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Mass Schedule:

**Sunday: 6,7,8,9,15 a.m. & 5.30, 6.30 p.m.
10.30 a.m. at Kopri Chapel.**

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 at

6.00 p.m. except on 1st Friday

Night Adoration:

at 10.00 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.

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REPENT

Once a rich man noticed the poor condition in which a carpenter lived. He commissioned him to build a beautiful house. He told him, "I want this to be an ideal house, use only the best material, employ only the best workers and spare no expense. I am going for a long journey. I hope when I return the house will be ready."

The carpenter saw this as a good chance to make money. He skimmed on materials, hired inferior workers, covered their mistakes with paint and cut corners wherever he could. When the rich man returned the carpenter gave him the keys and said, "I have followed your instructions and have built as you told me." "I am glad", said the rich man. Then giving back the keys he continued, "These are yours, I had you build this house for yourself. You and your family are to have it as my gift." In the years that followed the carpenter never ceased to regret the way in which he had cheated himself. God wants to provide us with the best of everything. He gave us his only Son. He cannot be deceived but we can deceive ourselves.

In today's gospel Jesus talks of two instances of death. One is a punishment given by Pilate to the Galileans and the other an accidental death. The Jews believed that such deaths are due to the sinfulness of the persons concerned. But Jesus warns his hearers that unless they repent for their sins they will all perish. We are all sinners and need conversion. We do not know when we will die, so we have to be always ready and we need immediate conversion. God is very kind and patient in dealing with man as in the case of the barren fig tree, mentioned in the gospel passage of today. Man must not take advantage of this and go on putting off his conversion.

Lent is the proper time to get converted. During this season God's extraordinary love and compassion is manifested through the passion, crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we meditate on it we will be drawn to love God. We all need conversion. There are some false gods we worship our own selves, wealth, power, pride that makes us self-righteous, unforgiving and revengeful, selfishness that leads to injustice and indifference to the needs and miseries of our neighbours. The Lord is reaching us with his mercy and compassion. Let us allow ourselves to be converted by him. "Repent," says the Lord, "for the kingdom of God is close at hand."

No horse gets anywhere until harnessed. No steam or gas ever drives anything until confined. No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined. –Harry Emerson Fosdick.

3rd Sunday of Lent - 11 March, 2007

This week's announcements

March 11, 2007.

- *During this week the devotion of the Way of the Cross will be in Marathi on Wednesday at 6.15 p.m., in Konkani on Thursday at 6.15 p.m. and in English on Friday at 6.15 p.m. For children the Way of the Cross will be on Sundays after 8.00 a.m. Mass..*
- *Sunday school classes will remain closed from 18th March to 8th April. The Sunday School annual day will be held on 15th April after 8.00 a.m. Mass.*
- *The Dominican Fathers will preach a Lenten Mission from 12th to 16th March daily with Mass at 7.00 p.m.*
- *Saturday, 17th March Night Adoration: at 10.00 p.m. starting with Mass.*
- *On 23rd, 24th, and 25th Discipleship Programme Service from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. inclusive of scheduled Mass. .*
- *During Lent Lenten Alms are collected. Please, place your offerings in the boxes meant for it.*
- *The Kolbad S.C.C. will be conducting special Lenten Healing Service at the residences of the Homebound Senior Citizens on the 11th & 18th March at 7.p.m. All Community members are requested to attend*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.22,884.00*
- *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs 1345.00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings.

12/Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 41:2-3;42:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
13/Tue	Dan 3:25,34-43; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
14/Wed	Deut 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19
15/Thu	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 94:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23
16/Fri	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 80:6-11,14,17; Mk 12:28-34
17/Sat	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 50:3-4,18-19,20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
18/Sun	Jos 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

LENTEN SERVICES 2007.

DAYS	DATES	TIME	SERVICES
Mon –Friday	12-16 March	07.30 p.m.	MISSION by Dominican Fathers
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	23,24 March	6 p.m. – 6.45 & 7.30 -8.30 pm	Discipleship Programme preacher, Mr. Anil Aranha
	25 th March	10.30-11.30 am & 7.30-8.30 pm	

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocesan Youth Centre, Bandra, is Organising "FAITH FUSION"-a Mini –retreat for college and working youth from 17th -19th March 2007.For details please look up the notice board or contact the Parish Youth Animator

Parish Council Election Schedule

.2. **Display of Electoral Lists:** It was decided to display the same in the Eastern Corridor of the church.. Zonal coordinators will then have to delete the ineligible voters...

