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Bro. Joseph Pimenta, deacon

Vice-President PPC:

Mr. Francis Fernandes

Parish SCC Coordinator:

Mrs. Margaret Mascarenhas.

APC Representative:

Mr. Anthony Alphonso

PPC Secretary:

Mr. Eustace D'Cunha

CWF Secretary: Jessie Sequeira**Sunday School In-charge:** Sr. Ancy**RCIA & School Catechism:****In-charge:** Ms. Ida D'Silva**Mass Schedule:****Sunday: 6,7,8,9.15 a.m. & 5.30, 6.30 p.m.**

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

In Holy Cross Convent: 6.30 am.

Mass in Marathi: 3rd Sunday at 7. a.m.**Mass in Konkani:** 4th Sunday at 7. a.m.**Tamil Mass:** 2nd 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. & 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.

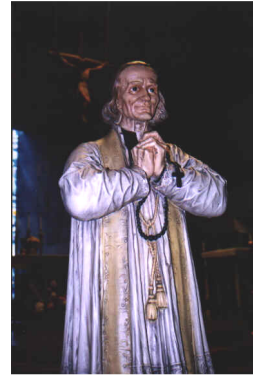
Divine Mercy Devotion: On Fridays at6.00 p.m. except on 1st Friday**Night Adoration:**at 8 p.m. on 2nd Saturday;

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**St. John****Vianney***The Beautiful Hands Of A Priest*

*We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close.
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest will absolve us-
not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy
for the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better
than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be increased
By seeing raised over us in blessing
the beautiful hands of a priest!*

***HAPPY FEAST TO OUR BELOVED
PRIESTS!***

17th Sunday of the year – **Vianney Sunday** - 6th August, 2006.

This week's Announcements, 6th August, 2006.

- Sunday, 6th August is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.
- Sunday, 6th August is Vianney Sunday. You are requested to pray for our priests and for vocations to priesthood. Collection will be made for the retired and ailing clergy.
- On Sunday, 6th August there will be a Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal at 10.00 a.m.
- The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,21,304.00
- The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs.1,935.00.
- The collection from St. Anne's statue amounted to Rs. 885/-

7/8 to 13/8 This week's readings:

07/Mon Sts Sixtus II, Pp & Comps, mm; Or St Cajetan, pt Jer 28:1-17; Ps 118; Mt 14:13-21 or Mt 14:22-36
 08Tue St Dominic, pt - mem Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Ps 101; Mt 14:22-26 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14
 09/Wed St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, vg m Jer 31: 1-7; Ps Jer 31; Mt 15:21-28
 10/Thu St LAWRENCE, de m - Fst 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 111; In 12:24-26
 11/Fri St Clare, vg - mem Na 2: 1 ,3; 3: 1-3,6-7; Ps Deut 32; Mt 16:24-28
 12/Sat St Jane Frances de Chantal, rel; Hab 1: 12-2:4; Ps 9; Mt 17: 14-20
 13/Sun 1Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51.,

Rev. Fr. Clement de Lima and the parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord Parish at Kandivli East express their sincere thanks for the generous donations towards their proposed church. The total collection received so far from the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church, Thane has reached a little over Rs.3,40,000/-. He who gives is twice blessed."Denewalo ka hat hajarō hota hai."

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 16th along with the above set of questions by 12th August 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.

**HOLISTIC LAY FORMATION
PROGRAMME**

By Archdiocese of Bombay

From

9th September to 18th 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 9th September.

- Eminent speakers will conduct the course.

-Register your name in the Parish Office by 15th August..

-Certificates will be issued on completion of the course

PRO – CANA (A Marriage Bureau)

Invites Spinsters Below 30 years & Bachelors below 35 years

TO THE INDEPENDENCE DA Y DAMAKA

ON Tuesday, 15th August, 2006

From:-9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

AT Good Shepherd Convent Hall Four Bungalows Rd., Andheri (W) Mumbai 400 053

Contact for registration: Sr.Regina: 2637 2422/2637

1093 OR MS.Hazel Dsouza: - 2635 6250

Payment for Registration to be made at Good Shepherd Convent only

Last Date for registration: 10th August, 2006

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

Power Of Evangelisation

A Jewish businessman in Chicago sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the traditions and culture of the Jewish people. When the son returned, he said: "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. And by the way, I got converted to Christianity."

"Gh no", said the father of the boy, "what have I done?" I sent him to learn the Jewish culture and he gets converted to Christianity".

He took his problem to his best friend, once again a Jew.

"Jacob", he said, I too sent my son to Israel and the came back a Christian. What can I do?"

"Funny you should ask me. I too sent my son to Israel and he came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go and ask the Rabbi.

They explained their problem to the Rabbi.

"Funny you should ask me," said the Rabbi. I too sent my son to Israel and he too came back evangelised. He became a Christian." "What is happening to our young generation!"

They decided to pray to Yahweh, telling him about their sons, and asked Yahweh for advice. As they finished the voice of Yahweh thundered from heaven, "It's funny you should ask me," said the voice;

"I too sent my Son to Israelborn a Jew and he too converted."

