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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 7pm.**Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 am**Marriages:** Weekday at 5.15 pm.

Sunday: 5.30 & 6.30 pm

Funerals: Any day: 10 to 11.45 am

4 to 5.00 p.m.

Sacrament of the sick:

Any time 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 Fridaysat 6.00 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.

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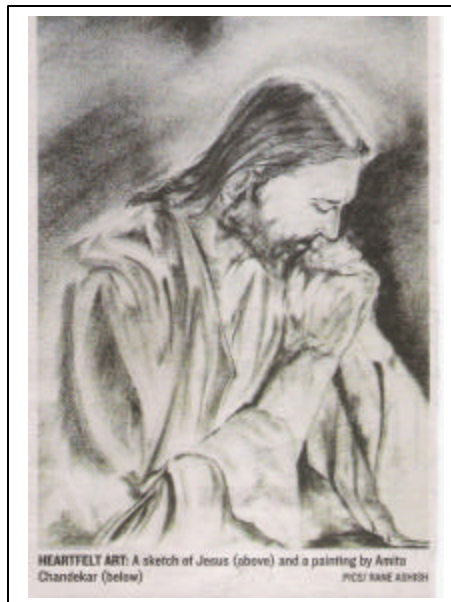
"I am the vine, you are the branches. Without me you can do nothing." Jesus tells us." God is your total source of life. You are in absolute need of him for true human life and growth.' St. Paul understands this very well. He says," God, with all His abundant wealth in Christ Jesus, will supply all your needs" (Ph 4:19).

God is interested in my whole person, in my every need, no matter what. Matthew and Mark in their Gospels tell us," In the evening, they brought Jesus all the sick, and those with every kind of affliction, and He healed them all "(Mt 8:16).

By the comparison of the vine, Jesus tells us that it is God's purpose for us live abundantly, to have a full life: I have come that you may have life ,and life in all its fullness" (Jn 10:10).

God, who is in me, is greater and more powerful than the devil, who is in the world. John writes," You belong to God... for the Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world" (1 Jn 4:4)."

God wants you and me to be winners. He wants us to have the power to overcome every evil in our life, every attack of Satan to destroy our relationship with God, and to destroy our spiritual growth and vitality with it. So Jesus holds out the victory. He says. "Remain in union with me, and I will remain in union with you. Unless you remain in me, you cannot bear fruit. Whoever remains in me, and I in him. Will bear much fruit."



HEARTFELY ART: A sketch of Jesus (above) and a painting by Aneta Chandekar (below) PCS/ RANE ABESH

Jesus promises that we will receive great power through this relationship of love with Him. He says," If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it." But note the condition: we must really and truly be one with Him- one in mind and heart with the Lord. Then His power will flow into us, and the power will come true.

Fr. Victor Dalmat

This week's Announcements, 14th May, 2006..

- ✂ *In the month of May, the Rosary prayer will be recited at 6.30 p.m. at the Grotto*
- ✂ *During the month of May, Louis wadi zone conducts the Rosary at the Cross at 8 p.m.*
- ✂ *Brindavan: Annual zonal Mass on 15th May at 8.00 p.m.*
- ✂ *Friday, 19th May, 2006 Annual Cross Feast at Kolabd with Rosary at 7.15 p.m. followed by Mass.*
- ✂ *Next Sunday Rev. Fr. L. Hendricks MSFS Father from our parish presently working in Brazil will say his sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Mass at 6.30 p.m. in the church.*
- ✂ *CWF 1% tithing collection for march 2006 Rs. 87750.00*
- ✂ *Ghormal feast collection Rs 53639.00*
- ✂ *Ghormal feast donations Rs. 24100.00*
- ✂ *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,25808.00*
- ✂ *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs2,925.00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings:

15/Mon (W) Ac 14:5,18; Ps 113B; In 14:21-26
 16rrue (W) Ac 14:19-28; Ps 144; In 14:27-31a
 17IWed (W) Ac 15:1-6; Ps 121; In 15:1-8
 18/Thu (WIR) Sf John L Pp m Ac 15:7-21; Ps 95; In 15:9-11
 19/Fri (W) Ac 15:22-31; Ps 56; In 15:12-17
 20/Sat (WIW) St Bernardine of Siena, pt Ac 16:1-10; Ps 99; In 15:18-21
 21/Sun - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48;SJn4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

PRE-BAPTISM CATECHESIS SESSIONS

Pre-Baptism catechesis sessions will be held on 04th June 2006 and 11th June 2006 from 5p.m. onwards in the Parish Meeting Room. All parents –to –be of their first child should compulsorily attend these sessions. The session on 11th June 2006 will have to be attended by the parents along with the child's God-parents chosen for the child. Registration will be accepted in the parish office latest by 01st June 2006.