4. Polling Timings:

Voting Day: 31st March & 1st April 2007.

Voting Venue: The School auditorium.

Timings:31st March from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
1st April from 6:30 am to 12 noon.
& from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm.

Counting of votes would commence immediately thereafter, in the pavilion.

6. Announcements of Zones going to the polls will be announced from the pulpit, on the 24th / 25th March. Objections to candidature of representatives, if any will be entertained upto the 23rd March, latest by 5:00 pm.

7. Final list of candidates standing for elections will be published and displayed in the 24th /25th March Bulletin along with photos.

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OFFICIAL

A Lenten Appeal for Vidarbha
We are in the Holy Season of Lent during which, while reflecting on the Passion and Death of OUF Lord, we examine our own lives and try to come closer to Him. As Lenten practices, the Church recommends prayer, penance and works of charity. I urge each of our faithful to celebrate the Season of Lent earnestly so that at Easter we will rise to new life.



The Word of God during Lent constantly reminds us of our calling to be compassionate especially to the poor, the underprivileged and those in distress. This Lent, I want to invite all our faithful and people of good will to think particularly of our brothers and sisters in the Vidarbha region who have been severely affected by drought the last several years as a result of which farmers have been driven to suicide.

The situation is this: With the crop failing for successive years, people who have taken loans from the banks now see no possibility of repaying them. Afflicted by

crippling poverty and feeling a sense of hopelessness they have been driven to despair and see suicide as the only way out. According to available statistics, 1864 farmers have committed suicide in this region and an estimated 5000 farmers have killed themselves in India in the last 6 years.

We cannot be insensitive towards this institutional impoverishment which is reflected in the physical deterioration of families. Since they earn less, they eat less and become weak and prone to illness. Children have abandoned their education and with it a chance for a better life. We also cannot be insensitive to the anguish of women who without doubt are the worst affected. The situation of a wife is worsened with the death of her husband, leaving her with no source of income but several mouths to feed at home. Since the entire farmer community is in a similar cycle of poverty and death, she cannot receive any help from relatives or close ones; if her family helps her out with food they themselves will go hungry.

In a sense of solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters I am sending a team headed by Fr. Rocky Banz, our Archdiocesan Director, Centre for Social Action to make an on the spot study of the situation. Through our Church structures in the different dioceses affected we hope to be able to give assistance to these farmers. -I encourage our people in the spirit of Lent to make generous donations to this cause. Donations in cash may be given through your Parish Priest and cheques may please be sent to the Archbishop's House in the name of "Archdiocese of Bombay - Relief Account".

I pray that these acts of generosity of ours will bring some relief to these people, at the same time make our own lives more Christ-like. I wish you a holy and happy Season of Lent.

+ Oswald Gracias
Archbishop of Bombay
February 27, 2007

RINGS & RAINBOWS – 2007 “

11th February, 2007 World Marriage Day was organised by Family Cell of St. John the Baptist Church by hoisting “Rings & Rainbows - 2007” for Thane Deanery in which 43 couples



from Parishes of Vikhroli / Powai to Ambarnath participated. The event commenced with the Eucharist at 5.30 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Gerald Fernandes of St. John's Thane who in his homily focused on the issue of love among couples and family, acceptance of spouse as they are, building bonds of love that strengthen the marriage foundations. During the Eucharist the couples renewed their marriage vows.

This was followed by a skit interwoven in an audio visual presentation on “Communication between Couples” by Desmond DSilva who highlighted verbal and non verbal

channels of communication, skills in communication for a better married life and various danger areas which originate distorted communications between couples leading to cracks within marriage and family. The couples participated in various skill games & shared married life experiences, intermingled and unwinding in an ambience atmosphere of fun, music and entertainment, taking back memories of wonderful, enjoyable and unforgettable evening cumulating into sumptuous dinner.

