the things they were good at. There were some who assisted in taking care of those

who needed help. They were like little children wanting to talk and tell their stories. Ms. Tresa sang a hymn along with Mylene. We gave them the hamper we had taken. We ended our visit with a prayer and said our goodbyes. They were very happy that we visited and invited us for an “Easter” visit too. They were so warm and friendly. It was a happy evening for the residents as well as the Animators who visited. God bless each one of them and the ones who take care of their needs.

By Baldumira Sequeira

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY - BOUND by LOVE & PRAYER



March 25th is a red-letter day for it was on this day two years ago that COVID SPRUNG ITS UGLY HEAD

ON THE WHOLE WORLD, India, Maharashtra and eventually our Mumbai. We were left stunned and confused as to how to cope with this new scenario. During this panic situation, we in St. Thomas community whilst adhering to the SOP kept in touch with one another - through the internet and WhatsApp. Every Wednesday we met to recite the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour followed by the Rosary. Later during Lent, we decided to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday. On March 23rd 2022, we were invited by the DHM sisters of Nirmala Niketan to participate as a community in the Way of the Cross held in their college chapel at 7 pm. We, the community members were very excited as it was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet one another physically after such a long gap. All arrived much ahead of time and were warmly greeted by Sr Rena and all the other sisters. There was also the beautiful "Welcome" board painstakingly made by our dear Sr Verna. The meeting and introductions were quite touching and there was a lot of bonhomie. Four community members were selected to read the stations of the cross taking turns at each station with Lenten hymns at varied intervals. Power point slides were prepared by the sisters as also the readings of the stations of the cross which were in accordance to the current plight faced by the Ukrainians. Later, the members dispersed into the hall where there was much chatter and catching up to do. Amidst all this, we were served piping hot delicious soup, much to our delight, which added to the exuberance of the participants. One of the members thanked the NN community for making it possible for us to meet for the stations of the cross. A big THANK YOU to the Nirmala Niketan sisters for their generosity and support always.

By Emily Andrade



S. C. C. REPORT

As human beings, we all share the same sorrows, the same hopes, the same potential. The Covid-19 pandemic has reminded us how interdependent we are: what happens to one person can soon affect many others, even on the far side of our planet. Therefore, it is up to all of us to try to cultivate peace of mind and to think about what we can do for others, including those that we never see. It is natural to feel worried at a time when so many are suffering. But only by developing calmness and clear-sightedness can we help others and, in so doing, even help ourselves. In my own life, I have often found that it is the most difficult challenges that have helped me gain strength. The current global health crisis also reminds us that what affects the human family has to be addressed by all of us. The solution to this, as to many other problems, especially concerning the environment, depends on international co-operation. Ultimately, if humanity is to thrive, we must remember that we are one. Young people around the world remain optimistic that an inclusive, resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is possible. With creativity and dedication, they are helping develop solutions to make sure communities emerge from the pandemic stronger than before. COVID-19 may have taken the most serious physical toll on older patients, but it is young people who have experienced the brunt of the pandemic's impact worldwide. Young people are less at risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19 but will be the most affected by the long-term consequences of the pandemic, which will shape the world they live and work in for decades to come, also

stay-at-home policies and social distancing measures have interrupted youth education, made it difficult to retain or find employment, and led to an increase in mental health conditions.

I hereby present the quarterly reports of our Parish for the quarter January – March 2022. Encouraged Recitation of Rosary and Psalm 91 in every home or building with the formation of clusters, came together in Praying for the Community – to help build bonding among all the family members. In these times of the pandemic it is very important to be together and stay together to tide over the troubled times and work towards building a better tomorrow and cultivating the habit of praying together as one family. Animators visited families and assisted those in need, members were also encouraged to reach out to the lonely – senior citizens living alone and ensuring they are keeping good health and taking care of their various needs. Entering into a new year full of hope, visits to the sick and homebound were under taken and Christmas gifts were given spreading the love and cheer around. Also keeping in mind, the theme NO ONE IN WANT, love offerings were shared in form of groceries to 22 individuals.