A Certified copy of the Marriage Certificate should be attached to the registration form.

Fr. John Rumao
(Sp. Director)

CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study**43. WHAT DID THEY SAY?**

Many people said various things about Jesus during his lifetime. Match the person with his saying

1. You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
2. Truly you are the Son of God.
3. He truly was the Son of God.
4. Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.
5. We have found the Messiah.
6. Come and see the man who told me all that I have done. Is not this the Christ?
7. I know who you are: g. Evil spirit you are God's holy messenger.
8. Isn't he the carpenter's son?
9. This is my own dear i. Pilate Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.
10. Are you the king of the Jews?
 a. Peter; b. Centurian; c. Andrew; d Peter; e. Samaritan woman; f. Bartimaeus; g. Evil spirit; h. People of Nazareth; i. Pilate; j. The Father

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44. HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Read carefully each sentence and find out the name of a book of the Bible

1. These are facts about Jesus told by the evangelists.
2. Sonia got a job in her father's office.
3. The sparrow has a nest here.
4. Joe, let the boy go home.
5. There were judges in Israel.
6. She asked him to bite the apple.
7. The taxi took Jon ahead.
8. Lina, humble maid of the king!
9. Markings is written by Dag Hammarskjold.
10. A most amusing story was told about Jenny.

Children, answer the above quizzes and the ones that appeared in the previous bulletin together and submit them to Fr. Joe Rodricks or any of the sisters by 27th May.

---Parish Priest.

Course on The Effective Use of Law in Our Social and Educational Ministries

by Fr. P.O. Mathew SJ (Advocate, Supreme Court, famous all over India for this course) and Sr. Annie Fernandes SHM (Lawyer).
 Venue: - St. Pius Campus, Goregaon East from 27th – 31st: May, 2006 from 9.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. and is open to all.

The Course Fee Rs.700/- Participants must bring their own lunch.

Those wanting to attend the course will be given scholarship. Register your name on the following contact: Andheri Sr. Blanche Rodrigues FC 26762312,26766906,2676302 26424021



Ghormal Church dedicated Committee



Mr. Pravin Shetthi (right) donated Rs.25,000 to Our Lady of Hope Church.

THE ANNUAL FEAST AT GHORMAL.

Every year the annual feast of Our lady of Hope Church, Ghormal is celebrated with pomp on the last Sunday of April or thereabout. This year it was celebrated on 30th April, 2006. As usual there were two Masses in English celebrated by Fr. John Lopes and Fr. Victor Dalmet. Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Correa from Infant Jesus Church, Evershine, Vasai was the main celebrant at the main feast Mass in Marathi. In his homily he compared the place of Mary as that of the moon reflecting the light of the Sun. She is the light soft and cool that lightens the path of our journey to her son, Jesus. Rev. Fr. John Rumao, the managing Trustee of the Church of Our Lady of Hope thanked the celebrants of the Masses, congratulated the choirs in attendance at all Masses for their good singing, thanked all those involved with the celebration of the annual feast, the usual celebration committee assisting at the affairs of the Ghormal Church, the volunteers who did the cleaning and

decorating of the chapel, Mr. Deepak Dias and his workers for cleaning the place and the surrounding, Mrs. Lcy Alvares of XYZ Travels for providing buses free of cost to take the pilgrims to and fro, the donors for their generous donations and all the pilgrims who frequented the shrine,.

The Board of Trustees of Our lady of Hope Church, Gholmar, gratefully acknowledge the donations received on the occasion of the feast on 30th April, 2006.

1. Mr. Pravin Shetthy [given earlier]	25,000.00
2. Valentine & Cynthia Pujara	10,000.00
3. St. Gabreil & Don Bosco Boat	3,000.00
4. Nary L. Abel	2,000.00
5. Jerome Baptista & Family	1,000.00
6. Odelia Aguiar	1,000.00
7. Nika Guest House – Ghodbunder	1,000.00.

There are other 22 donors who have donated less than a thousand rupees, the sum total amounting to 6,100/- and one person has donated a gold ring. Their names are not published in this list. The trustees are grateful to them too.

Not in names

A couple began to quarrel. She wanted to name their firstborn after her father, he wanted to name him after his. They sought the rabbi. "What was the name of your father?" the rabbi asked the husband. "Abijah."

"And what was your father's name?" he asked his wife.

"Abijah."

"What's the problem?" asked the confused rabbi.