St John's Parish Priest Fr. John Rumao made time available to spend a few moments with the couples advising them to a positive communicating approach cumulating to a healthy and more meaningful married life.

St. John's Thane Parish Family Cell thanks Fr. Gerald Fernandes who rescheduled his appointments committing himself to this event and Fr. John Rumao for his advice, guidance and financial sanction without



which this Thane Deanery event would not have materialized. Based on the overwhelming response from the couples, St. John the Baptist Thane Parish Family Cell have planned many more events for the family in the coming year.

Desmond & Marina Dsilva
Secretary, Parish Family Cell
St. John the Baptist Church, Thane

OUTREACH PROGRAM
By Bro. Trevor Lewis of
Jeevan Jal Ministry
[Catholic Renewal
Ministry] to be held from
19th April to 22nd April,
2007 from 6.30 p.m. to
10.00 p.m. in the
quadrangle

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|| Don Bosco's is organizing three camps this summer ||
|| The Camps are: ||

|| **1.Better Yourself Camp- I** ||

|| March 29th-April 1st (Mumbai-Lonavla) ||
|| For Std.X,XI,XII, College and working youth. ||

|| **2.Better Yourself Camp- II** ||

|| April 18th-to- 21st (Boscowadi-Uttan) ||
|| For Std.VII,VIII & IX youth. ||

|| **3."Coane And See"** ||

|| May 3rd-10th (Lonavla) ||

|| For youngsters desiring to join the Aposfolic school ||
|| & Aspirantists at Don Bosco, Lonavla,. ||

|| For youngsters appearing for Sid VII, VIII, X, XII, ||
|| College & Working youth. ||

|| For details, kindly check the church notice board ||

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO
DOCTORS, NURSES,
COUNSELORS, VOLUNTEERS AND
THOSE DESIRING TO WORK ON
THE ST. JOHN'S HEALTHCARE
CENTRE
FOR A MEETING
ON SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2007
AT 10.30 A.M.
IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM.
*Public health and the health of the poor
is our concern. Do come and share your
knowledge and expertise.*
--Parish Priest.**

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

It was an exclusive party. Among the many VIP's present, was an Ambassador whose eyesight was not too good.

When dancing commenced, he saw someone with whom he wished to dance. Approaching the person he said: "Hello you beautiful lady in red, may I have the pleasure of this waltz?" "Certainly not," was the answer. "In the first place this is not a waltz, it is a tango. In the second place I am not a beautiful lady in red, I am the papal Nuncio."

WHEN SHOULD WE SAY 'NO' TO OUR CHILDREN?

Psychologist Seema Hingorrany gives you tips on when and how you can say no to your children:

- Saying 'no' increasing your child's endurance level
- Be honest with your kids
- Teach them the concept of money and savings
- Inculcate moral values and discipline by explaining to them
- Teach them to value things
- Do not give in to their unreasonable demands
- If you want to gift something, give it as a reward or token of praise.

Come and Experience the Love of God

Aneel Aranha, who is the founder of Holy Spirit Interactive (HSI), a Catholic apostolate aimed at drawing people closer to God and one another and spreading the Word of God around the world, and uniting Christians will conduct a **Discipleship Programme** in our parish on **23rd, 24th and 25th of March from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.** He has conducted this Program which helps people in their journey towards becoming like Christ, in Dubai, Jebel Ali, Brunei, Vancouver, Toronto, London, Sri Lanka and many parts of India.

His apostolate, which is under authority to the Vicariate of Arabia, comprises various ministries, which include an Outreach Ministry that uses dance, drama, and music to reach out to people; a Global Prayer Circle, which has hundreds of people from around the world praying for Christian Unity, the right to life, and various intentions of people in need.

HSI's web site, **Holy Spirit Interactive On-Line** [holyspiritinteractive] provides people with catechetical information as well as faith building and faith strengthening articles written by very anointed people, most of whom have large ministries of their own.

Aneel is also a writer. His book Gripp'd by the Spirit was published by St. Pauls, Mumbai in 2004. He has since written three other books: The School of the Holy Spirit; A Guide to Personal Prayer; and The Armor of God .. His articles have been published in several mainstream Catholic publications. He is a respected preacher and a retreat teacher. And when he isn't travelling, He teaches Scripture, disciples people and mentors prayer groups.

