

# LOCUSTS & HONEY

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Weekday: 6 &amp; 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.

In Holy Cross Convent::6.30 am.

**Mass in Marathi:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7. a..m**Mass in Konkani:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7. a.m.**Tamil Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11.00 am**Confessions:** Saturday: 6 to 7 p.m.**Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 am**Marriages:** Weekday at 5.15 p.m.

Sunday: 5.30 p.m. &amp; 6.30 pm

**Funerals:** Any day: 10 to 11.45 a.m

4 p.m.to 5.00 p.m.

**Sacrament of the sick:** on request.**House Blessing:** With prior arrangement.**Novenas:** St. Anthony's: Tuesday 7.30pm**Perpetual Succour Novena:**

After 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday.

**Charismatic Prayer Service [Eng.]**

On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Fridays at6.00 p.m. except on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**Night Adoration:**at 8 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday;

at 10.30 p.m. on last Saturday

**Office Timings:** 9.00 a.m. to 12.30

5.00 p.m. to 07.00

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

**Parish Tel. No. 2534 8671.**Website: [www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com)**THE SPIRIT**

V/s

**THE LAW**

*Jesus' response in St. Mark's Gospel [7:1-8;14-15;21-23] is sharp and pointed. He labels his opponents as 'hypocrites'. The Greek term hypocrites denotes a stage actor. Jesus accuses them of putting on an identity not their own and performing for the approval of others.*

*We must not mistake Jesus for the one who eliminates cultic practices, rules and regulations. He only insists that they be accompanied by acts of justice towards one's neighbour, which flow from right relationship with God. He challenges them to reflect on what they are doing and how they are doing it. Virtues of mercy, justice, forgiveness and compassion should motivate our relationship with one another. Love alone can bring forth good fruits. Our external actions should be an echo or reflection of our internal motives and dispositions. From our hearts flow actions that reflect our interior life with God, or the lack thereof. The interior life and its external manifestation must be in harmony. St James echoes the same teaching of Jesus when he defines pure and undefiled religion as: "to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world". It is one's treatment of the poorest and most disadvantaged that reveals one's true relationship with God and not the observance of rituals for their own sake*

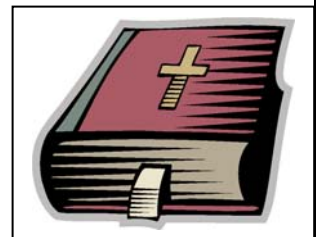
*Therefore we ask some hard questions today:*

*- What motivates me to come to worship in this church today? Is it for worshipping God who loves me or fulfilling an obligation?*

*- How does my Eucharistic worship influence the rest of the day's activities? Does it inspire me to be compassionate, just, honest and forgiving?*

*- Is there a dichotomy between my words and actions? Am I a doer of the word or am I satisfied with lip service?*

*-Fr Joe Eruppakkatt. SSP*



**This week's Announcements, 03<sup>rd</sup> Sept., 2006.**

- Today Mass at Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave the school premises at 9.00 a.m.
- Novena in honour of Our Lady of Velankani at Kopri has started from 29<sup>th</sup> August. Novena Mass will be at 7.15 p.m. daily.
- Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Mount has started from 30<sup>th</sup> August in our church. The evening 7.00 p.m. Mass will be the Novena Mass.. Parents are requested to encourage your children to attend the Novena Mass regularly.
- *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September is the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. The evening 7.00 p.m. Mass will be the feast Mass. It is also the "Day of the Girl Child."*
- Hope and Life members are running a snacks stall during the 9days of the Novena of Our Lady of the Mount from 30<sup>th</sup> Aug '06 to 7<sup>th</sup> Sep, from 5.00p.m. Onwards at the Auditorium Kindly patronize
- Next Sunday, Parish Council meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. in the meeting room. The members will please collect the agenda from the Sacristy.
- Kindly, give your names for the Laity training Course starting from 9<sup>th</sup> September at the earliest. Further information read the Locusts & Honey and also handouts.
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,23,920.00*
- *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,619.00.*

**04/9 to 10/9 This week's readings:**

04/Mon 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 118; Lk 4:16-30  
 05/Tue 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 144; Lk 4:31-37  
 06/Wed 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Ps 32; Lk 4:38-44  
 07/Thu 1 Cor 3: 18-23;Ps 23; Lk 5: 1-11  
 08/Fri THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mi 5:1-4a or Rm 8:28-30; Ps 12; Mt 1:1-16,18-23 (or 1:18-23)  
 09/Sat St Peter Claver, pt; 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 144; Lk 6:1-5  
 10/Sun Is 35:4-7a,; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL &  
 JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**Total student strength for the year 2006 -07.**

CATHOLICS		OF OTHER FAITHS		TOTAL
BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1238	630	2168	1503	5539
22.35	11.31	39.14	21.13	99.99

**MARINE ENGINEERING**

" **The Don Bosco Maritime Academy,** Premier Automobiles d, Kurla West, Mumbai [T.N. 25041585] is conducting a 3 Years Pre-sea DGS approved Marine Engineering Course for entry into Merchant Navy. Candidates having secured 60% and above in the 10+2 examination and are below 20 years of age are eligible for this course. Application forms are available at the Academy's office"

**NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST  
 OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY.**

Date	Theme	Offering
30th Aug.	Mary of the Gospels - Rooted in Faith	Soap
31st Aug.	Mary, The New Eve – Nurturer & Sustainer of Life	Rice
1st Sept.	Ever Virgin Mary - Open to the Spirit	Note Book
2nd Sept.	The Blessedness of Mary- Anointed by God	Coconut Oil
3rd Sept.	Mary's Assumption – The sweetness of redemption	Sugar
4th Sept.	Mary Mother of God – The warmth & comfort of love	Dal
5th Sept.	Mary Spiritual Mother – Refreshment for Body and Soul	Tea
6th Sept.	Mary our intercessor – An instrument of change Pen & pencil	
7th Sept.	Mary and the Family – Layer upon layer of Love/ Rings of love	Wheat
8th Sept.	Mary Girl child - You are a blessing	Cash

## CHURCH CHOIRS

### English Choir

Mrs Belinda Lopes, Lily Dias, Rebecca D'silva, Bronwen Desouza, Sapna D'souza, Cassandra D'souza, Dalareen Alvares, Arlene D'souza, Francisca D'souza, Pramila Nunes, Natasha Mary Ann Hendricks, Karen Naadan, Clarissa Alvares, Neha D'cunha, Lavina Pinto, Victor Modeaux, Randal Nunes, Sunil Domingo, Dylan Hendricks, Clifton Almeida, Chris Caubo, Savio Gonsalves, Yoric Hendicks, Agnelo Serpes, Dilip D'souza, Amar Komban, Ian Augustine, Jordana Lobo, Petrina Alphonso, Candy Drego, Princila Jadhav

### Children's Choir:

Mikhail Mascarenhas, Rini Saldhana, Shiny Cardoza, Nikita Noronha, Anesha Lopes, Enlarie Saldhana, Joshua Mendonsa, Julie Rodrigues, Oliver Rodrigues, Ruth Lobo, Shalet D'mello, Linnet D'mello, Clothilda D'souza, Xavier D'souza, Mystica Vaz, Darrin Santa Maria, Joyce Thompson, Cresencia Almeida, Aunty Enid, Martina Martis, Ashieen Vierra

### Konkani Choir:

Mr. Stany Martis, Jesse, Mr Valerian, Mrs Lucy, Mrs Rosy, Mr. Thomas

### Marathi Choir:

Ivan Ferro, Ignatius Bhalerao, Dominic Jadhav, Joseph Rosario, Joseph Fernandes, Anthony Lopes, Reena Rosario, Julie Cardoz, Maria Fernandes, Lizie Saldhana, Barbara Vaz, Alex Miranda, Marcus Alvares

The Locusts & Honey is proud of various choirs who enrich our Sunday Liturgical celebration with their talents for singing and playing keyboards. It also appreciates the singing of those who come forward to sing at the daily Masses. We invite all talented people to come forward, join various choirs and give praise to God. It is said, "He who signs prays twice."

## HOLISTIC LAY FORMATION PROGRAMME

### Laity Training Course

By Archdiocese of Bombay

From

9<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Venue:

**St. John the Baptist's Church, Thane**

*The proposed timing will be from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on ten Saturdays beginning from 9<sup>th</sup> September.*

*- Eminent speakers will conduct the course.*

*- Register your name in the Parish Office by 15<sup>th</sup> August..*

*- Certificates will be issued on completion of the course*

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAMME

St. John the Baptist school displayed patriotic zeal in the 60th Independence Day Programme. The function began at 7.45a.m. With the School band leading the Chief Guests, the School manager Fr. John Rumao and the section heads of the School to hoist the National Flag.

The Chief Guest were the School S.S.C. Board Examination toppers Miss. Purva Pimple, Master. Akar Gala and their parents. All the students who scored 90% and above in the S.S.C. Board examination were felicitated by the School PTA and the Ex-Students Committee. Scholarships and prizes were awarded for securing highest marks in various subjects.

The English and Hindi patriotic songs enacted the 7/11 Serial bomb blasts and the flood disaster in Mumbai. There was an impressive backdrop prepared by the Junior College " **AM I SAFE? AM I FREE? WHOM TO BLAME! For, TERRORISM, CHILD KIDNAPPING, SERIAL BOMB BLAST, and COMMUNAL RIOTS.**"

The programme ended with a vote of thanks and the School Anthem. Snacks were served for the guests and Staff members, while the students happily departed with the sweet taste of Kit. Kat.

**Ida D'Silva**

## PRAYER FOR CHINA

Virgin of Sheshan, help of Christians, you are tenderly watching over the beloved Chinese people.