The Taize Community, France is organizing the "Pilgrimage of Trust" for all Catholic Youth from 18 - 30 year of age at Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata from 5 - 9 October 2006 (both days included). Last date for registration is 02 AU2ust 2006.

For details and registration kindly refer to the Parish Notice Board OR contact the Diocesan

Parents' Day Celebration 30-07-06



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SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISTS

CLASS CATECHIST'S NAME

01. Mrs. Mary Nelson,
02. Mrs. Angela Pinto,
03. Mrs. Leona Lutchmaya,
04. Sr. Florinda Antao,
Mrs. Cynthia D'Souza, Mrs. Belinda Lopez,
05. Miss Drifa Pereira ,
Mrs. Martina Martis,
Mrs. Ellina Nunes,
06. Sr. Caroline Pereira,
Miss Sanchia Dighe,
07. Sr. Bemira Torres,
Mrs. Sonal D'Silva,
08. Mrs. Daisy Goes, Mr. Francis Vaz
09. Mr. Alwyn Pinto, Mrs. Lily Dias

Confirmation Catechists

Sr. Jessie James, Mr. Bonnie D'Souza, Mr. Stanley Martis, Mr. Horace Soeiro, Miss Lena Colasco, Miss Candida D'Souza, Miss Bibiana Salvador, Mr. Elvis Br. Devan, Bro. Devan Arul.

Marathi Medium teaching (Communion & Confirmation)

Mrs. Reena Rozario Mrs. Lizzie Saldhana, Mr. Marcus Alvares
Sr. Julie - KHOPRI
Mr. Praksh Lobo – Audio Visual.
Mr. Sanjay Almeida – Adult Faith Formation.

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."

TRAINING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY

An opportunity for the lay faithful to deepen their knowledge of the liturgy and acquire the necessary skills to prepare and animate meaningful liturgies

**Organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre,
Bandra**

**BASIC COURSE IN LITURGY
August 2006 – March 2007**

Venue: St John the Baptist Church, Thane

Dates: on **20 Sunday evenings** (5.00 pm to 7.30 pm) + two whole day sessions (Sunday/ Public holiday) & a one-day Recollection (Sunday)

N.B. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist will please give their names for the course to Fr. Gerry Fernandes by 31st July, 2006.

THE COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS

On Sunday 30th July, 2006 as announced a meeting of all the heads and representatives of church-related parish associations, cells and ministries was held in the meeting room at 10.30 a.m. At this meeting Ms. Vinita was asked to be the secretary of the council. It was agreed to celebrate 'an Association Day' with a rally of all the associations, cells and ministries on a Sunday in November 2006 for all the parishioners. A committee was formed to organize the rally. All the associations, cells and ministries are asked to give full support to the committee.

St. John 's Parish Feast

St. John the Baptist Church, Thane celebrated the Feast of the Patron on 25th of June 2006. The day began with a feast Mass at 9.15 a.m. . The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Ernest Fernandes, accompanied by the Parish Priest Fr. John Rumao and his team. In the evening a social was organized in the School Hall by the Parish youth group, Cultural Committee, P.Y.A.T. under the guidance of Fr. Victor & Parish team. The social began at 7 p.m. with a housie game to get the crowd in the mood. This was followed by the grocery game for couples, bombing the zones, bursting the balloons for kids. Delicious snacks were served and a tattoo artist kept the kids occupied. There were spot prizes for the couples with similar colour clothes the youngest kid present at the social etc., Not to forget the D.J. who kept the crowd going with his scintillating music. Fr. Joy declared the result of the inter-zonal matches and gave away the prizes. The climax of the social was a jam session from 9-10 p.m. Kids, youth as well as adults danced away to the beats of foot-tapping music."All 's WELL THAT END'S WELL" The social was indeed a great success.

--Sonja D'silva

CAR PARKING

Car parking in the church and school premises is strictly prohibited, except those attending prayer services in the church, or visiting the school or parish office on business errand.

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PARENT'S DAY PROGRAMME

On 30th of July St. John The Baptist Church celebrated the feast of St. Joaquim and St. Anne. As an expression of love for Parents, the Youth of the parish organized an Entertainment programme for Parents.

The evening began with the celebration of the Eucharist for Parents, organized by the youth of Kolbad zone; this was followed by an entertainment programme in the School Hall. The response from the Parents was overwhelming.

The programme began with a welcome song, followed by skits and dance by the Sunday school students. Parents were delighted and applauded their little ones performance. Several games were organized, like the sari dressing game for gents, musical arms and the string game. Parents in large numbers participated, that too with rapt interest. The adult choir members entertained the crowd with melodious songs. Delicious snacks were served and spot prizes were given out. The programme ended with dinner for parents, sponsored by the Parish, thanks to the support given by Fr. John Ruma. The program was a great success, thanks to the Parish Fathers and Sunday school teachers, coupled with the active team work by the Parish Youth group
Sonja D'Silva