YOUTH THE FUTURE OF TOMORROW'S CHURCH ??????????

24th Feb'07 was not just another day for the Parish Youth Group (PYG) of our Parish, but, rather a very special day for them, when the entire team of the Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC), Bandra, consisting of



of Rev Frs John Barretto and Ruben, along with Br. Vincent conducted a Personality Development Program,

organized by the Parish Youth Animators Team (PYAT). Twenty-Two very enthusiastic youth participated.

The program consisted of “Ice Breakers” – Catch Phrases and Recognize the Personalities. This was followed by a “Creativity Session”, where, three Groups were formed and three different topics were given; “A Prayer Meeting for the father of a member of the Youth Group has passed away”; “A Day Out for Senior Citizens” and “A Career Guidance Program for the SSC Students”. They were given just 10 minutes to get their proposed program together and “A Leader” helped out by their teammates elucidated how the program would be conducted. Sitting back and listening to them was indeed a wonderful treat, which also inspired us and gave us much hope, for, the ideas of our young budding members of “Tomorrow’s Church Leaders” were indeed unique and inspiring. In fact and we ourselves learnt some innovative ways of conducting the programs in a more interesting manner.

Frs. John Barretto and Reuben also enlightened us on how to have a more dynamic PYG and to form / conduct Neighbourhood Youth Groups (NYGs) in the Zones itself, where perhaps two or three zones could also join and have just one group, till such time the numbers grew and then it could be sub divided further. They also gave us many ideas on how to conduct activities for the youth in their zone itself. This last session would have been very enlightening to all the Parish Co-ordinators and the Zonal Animators / Youth Animators. They also promised us that they were willing to come and help set up NYGs whenever called upon – the numbers they said did not matter.

We take this opportunity to appeal to the Parents of all our Youth, to send their children to these programs which are held regularly every 4th Saturday. Announcements are made through the Locust and Honey or the Sunday Announcements. Perhaps we could be even more optimistic of even asking you Parents to ask your young children (between 16 to 25 years of age) to join the PYG, which have their weekly meetings every Saturday from 7 pm to 8 pm. Those interested in joining the Parish Youth Group or attend the monthly programs, can give in their names and contact Fr. Victor, the Director of our PYG.

PYAT Council, St. John the Baptist Church

The Lost Tomb of Jesus, referring to the Talpiot Ossuaries (limestone bone casket-coffins), reportedly holding the mortal remains of the family of Jesus.

The documentary can at best be described as a hotchpotch, concocting archaeological adventure, Biblical history, forensic science & theological controversy to produce a potboiler to confuse & confound the masses. Christians worship Jesus as God, while he is also a revered holy prophet for Muslims & a respected religious leader for millions of secular others. *The Lost Tomb*



of Jesus hurts sentiments in a pluralistic society & is an attempt to commercialize religion for selfish profit of a few.

The timing of the same, during the 40 days of Lent, observed by Catholics is also to be noted, as was the case with the movie on Dan Brown’s Da Vinci Code. The credibility of the Bible, which says that Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb & rose from the dead to go-up to heaven & the Christian faith is, sought to be trivialized by such productions. The claims of the documentary are not acceptable and far from being true for several reasons such as:

1. The documentary hits at certain basic tenets of Christianity, such as the resurrection from the dead & ascension of Jesus to heaven.
2. Promotes the theory that the Resurrection was not physical, as commonly believed by Christians, but was a spiritual one, with the body left behind.
5. Evidences offered in terms of DNA from bones & human residue found in the ossuaries are inadequate to make such claims, denied by experts, including those who first examined the site.
6. The documentary is a figment of imagination – travesty of the Gospel truth.
7. The tomb which is believed to have held Jesus for the days after his death is at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem’s Old City. The Talpiot Ossuaries are located in a southern Jerusalem neighbourhood – nowhere near Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus & his family lived.

