

LOCUSTS & HONEY

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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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 12.00 **midnight** 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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World Communications Day

19th November, 2006.

The world, today, is strongly influenced by the communications media. Our own country publishes 40,000 periodicals and 5,000 dailies, produces 800 feature films a year, has a huge network of radio stations and hundreds of TV channels. Mobile phone users in India are growing at the rate of 5 million per month, while Internet communication is ever on the increase.

The media has the ability to influence people and create public opinion. We have seen, with the civil society activists, how the media compelled the Government of India to defer the amendment to the Right to Information ACT. The power of the media in enhancing people's participation was evident in the Jessica Lal and Priyadarshini Mattoo murder cases.

We have seen the media contribute to upholding democratic and secular values, at times even playing a prophetic role - speaking out against materialism, hedonism, consumerism, narrow nationalism; refusing to surrender to sensationalism, trivialization, or to the fanning of social hatred.

Yet, one cannot turn a blind eye to immense damage the media has caused our culture, values, lifestyle, morality and even our religious beliefs. . . often changing our very identity! While we enjoy the fruits of the technological advancements of the communications media, we are called to be intelligent beneficiaries and not mere passive consumers.

It is important therefore, that all media consumers are formed for responsible and critical use of the media. Parents and teachers need to be watchful and helpful. They need to guide children and youth in the moderate, critical and prudent use of the media.

The Church also urges professionals familiar with the various communication media to form organised groups that could monitor media communication and report to the respective public authorities, thereby preventing any kind of media manipulation and abuse. A participation in diverse media, both electronic and traditional is ideal for promoting the values of the Gospel and thus promoting a culture of life!

This week's Announcements, 19 November, 06.

- *Night Adoration on Saturday, 18th November at 12.00 midnight in the Eucharistic Chapel.*
- *CWF committee meeting on Sunday, 19th November, 2006 at 10.30 a.m.*
- *'World Communication Day' will be celebrated on Sunday, 19th November, 06.*
- *Parish Fathers will be visiting clusters in Kolbad Zone on 20th & 21st November.*
- *Sunday, 26th November is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King. It is also the day of XIII Hours' Adoration of the Eucharistic Lord. The adoration turns are given separately in this bulletin. Please, adhere to your turn.*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,26,348.00*
- *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,745.00.*

20/11 to 26/11 This week's readings:

- 20/Mon Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5a; Ps I; Lk 18:35-43
 21/Tue The Presentation of the BVM - mem Zech 2:14-17; Ps Lk I; Lk 12:46-50
 22/Wed St Cecilia, vg m - mem Rev 4:1-11; Ps 150; Lk 19:11-28
 23/Thu St Clement I, Pp m Or St Columban, ab Rev 5:1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19:41-44
 24/ Fri Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, pt & Comps, mm - mem Rev 10:8-11; Ps 118; Lk 19:45-48
 25/Sat St Catherine of Alexandria, vg m Rev II :4-12; Ps 143; Lk 20:27-40
 26/Sun Our Lord Jesus Christ The Universal King Dn 7:13-14; Rev.1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37.

HINDI MASS

The subject was once again discussed in the parish council and it has been agreed upon that on the fifth Sunday of the month, the Sunday morning 7.00 o'clock Mass will be in HINDI.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ON 19th November 2006

As we celebrate World Communications Day, the Church in the Archdiocese of Bombay, invites all professionals in the field of Media and Communications to volunteer their expertise / services towards a Diocesan Body. This Body will work to ensure that all media consumers are formed for a responsible and critical use of the media, and use the media to promote a culture of life. You may enlist immediately after this Mass, on a form available at the Parish Office.

**APPEAL FROM
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSOCIATION
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, THANE**

The members of the Society of St.. Vincent De Paul will be doing house-to-house collection for for the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and GIFTS given to all poor adopted families of our Parish. Please be generous. If you are a regular contributor of 1 % tithing, you may feel free to ignore this appeal.

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

The forgetful pastor looked anxiously round the vestry, after Sunday service, and asked the associate pastor, "Did you see where I put my gown?"
 "You have it on, reverend."
 "Thank you very much for telling me. Otherwise I might have gone off without it."

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Distract Parson (leaving the church): Who's the absent-minded one now? You left your umbrella back there and I not only remembered mine, but brought yours too."

Wife (gazing blankly at him): But neither of us brought one to church

**Today is the feast of Christ the King.
It will be the day of XIII hours' adoration.**

The zone-wise adoration visits will be as follows:

10.30 to 11.30 a. m.	Kopri / Parish Pastoral Council Lewis Wadi / Society of St. Vincent the Paul
11.30 to 12.30 p.m.	Shrirang, Satguru, Anand Park, Azad Nagar / Lectors Khopat, Pratap./ Hope & Life Movement / Women's Cell
12.30 to 01.30p. m.	Rabodi 1&2 / Youth NaupadaII / Charismatic Prayer Group
01.30 to 02.30 p.m.	Mahagiri and K'Villa / Legion of Mary Cherai North
02.30 to 03.30 p. m.	Cherai, South Naupada / Divine Mercy Prayer Group
03.30 to 04.30 p. m.	Kolbad / Ladies / Men Sodality Utalsar, Vikas, Sumer / Sacred Heart League
04.30 to 05.30 p. m.	Brindavan / Eucharistic Ministers Common Adoration for all

AT 5.30 P.M. MASS IN THE CHURCH, followed by Concluding Service – Procession, Sermon by Fr. Patrick D'Mello and Final Benediction.