Holy Cross Community Feast was celebrated on 1st March 2022 with Mass for the Good Health of all community members (Online) offered at St. Xavier's High School Chapel, Fort to mark the 24th Anniversary of the installation of the Cross in their Community. The Mass was live streamed and the link was sent to all the Community members. Later on, in the evening the Rosary was recited at the Cross at 8.30 pm and snacks were distributed to those present. A visit to the Society of Our Lady of Piety Home was planned on March 28th 2022, gave away a hamper (Pillow cases, tooth brushes, toothpaste and bath soaps). We spent quality time meeting all the Residents – chatted about families, showcased talents, sang and prayed. We left feeling happier.

Stations of the cross were conducted in communities, after a gap of two years they could physically have the stations of the cross, many attended and walked the Stations with the Lord as a community and specially praying for the warring countries Russia and Ukraine that good governance and peace prevail.

SCC Papers for Jan / Feb / March 2022 were discussed: For a Synodal Church by Bishop Barthol: 3 main aspects touched on: Communion, Participation and Mission. Not being mere spectators but participants on our Journey together to make it a more vibrant community- we are the leaven that makes the Kingdom of God rise. Eternal Truths in a passing Pandemic by Fr Clifton Mendonca: Like Job we have to see God's hand in everything. Nothing is stagnant and we need to adapt to changes. Together we can get through anything – pool our talents to work for the common good of the community especially the less fortunate. Our Lenten Forty Days Desert Journey by Fr Gerard Rodrick's s.j.: Discussed our Lenten Preparation of Alms, Fasting and Prayer. The need to recognize sin and ask for forgiveness and to make good the harm done. It is good news that the schools have opened up and offline exams being held after a long gap, we pray for all the students to do well in their exams and come out with flying colours. We hope and pray the relaxations given by the government stay and we go back to our normal life once again and keep praying together as a family. Thanking you for keeping our parishioners in your prayers in these difficult times and hoping these times of turmoil brings us closer to God.

By Victor D'Souza, SCC Parish Coordinator

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

PALM SUNDAY 10 April 2022	Blessing of Palms & Konkani Mass will be live-streamed at 8 a.m. Blessing of Palms & Mass in English in the Church at 9 a.m. Passo procession after the 5 p.m. Mass
THURSDAY 14 April 2022 Maundy Thursday	Mass in English in the Church at 4 p.m. Liturgical Service at Cross Maidan at 5 p.m. Mass in Konkani will be live-streamed at 7 p.m. Holy Hour in Konkani will be live-streamed at 8 p.m. Holy Hour in English will be live-streamed at 9 p.m. Prayer at the Altar of Repose in the Church at 7 p.m.
FRIDAY 15 April 2022 Good Friday	Way of the Cross in Konkani will be live-streamed at 8 a.m. Way of the Cross in English in the Church at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Reflection on 7 Last words of Jesus in Konkani will be live-streamed at 12 noon Reflection on 7 Last words of Jesus in English will be live-streamed at 1 p.m. Liturgical Service in the Church at 4 p.m. Liturgical Service at Cross Maidan at 5 p.m. Liturgical service including Passo in Konkani will be live-streamed at 7 p.m.
SATURDAY 16 Apr 2022 Holy Saturday	Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Service in Konkani will be live-streamed at 8 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Services in English in the Church at 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. Easter Vigil Mass in Konkani will be live-streamed at 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass in the Church in English at 8 p.m.

EASTER WEEK BLESSING OF COMMUNITIES AT 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. MASSES

DATE	DAY	COMMUNITY	Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited in the Church daily from Good Friday 15 th April at 2.30 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday on 24 th April. Special prayers at 2 p.m. Feast Mass at 3 p.m.
18 April 2022	Monday	St Anne & St Ignatius	
19 April 2022	Tuesday	St Thomas	
20 April 2022	Wednesday	St Jude	
21 April 2022	Thursday	St Bakhita & St Theresa	
22 April 2022	Friday	Holy Cross	

From 1st May 2022 Mass on weekdays at 7.30 a.m. only. Masses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. only.

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
- Response: 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.
- 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 modem 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

RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
30 Jan 2022	Florrie Antonio Pais Dias	A. S. Dias Jubilee Building, S.S. Gaikwad Marg,
7 Feb 2022	Agnello Silveira	3 rd Floor, Rockerya Chambers, Dadi Santook Lane
7 Feb 2022	Rosalind Domnic Fernandes	6B Wellington Terraces, Wellington Street,
19 Feb 2022	Nevis Anthony Fernandes	82 Acharia Building, 1 st Marine Street
17 Mar 2022	Ana Rosada D'Silva	2113 Abdul Kadar Building, 1 st Marine Street