The findings & their interpretation leave many questions/discrepancies, insulting the viewer-reader’s imagination,

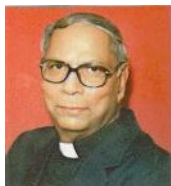
NEW MEMBERS		
Name	<i>Dt. Of Baptism</i>	<i>Dt. Of Birth</i>
Mercy Konar	07.01.2007	25.06.2003
Faith S.D’souza	07.01.2007	26.11.2006
Samuel Nicolas	08.01.2007	04.11.2006
Samuel David	14.02.2007	27.11.2006
Shannon D’souza	14.02.2007	17.11.2007
Shaloni Koli	21.01.2007	08.09.2006
Nathan Estibeiro	21.01.2007	09.12.2006
Dean Lobo	09.02.2007	30.06.2004
Hema Aatker	09.02.2007	31.12.1984
Sheetal Pawar	09.02.2007	08.01.1980
Vivian Shettiyar	11.02.2007	11.10.2006
Kate D’souza	18.02.2007	09.12..2006
Janice Kinny	25.02.2007	25.01.2007

UNITED IN CHRIST		
Date	Bride	Bridegroom
02.01.2007	Avril E.D'souza	Brijesh Patel
03.01.2007	Preeti N.Barnes	Bryan N. Pinto
06.01.2007	Helen Rodrigues	Richard Fernandis
06.01.2007	Sharon S.D'souza	Rajiv Dalvi
06.01.2007	Rita	Muthu Swami Konar
07.01.2007	Niloufer J Pais	Alban L. Quadros
13.01.2007	Lydia C.D'souza	Tellis A. Pereira
13.01.2007	Gloria C.Valladares	Oswald B. D'mello
21.01.2007	Greta Buthello	Louis Fernandes
27.01.2007	Ida Pinto	Godfrey A. Lobo
28.01.2007	Tina L.Santiago	Roman Pereira
28.01.2007	Stella R. Nadar	Vibin Nadar
03.02.2007	Mary S. Puthenveetil	Roland Valluppara
10.02.2007	Celine D'souza	Ivan C. D. Noronha
11.02.2007	Regina Mendonca	Johnny R.D'mello
18.02.2007	Maria C. Fernando	Kasinathan

OF LATE MEMORIES	
Date	Name
02.01.2007	Stanny Fonseca
04.01.2007	Emily Rebello
20.01.2007	Lilly Nair
26.01.2007	Letitia D'souza
27.01.2007	Bertha Azavedo
05.02.2007	Anthony Mendes
14.02.2007	Rita Dey

A TRIBUTE TO LATE REV. FR. HERCULAN SILVEIRA

It is over a month that Rev. Fr. Herculan Silveira passed away. Those of you who were his students or teachers appointed by him in the school will remember him very well for his sense of discipline and integrity. I must say Thane was blessed by his appointment here in the year 1975 as principal of St. John the Baptist High School. For had it not been for his vision and well as his lesser privileged would have been Junior College nor Special School. As for the special school for the mentally challenged children, he was inspired to this branch of St. John the Baptist High School by late Mr. Lenares' child. There are many areas of social and pastoral life which need our attention and which may beset us, even making us feel something has to be done about



it. The great thing about Fr. Herculan, however, was that he would notice a need, a social need and take initiative to act on it. This is how he dreamt of a special school and higher secondary classes.

He was no less on the forefront in the pastoral ministry, too. I had known him from the time of my early pastoral ministry at Uttan. He would share all parish work with me and late Msgr. Saldanha though he was fully engaged as principal and full time teacher in the St. Joseph's High School at Uttan. Very encouraging, hard-working, intelligent and self-disciplined person that he was, he was also equally warm and friendly.

Born on 28th November, 1929, he was ordained priest on April 25, 1957. He worked as a zealous pastor in the service of the church for over 49 years, just short of two and a half months for his sacerdotal golden jubilee. He passed away from our midst physically on 29th January, 2007, but continues in our happy reminiscence of an honest, upright zealous priest, leaving behind the celebration of his golden jubilee to those who have been near to him. We can do this by raising either a monument of some sort or a scholarship fund in his name with the help of past students, parents of special school children and Thane parishioners.

I invite your comments on the above proposal

---Parish Priest.