Virgin of Sheshan, Mother of Mercy, intercede with Your Son, the Redeemer of mankind, that those in pain may find relief and comfort and that so much suffering may not remain fruitless. Obtain light for those who guide the destiny of the Chinese nation, that they may not lack the necessary wisdom in searching for the good of all which has as its basis, respect for truth, justice and freedom.  
(John Paul II)

**CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study****LESSON 3****THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

1. In what language did the Apostle Matthew write the Gospel?
2. For whom did Matthew write?
3. What is the peculiarity of the Gospel of Matthew?
4. When did he write the Gospel?
5. How many generations are there from Abraham to Christ?
6. In the genealogy of Christ, four women are mentioned by Matthew. Is there a special reason for it?
7. How does Matthew describe Joseph, the husband of Mary?
8. Who prophesied that Christ would be Emmanuel?
9. What is the meaning of Emmanuel?
10. Why was Herod frightened?
11. What did the wise men give to Jesus?
12. Where did Joseph take Jesus and Mary?'
13. How long did they live in Egypt?
14. Who ruled after Herod?
15. How did Jesus get the name Nazarene?.
16. What was the food of John the Baptist?
17. When Jesus was baptized, how did the Holy Spirit come upon him?
18. What is the difference between the baptism of John and ours?
19. How many days did Jesus fast before being tempted by the Devil?
20. Who is the brother of Simon Peter?

*Children, once again we start our Bible quizzes. Answer the set of questions appeared in the previous issue of July 16<sup>th</sup> along with the above set of questions by 15<sup>th</sup> September and hand over your answer-sheets to Fr. Victor or Sr. Ancy. Please, remember to write your full name, address, the lesson nos. and the questions nos. on your answer sheets. The questions need not be re-written on your answer-sheets. Those who get maximum answers correct will be given prizes.*

---Parish Priest.

**Training in HIV/AIDS Care**

A Four Saturday Course – Sept.2,16,30 and October 14. from 10 a.m.; to 3.30 p.m.

Venue: Jeevan Sahara Kendra, Nau Acres Rd., Off Tikujwadi Rd, Manapada, Thane.

Language: Hindi.

Fees: No fees. Voluntary offering.

RSVP – T. 25899248. or 9323712065.

*Smile, Giggle, Laugh!*

There was this husband who went to the station to meet his wife who was returning from a month's holiday. On the platform, the husband gave his wife a peck on the cheek as he picked up her suitcase.

"That's a fine way to greet me after a month's separation," the wife complained.

"Look at that husband over there-the way he is kissing his wife, with a big smile on his face."

"Yes" replied the husband, "But he is seeing her off on a trip."

MY DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THE  
OCCASION OF

"NATIVITY OF OUR MOTHER MARY"  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRESENT HER  
A GIFT

YOU CAN SPARE A MOMENT OF YOUR  
DAY IN THE FORM OF  
"A SCRIPTURAL ROSARY"

LET'S ALL MEET ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
AT OUR ALLOTTED ZONAL TIME  
TO PRAY TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY.

07:15-08:15	NAUPADA II
08:15-09:15	BRINDAVAN
09:15-10:15	K'VILLA
10:15-11.15	HORTA MAHAGIRI
11:15-12:15	KOLBAD
12:15-01:15	CHERAI -NORTH & SOUTH
01:15-02:15	NAUPADA -I & LOUISWADI
02:05-03:15	KHOPAT -PRATAP
03:15:04:15	UTALSAR

**CWF/1% Tithing Collections**

**Allocation of funds as per Bishop's Circular**

Allocation %	Jan 05/Mar 06	April 06/July 06	Total
Total	1195120.00	0364107.00	1559227.00
Zonal/Church			
Activities 15%	179268.00	54616.05	233884.05
Med/Edu			
Assistance 50%	597560.00	182053.50	779613.50
Ch Maint 20%	239024.00	72821.40	311845.40
Reserve			
Fund 10%	119512.00	36410.70	155922.70
Office 05%	59756.00	18205.35	77961.35

N.B. 1. From the amount allotted for Medical and educational assistance to the poor and the needy, Rs. 2,89,646/- have been disbursed till July 31, 2006.

2. Zones are requested to submit their accounts of the year 2005-06 and claim the first installment of this year's share in the month of September. In case there is any change in the number of Catholic residents in your area/zone, kindly, bring it to the notice of the church office clerks. Last year the allotment was done on the basis of Rs. 20/- per person for the year. This year it has been raised to Rs. 30/- per person for the year, to be allotted in two instalments.

We thank all our 1% tithing contributors for their regular help to the Community Welfare Fund. We invoke God's special blessings on each one of them. People who have received help from the Community Welfare Fund are very grateful to the benefactors.

--Parish Priest.

**THE FRONTAGE OF THE CHURCH POECH**



Presently the church porch is exposed to all the elements of nature. In monsoon water, in winter cold and in summer sunshine enters the porch through the M.S. grill doors. To prevent these elements, it is proposed to fabricate a canopy in composite aluminium material and fix it to the front outer side of the porch and replace the M.S. grill doors with wooden doors. If there are any better suggestions, they are welcome in writing without prejudice by 9<sup>th</sup>. September, 2006.

---Parish Priest.

