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10.30 a.m. at Kopri Chapel.**

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.

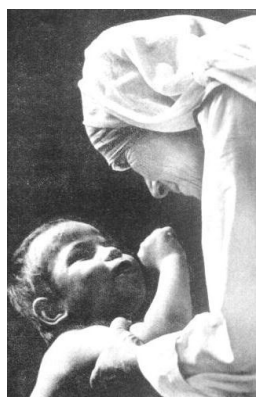
**Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Fridays at6.00 p.m. except on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**Night Adoration:**at 8 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday;

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.

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## MISSION

*At an international gathering of young people in New York, a young American asked a girl from Burma what the religion of the majority of Burmese was. The young woman told him that it was Buddhism. The American said quite casually, "Oh, well, that doesn't matter; all religions are the same."*

*The Burmese girl looked directly at the young man and said, "If you had lived in my country, you would not say that. I have seen what centuries of superstition, fear and indifference to social problems have done for my people. We need the truth and the uplift of Christianity. My country needs Christ."*

*Today as we celebrate "Mission Sunday", the message that rings in our ears is that our country needs Christ; our society needs Christ; our families need Christ and above all I need Christ. The world today, more than ever needs Christ and his values and everyone who bears the name Christian is called to be a messenger of Jesus who commissioned us to go forth and preach the good news. Mission Sunday reminds us of the great responsibility Jesus has placed on us to make him and his message known to the people. Jesus our master has shown us the way and we his disciples can do this.*

*The final document of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops held in 1985 states: "Christ is the light of humanity. The Church, proclaiming the gospel, must see to it that this light clearly shines out from her countenance. The Church makes herself more credible if she speaks less of herself and ever more preaches Christ crucified and witnesses with her own life."*

*Pope John Paul said, "Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentives. Faith is strengthened when it is shared with others". In order to accept such a noble task and accomplish the same, every Christian needs to experience the indwelling of the Spirit. Jesus promises his abiding presence, even when we find ourselves as sheep among the wolves, defenceless, powerless, sore pressed and beset with great dangers. All the activity of the disciples is rooted in and belongs to Christ and absolutely depends on his will.*

*Jesus has told us that "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit". Hence, Jesus' mission will be completed when we, his followers, accept to be sent. Leo Rock, sj, wrote: "God chose us to show the face of God's love to one another. We are God's vocabulary; living words to give voice to God's goodness in and through our goodness, to give voice to God's compassion, tenderness, caring, faithfulness in and through us."*



### **Hindi Mass**

*In the synod 2001, one of the points raised on the floor of the synod for discussion was 'language Masses.' It was then felt that arrangements should be made not only for the regional language Masses such as in Marathi or Konkani catering to the need of parishioners who mainly speak those languages, but also for a Mass in Hindi our national language. Most people are familiar with it. Besides most of our prayers and worship services are held in English with the result it creates an impression that Christianity is a western religion. With a view of the above, the possibility of a Hindi language Mass was discussed in the parish council. All members univocally have approved of the idea. It was then proposed that the Sunday 7.00 a.m. Mass on every second Sunday of the month be celebrated in Hindi. Most members of the parish council are in favour, while one member is not in favour as it might inconvenience the English speaking people who attend the 7.00 a.m. Mass regularly and have to hear language Masses most of the Sundays. Your suggestions in writing without prejudice are welcome within a week. If the Hindi Mass at 7.00 a.m. on second Sunday of the month is acceptable to all, you may have the opportunity to worship the Lord in our national language from November 2006.*

### **Pope Invites Families to Pray the Rosary**

Benedict XVI invited all families to pray the rosary for the intentions of the Pope, the mission of the Church and peace. The Holy Father said this today to the crowds gathered in the papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo to pray the Angelus, on the first day of October, the month the Church traditionally dedicates to the rosary and the missions.

"It is as if every year Our Lady invited us to rediscover the beauty of this prayer, so simple and profound," said the Pope, referring to the feast of the Virgin of the Rosary, observed on Oct. 7.

The rosary, a "contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from the meditation of the sacred Scripture," is "the prayer of the Christian who advances in the pilgrimage of faith, in the following of Jesus, preceded by Mary," continued the Pontiff.

Benedict XVI invited the faithful "to pray the rosary as a family during this month," and in larger spiritual families, "in communities and parishes," "for the intentions of the Pope, for the mission of the Church, and for peace in the world."



***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."

"Oh 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 Israel ....born a Jew and he too converted."

***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 this set of questions along with the next set of questions together. 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.*