TRADE COURSES

Joseph Cardijn Technical School offers a month long technical trade training especially for those who have appeared for their SSC/HSC exams and are free during the vacation time. Knowing the basics of welding, electrical, car repair, carpentry & fabrication will always be useful.

26th March to 27th April 2007 - 1st batch

3rd May to 31st May 2007 - 2nd batch

Timing: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Fees Rs. 1000/-

For registration and further details contact: The Director of Joseph Cardijn Technical School at Parel, (Opp. St. Xavier's Grounds) Tel.: 24166244/24172898 or see the Church Notice Board.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The following candidates have filed their nomination forms for parish council elections as on 8th March from some of the zones.:

Vrindavan – 2 seats –	1) Mr. Larry (Michael)Gonsalves 2) Mr. Francis Fernandes.
K'villa - 2 seats –	1) Mr. Francis Vaz 2) Mrs.Lourdes Almeida
Rabodi – 2 seats –	1)Mr. Sebastian D'Souza 2) M4. Ashley Raivellor.
KOLBAD: - 2 seats	1) Mrs Linda Miranda 2) Mrs Jessie Sequeira
KHOPAT:- 2 seats	1) Mrs Lidwin Fernandes 2) Mrs Mercia D'silva
UTALSAR:- 2 seats	1) Mr. Oliver Fernandes 2) Mrs Iris Soeiro
Cherai N.. 2 seats	1) Mrs. Leena Rodrigues 2) Mr. Ignatius Bhalerao
Naupada I 1 seat	1) Mrs. Hortencia Barretto
Naupada II 1 seat	1) Mrs. Julie Aguiar
Shrirang/Sadguru	1) Mrs. Ruby D'Souza
Louiswadi 1 seat	1) Mrs. Rosie Rodricks
Cherai N.	
Kopri	
Horta/Mahagiri	

The coordinators and animators of those zones from where the nominations have still to come are requested to get the process completed latest by 18th March.

Please note, besides the above candidates, if there are any parishioners from the above zones wish to file the nomination form and stand for the election to parish council may avail of blank forms from the parish office and submit it to the office duly completed latest by 18th March, 2007.

The Psychological Aspect of Cancer

The word **CANCER** fears everybody. Today, research in the field of cancer has advanced by leaps and bounds, and now cancer is curable if detected at an early stage. However, people especially in the developing world still remain ignorant of this fact, and continue to fear this dreaded disease.

As soon as an individual learns that one has contracted a disease called cancer, all life's activities come to a sudden halt. One's life is turned into darkness. One feels lost in a dark world in which finding light is a distant dream. One loses interest in everything, as depression conquers the mind. A series of negative reactions set into motion,

and one feels unwanted by society. Some individuals go to the extent of committing suicide, for fear of an uncertain future.

The psychological reaction that sets in after being attacked by cancer, makes the diseased person very weak mentally, and gives cancer an opportunity to become aggressive. The diseased person shows total hopelessness and is least interested in fighting back. Lack of proper diet, refusal to undergo treatment, and constant negative thought patterns makes matters worse.

Cancer is such a disease that health professionals will have to view it in a much broader sense. Treatment directed not only towards the symptoms but also towards correcting the psychological aspects, will help in alleviating human suffering caused due to cancer.

Malcolm Nobre

THE LENTEN RECOLLECTION 07

"The Newman Choir invites you to partake in their one hour long Lenten Recollection Programme conducted through song by Celeste Corda and reflections by Fr Melroy Fernandes and audio-visuals by Joe Corda. This programme will be presented on five Sundays of Lent in different parishes after the Sunday evening Mass (starting on February 25 and ending on March 25, 2007). .

11/3/07 6.30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Chuim.

18/3/07 7.00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, SCruz

25/3/07 7.30 p.m. St. Pius X Church. Mulund.

LENTEN MISSION

12th to 16th March

at 7.00 p.m. with Mass

till 8.30 p.m.

All are urged to attend.

Don Bosco Recruitments Services, Matunga has been retained by several Corporate, Multi-National, Banking Industry & Call Centers to recruit various staff. These positions carry attractive salaries, growth prospects and quality job profile for a challenging career.

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