NO 6.30 P.M. MASS.

*N.B. please, note the procession will start from the church main door, move onto the Ahilya Devi Road towards Jambli Naka, turn left via Archie's onto the old Bombay-Pune Road, move towards the Dagdi Shala, enter into the Ahilya Devi Road, moving eastward to enter the church premises from the gate near the Christ the King Statue and assemble on the quadrangle for final preaching and benediction. There will be **NO MASS in the church after the final Benediction.***

N.B. Parishioners will club together zone-wise and walk in the procession with the banners of their respective zones leading them in the procession.

AWRDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank has declared Awards for academic excellence.

Those who have done well in public examinations may contact the nearest bank branch for further details.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE!

We propose to bring out a special issue of the Locusts & Honey on the occasion of Christmas. Original articles, essays or poems of about 300-350 words will be published in the issue. Zones are welcome to present reports of their activities and progress in the issue. All written material preferably on CD should reach the parish office latest by 10th December, 2006. The special Christmas issue will be the last issue of Locusts & Honey, volume two. *Parishioners are welcome to give an advertisement in memory of jubilee or anniversary family events with photographs/material at a special discount ad-rates of Rs. 800/- for a full page, Rs. 400/- for a half page and Rs. 200/- for a quarter page. Don't miss the opportunity to record memorable loving events in your parish weekly!*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of the items that take at least five minutes at Sunday Masses is 'weekly announcements.' Though these announcements are published in the Locusts & Honey –weekly bulletin, the request is still made for announcing the forthcoming events not once but twice from the altar at Sunday Masses. It has been noticed that a few people walk out the moment the announcements are read out. A suggestion was put forth to the parish council for its suggestions, if the announcements could be read before the Mass begins, as it is done in most of the parishes in the States. The parish council has welcome the suggestion. Hence from the Advent Sunday, the announcements will be read first, then the introduction to the Mass followed by the introductory hymn and procession to the altar. Please, be in time for the precious announcements!

NEW MEMBERS

Name	BaptismDate	Birth Date
Cintha Edwin	08.10.2006	07.08.2006
Katrina Vaz	15.10.2006	31.08.2006
Ashley M.D'silva	22.10.2006	29.09.2006
Areeyan Gonsalves	22.10.2006	16.09.2006
Nikita Noronha	29.10.2006	15.09.2006

UNITED IN CHRIST

Date	Bride	Bridegroom
22.10.2006	Jennifer Saldhana	K.Wilsom Chettiar
28.10.2006	Susan D'Lima	Savio Marquis

OF LATE MEMORIES

Date	Name
05.10.2006	Carmelin Fernandes
08.10.2006	Lionel J.F. DeCunha
15.10.2006	Eva D'Cunha
19.10.2006	Victor Rodrigues
29.10.2006	Tony Fernandes

APPEAL

Required Blood Group AB+
Kindly, contact Nikhil on Mobile
982 071 1075 or 2633 5304/25857562.

YOUTH FORMATION - "SELF ESTEEM"

The Parish Youth Animators Team along with the Parish Youth Group have arranged for **Youth Formation on every 4th Saturday of the month**, where a "Professional" will conduct a two hour session from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Pavillion Hall. This month, 25th November 2006 will be conducted by Rev. Fr. John Ross S.J. from St Xavier's Engineering College, Mahim on "Self Esteem" with the help of a Power Point presentation and group dynamics. We appeal to all Young People (Age Group: 15 to 25 years) to take advantage of the same (which otherwise you would have to pay Rs. 1,000/- elsewhere is offered to you **at no charge**) ; especially to Parents to help us by encouraging their children to attend

Kindly, give your names to Fr. Victor by Friday, 24th November, 2006.

Parish Youth Animators Team (PYAT)
St. John the Baptist Church, Thane

SITUATION VACANT

Wanted urgently
Economics Lecturer M.A. II, B.Ed.
For St. John the Baptist Junior College,
Jambli Naka, Thane 400 601.
Contact Principal
Monday to Friday
from 8.00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

AN INVITATION TO ALL COUPLES

This year, 2006, **Engaged Encounter** is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. To mark this occasion **Engaged Encounter** is planning to have a special Thanksgiving Eucharist followed by an Evening of fellowship, games and dinner on **Sunday, 10th December 2006, at St. Joseph's High School Hall, Hill Road, Bandra.** Invitation cards at Rs.50/- per couple, are available at the Retreat House, Bandra or with anyone of the following couples:

John & Merlin - 2665 1681/982078 81 80 James & Bernice - 2851 3451

Sylvan & Leela - 2521 3446/9869 0 I 21 84
Floyd & Maljorie - 9322 15625

To enable proper catering, please collect your invitation cards at the earliest. It will be a memorable evening for couples. Come and you will not be disappointed!

+ Bishop Agbelo.



Jesus wants to be with you on the XIII Hours Adoration Day. Won't you spend an hour with Him?