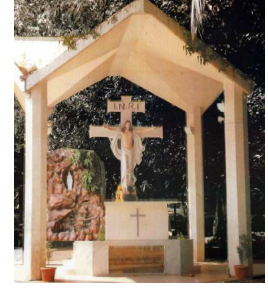


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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

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

Dear Parishioners, **Mary our Mother is a Model for us:**

A Model of loving God with a Pure Heart: Mary lived all her life free from sin. She invites us sinners to come back to our Heavenly Father and keep on trying to live our life free from sin.

A Model of loving God with an Open Heart: Mary was always open to the Word of God. She treasured it in her heart. She invites us to be open to the Word of God every day and every moment of our life.

A Model of loving God with a Generous Heart: Mary sensed the need of Elizabeth and went 90 miles to help her. Mary also sensed the need of the people at the Wedding Feast at Cana and informed her Son who performed His first miracle. She invites us to sense the need of others in our family and community and reach out to help the needy with a generous heart. *Fr Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest*

SAIBINN MAIECHE SOBHAVGUNN

Saibinn Maieche sobhavgunn ami apnaile zalear ami amchea jivitant iesvont zateleanv. Kosle gunn?

- Devachem utor rokddench pallop: Devan tika aplea Ekleach Putachi avoi zaunk apoili tedna tinnem rokddench hoi mhonnlem. Dev amkam sodanch amkam borem tem korunk apoita. Devachem utor ami amchea monan ani kallzant bore bhaxen aikunk zai ani rokddench pallunk zai. Oxem kelear ami amchea jivitant iesvont zateleanv.
- Ieramchi porva korun tanche gorjent tankam hanvem adhar divop: Anj Gabrielan Saibinn Maiek Elizabeth gorbest asa mhonn khobor dilea uprant, ti rokddich aple soire Elizabethache ghora geli ani thoim ravun tika adhar dili. Ami-i ekamekachi goroz parkunk zai ani amche kodde zata titlo adhar diunk zai. Peleachi porva korta and tankam adhar dita toch munis iesvont zata ani dadoxo asa.
- Nirmollponn: Amche Saibinn Maie bhaxen ami sodanch nirmoll ravunk proitn korunk zai. Apleponn, nirdukai ani her patkam ami pois korunk vaurunk zai. Monan ani kornneamnim nirmoll ravun ami Saibinn Maim bhaxen Devak lagim asteleanv. Amchea nirmollponna vorvim ami amchea jivitant iesvont zateleanv.

Fr Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest

St. Annes Community Picnic



19th August 2018 was a day when the community of St Anne's planned a trip to some place away from the hustle and bustle of the city celebrating its success, hard work and efforts put in by each and every member towards building and strengthening our community and an attempt to appreciate and value every person here. Many thanks to our community members and volunteers who helped make this outing another success! There were about 25 members from the community who attended this outing and had a fun-filled day of prayer, interaction and bonding with the team that included the young and the old Each year, the Community outing sees an increase in residents and their contribution on various aspects that creates more bonding between the members proving that good things happen in our community – rain or sunshine. One of the great things about our community is that we're seeing more and more people active in making

community decisions participating and volunteering. Residents who feel a sense of ownership are essential in shaping a community that works well for all. "It's just people coming together to collaborate and make the community the best they can". We think that with the different things happening, it's becoming a community that people want to live in and be a part of. We just need to continue to grow and strengthen in Christ our Lord alone.

By Stacey Fernandes

ST. IGNATIUS COMMUNITY FEAST CELEBRATION



We the members of **St. Ignatius Community** celebrated the Feast of our Patron on 31st July with a meaningful Eucharist by Father Lester who brought out the charisms of our founder St. Ignatius. Thereafter, our members all joined together for a gathering of fellowship and laughter in the church hall. Our youth and some members enthralled us with their singing and dancing. Two of our youth were felicitated: Ms. Rachael D'Souza for completing Masters in Microbiology with distinction and Ms. Viola Fernandes for passing 12th standard with distinction. All participated in a fun filled game of bingo. And finally, we were served with some lip smacking dinner. We remember our patron for his famous quote 'What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul' Mt 16:26.

By Rosy D'Souza

The following activities were undertaken by **St. Thomas Community**: Collecting aid like foodstuff for flood-stricken Kerala. Helping 94 year old Parsi lady to get her fridge repaired, doing sewing for a maid, meeting Community members and making Septena collections, praying for our Confirmand, visiting the sick in hospitals and house bound senior citizens.