Think beyond the obvious

THERE was once a priest so holy that he never thought ill of anyone.

One day he sat down at a restaurant for a cup of coffee, which was all he could take - it being a day of fast and abstinence, when; to his surprise, he saw a young member of his congregation devouring a massive steak at the next table.

"I trust I haven't shocked you, Father," said the young fellow with a smile.

"Ah! I take it that you forgot "that today is a day of fast and abstinence," said the priest.

"No, no. I remembered it distinctly." "Then you must be sick. The doctor has forbidden you to fast."

"Not at all. I'm in the pink of health.!"

At that, the priest raised his eyes to heaven and said, "What an example this younger generation is to us, Lord! Do you see how this young man here would rather admit his sins than tell a lie?"

"PRISONER at the bar." Said the judge. "I find you guilty on 23 counts. I therefore sentence you to a total of 175 years."

The prisoner was an old man.

He burst into tears. The judge's facial expression softened.

"I did not mean to be harsh," he said. "I know the sentence I have imposed is a very severe one.

You don't really have to serve the whole of it."

The prisoner's eyes brightened with hope.

"That's right." Said the judge "Just do as much as you can!"

Special Message - "Skipper," the sailor said to his captain as he saluted, "A special message just came in for you from the admiral. I have it right here."

"Read it to me," the captain ordered.

The sailor read, "You are without a doubt the most idiotic, lame-brained officer ever to command a ship in the United States Navy." The skipper responded, "Have the communication decoded at once!"

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PARABLE OF THE CAUTIOUS MAN

There was a very cautious man,
who never laughed or cried.
He never risked, he never lost,
he never won nor tried.
And when he one day passed away,
his insurance was denied,
For since he never really lived,
they claimed he never died



The Locusts and Honey congratulates Master Abraham George, a student of St. John's gave a brilliant performance at the Thane District Aquatic Championship and Selection Tournament held recently. He claimed a gold in 50 metre free style, a silver in 50 metre butterfly and 50 metre back stroke and a bronze in 200 metre individual medley.

Fr. Lindsay Francis Hendricks celebrates his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee on 21st May, 2006.

Jubilee Mass at 6.30 p.m. in the Church.



Born in Thane. Son of late Mr. Anthony C Hendricks (Sunny) and Mrs. Helen Hendricks. Fr. Lindsay, a student of St. John's High School, Thane was ordained priest in the year 1981 by His Eminence Cardinal Pimenta. After priestly studies at the Jnanadeep Vidya Institute in Pune (Papal Seminary). From year 1988, he has been working in Brazil as a missionary and at present he is the Provincial Supervisor of the Province of Brazil. The Locusts & Honey congratulates Fr. Lindsay and wish him another 25 years and more in the service of the Lord!

Where is truth found?

MAN was drinking tea with a friend in a restaurant. He looked long and hard at his cup, then asked. "Why? Why is life like a cup of tea?"

The man said. "How should I know? Am I an intellectual?"

Not in figures...



Mr. Sanjay Almeida's Biblical Library



Good News to all Bible lovers

A Christian video cum reading library has started in Thane for the first time with the purpose of making God's word more understood and loved.

The library consists of VCD's and DVD's and books. The VCD's are in movie form like David, Joseph, Samson & Delilah, St. Paul, Acts of the Apostles, St John and the Revelation being some of the movies which make understanding the Bible more exciting and easy.

Books on topics like faith, healing, God's purpose in suffering, Christian leadership, anointing etc. are available for reading

There is no service, deposit, registration charges. However the books must be returned within one week and the CD/DVD within two days.

Library timings are 09.30 a.m. to 06.00 p.m (Monday to Saturday)

The VCD/ DVD and books are available to all for viewing **free of cost** in order to enable everyone to watch these movies which are not available in other libraries.

Address: Mr.Sanjay Almeida, Grace Placements, Angel's Paradise, Next to Maharashtra Vidyalaya, Veer Savarkar Path, Naupada, Thane – 400602

Tel: 55747633 / 25427073

[The Locusts & Honey congratulates and approves this private initiative of Mr. Sanjay Almeida under guidance of the Parish Priests.]

TENDER NOTICE:

Quotations are invited latest by 20th May for the tiling work near the church sacristy. The details of work are as follows:

1. Approximate tiling work – 8000 sq.ft.
2. tiling to be done with industrial heavy duty chequered tiles.
3. the existing tiles to be removed.
4. the stage and the back-drop to be lifted.
5. storm-water drainage to be constructed.

N.B. It is advised that the site may be visited before submitting quotation to the parish office..

--Parish Priest.