By Vilma da Silva

BRIEF HISTORY OF CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLOURS

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Seven Dolours was formed on September 13, 1913. The sole aim of this committee was to assist the church in all the religious activities. The Spiritual Director of this association is the Parish Priest. The Confraternity is the largest body of this Church and the Novena to our Patroness is conducted every Third Friday of the month. The Members of this committee assist in collection on all Sunday Masses and

Feast Masses on the Cross Maidan. The Committee toils silently to ensure the smooth functioning of all the religious activities in the Church and on Cross Maidan. *By Lynette*

PARENTS DAY CELEBRATION BY YOUTH AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER HALL DABUL



On the 29th of July 2018 the youth of our parish celebrated Parents Day at St Francis Xavier Hall Dabul. This event was preceded by the 3 days of the Triduum celebrated at the 7 p.m. Mass on 26th, 27th and 28th July 2018 and the Feast Mass on 29th July at the 10:30 a.m. The programme in the evening on 29th July began with a prayer by Fr. Tony. The youth put up a fabulous dance which had the parents tapping their feet. The parents were very enthusiastic while playing the group games as well as the individual games. The youth also sang many Konkani and English songs to which, the parents came and danced energetically. There was also a surprise game of charades with movies as the topic. Parents were very enthralled and participated with great excitement. At the end of the evening, parents came forward in large numbers for the march. All the Parents went home very happy and contented with this event. *By Adelda Fernandes*

TELEGAMES 2018



ORGANIZED BY- SCC's OF SOUTH MUMBAI DEANERY

SCC's of South Mumbai Deanery kick started their year with **Tele-games 2018** on 26th August 2018 at St Anne's Church Ground, Mazgaon where we had all the 10 parishes out of 13 participating: Holy Name, O.L.D.C Sonapur, O.L.H Cavel, SFX Dabul, St Anne's Mazgaon, St. Ignatius Mandvi, Rosary Church Dockyard, Gloria Church Byculla, St Stephen Cumballa Hill, St John the Evangelist Fort in the games that included the young and the old. No age bar for individuals who possessed enthusiasm and energy, all played an active role for making this event a success, participants as well as volunteers. Conducted by the SCC's of South Mumbai Deanery, the programme had a crowd of 120 to 130 members including 80 participants with each group having 10 members. Tele-games 2018 was graced with the presence of our very own Fr. Byron Mendonca Priest in-charge of the SCC's for the South Mumbai Deanery and Ms Cynthia Dsouza who has

been working tirelessly in promoting SCC's at the Archdiocese. The event commenced with an opening prayer followed by introduction of judges and a quick note on the SCC's. The different games played were name your team with a jingle, attention island, race with words, if you have it flaunt it (advertisement based on SCC's), pasta hunt and run your relay. This was a great opportunity for parishioners of South Mumbai Deanery to exhibit their talents, energy and encourage their fellow members. The main motto of this event was bonding and interaction between parishioners of different parishes. The winners were felicitated by Fr. Byron & Ms. Cynthia whose key message: "Execution of the competition was fine, but moreover, the application of the SCC's in our daily life is more relevant" summed up the significance of Tele-games 2018. **By Stacey Fernandes**

NATIVITY NOVENA 30TH AUGUST TO 8TH SEPTEMBER

DATE	CLASS	COORDINATOR	THEME	OFFERING	PREACHER
30Aug	8th	Marietta	Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Kollam Rice	Fr. Joe Gonsalves
31Aug	Confirmation	Bro. Melwin	Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth	Masoor Dal	Fr Elton Namory
01Sep	9 & 10th	Sofie	Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted	Toothbrush	Fr Richard Crasto
02Sep			Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Toothpaste	Fr. Keith D'Souza sj
03Sep	7th	Sr. Rena / Laval	Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy	Washing soap	Fr. Biju Thomas
04Sep			Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God	Tea Powder	Fr. Joseph D'Souza
05Sep	6th	Flavia / Sr. Anna	Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God	Pen & Pencil	Fr. Neil dos Santos
06Sep			Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Hair oil	Fr. Byron Mendonca
07Sep	5th	Shalamaya	Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven	Notebooks	Fr Michael D'Cunha
08Sep	-	CAT's	FEAST DAY	Sugar	Fr. Tony D'Souza

RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
5 Aug 2018	Dinoo Minoo Nalawala	77 A Cooper Building Charni Wadi
19 Aug 2018	Martin Mendes	9 Rockerya Chambers, Dadi Santook Lane

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