

# 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:** 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. & 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Neither do I condemn you

*Today's gospel describes Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman and how he deals with sinners. According to the Law of Moses, witnesses of a sin had to act as prosecutors. Why was it that only the woman was being prosecuted while the man was allowed to go free? The double standard coming from a male-dominated society is probably a familiar story for most of us today. Women were punished for their infidelity, men were not. Women were expected to live in scrupulous sexual fidelity to their husbands, men were tolerated in their less than faithful lives. The scribes and the Pharisees, knowing Jesus' compassion for sinners, put on him the responsibility of judging this adulterous woman caught in the very act of adultery. Jesus' reaction to all this fuss is to start writing on the ground. But his questioners persist and Jesus tackles them skillfully. Jesus does not say that the woman is innocent, or argue that adultery should be taken off the book of the Law; but neither is he persuaded about the innocence of her accusers. He asks them to check their memories, their own track record on sin. If they are innocent then only they can throw stones on the woman. At least the accusers are honest in admitting their guilt and one by one they slinked away till Jesus is left alone with the sinner woman. Then the woman heard the good news from Jesus. "Neither do I condemn you, go in peace and sin no more."*

*"The meeting between Christ and the adulterous woman is already a prelude to his passion. To the accusers who press him to pronounce judgement he at first opposes an absolute silence, as he will do later before his own judges. It is as though he is giving them time to reflect clearly and objectively. For sin does not exist in itself; there are only sinners: and here sinners include the woman who cannot deny what she has done, as well as her accusers, each of whom is obliged to undergo a personal examination of conscience: "If there is anyone of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her". A decisive reply this, which rules out any condemnation of the woman even by the most zealous follower of the law. Who would dare to claim that he was above reproach? And with that the schemes of Jesus' enemies are brought to nothing. As for the woman she is not abandoned to her fate, but invited to make a new beginning, to try better: "I do not condemn you, go away and don't sin any more." Liberating words which make the stones fall from our hands. Without denying or countenancing what she has done, they open up a future for this woman who no longer dared to hope."*

—Glenstal Bible Missal

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the dumb can understand.

---Seneca.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent –25<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.-

### ***This week's announcements***

***March 25, 2007.***

- *On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March Pro-Life Day will be celebration. It is also the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.*
- *Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April is Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at 8.00 a.m. in front of the grotto followed by procession round the compound, leading to the main entrance of the Church for Mass.*
- *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 7.30 p.m. and in English on Friday at 7.30 p.m. For children the Way of the Cross will be on Sundays after 8.00 a.m. Mass...*
- *During Lent Lenten Alms are collected. Please, place your offerings in the boxes meant for it.*
- *The ICYM, Bombay (Diocesan Youth Centre, Bandra) is organizing the TEENAGER'S ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ("Top") for you on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 from 9.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. at St. John the Baptist School, Hall. Students or their parents are requested to collect the invitation letter from the Youth Desk outside the Church after this Mass. (or wherever or from the Parish Office etc.) Details of the programme are available on this invitation letter. Please collect one and register as soon as possible. Parents are requested to encourage their children to attend "TOP programme*
- *The Utalsar Zone will be having a Lenten Prayer Service at The Holy Cross Convent Chapel on 25<sup>th</sup> March Sunday at 6.30p.m*
- *Kopri Zone will be conducting the Way of the Cross every Friday at 8.15 p.m. at Koliwada Cross, opposite Anand Bharati Sports Club, Thane (East).*
- *This Sunday 7.00 a.m. Mass will be in English. St. Joseph's Konkani Association will be having a special Konkani Mass at 10.15 a.m. in the pavilion on the occasion of St. Joseph's feast.*
- *Women's Cell Meeting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 at 5.30 p.m*
- *Confessions in preparation for Easter will be head on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.21,798.00*
- *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs4754.00*
- *From corridor boxes Rs. 2090.00.*

### ***This Week's Liturgical Readings.***

26/Mon	Annunciation of the Lord Sol Is 7:10-14-8:10; Ps 39:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
27/Tue	Num 21:4-9; Ps 101:2-3,16-21; In 8:21-30
28/Wed	Dan 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Ps Dan 3:52-56; In 8:31-42
29/Thu	Gen 17:3-9; Ps 104:4-9; In 8:51-59
30/Fri	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 17:2-7; In 10:31-42
31/Sat	Ezek 37:21-28; Ps Jer 31:10-13; In 11:45-56

### **RINGS & RAINBOWS – 2007 “**

11<sup>th</sup> 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 Ambernath 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

<b>HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2007.</b>			
<b>DAYS</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	01 <sup>st</sup> April, 2007	8.00 a.m.	Blessing of palms, procession & Mass
<b>Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Wed</b>	April 02, 03, 04, '07	at 5. p.m. to 8.30 p.m	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	April 05, 2007	05.00 p.m. <b>07.30 p.m.</b> 10.30 p.m.	Mass for the sick; <b>Last Supper Mass</b> Holy Hour
<b>Good Friday</b>  <b>Day of fast &amp; abstinence</b>	April 06, 2007	07.00 a.m. 08.00 a.m.  09.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon <b>06.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Way of the Cross:</b> in Marathi In Konkani In English: for youth for adults for children In Malayalam <b>Liturgical Service</b> followed by Passo
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 07, 2007	07.00 a.m.  <b>08.15 p.m.</b>	Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 08, 2007	6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15 a.m. <b>EVENING</b>	Masses: Morning <b>NO MASSES</b>

### ***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.

**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, 25<sup>TH</sup> 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.***

### **YOUTH ..... THE FUTURE OF TOMORROW'S CHURCH ???????????**

24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### 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

Mrs. Janet Rodrigues, ex-teacher of St. John the Bpatist Primary School passed away on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at her native place, Mangalore. Please, pray for her soul.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent –25<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.-**

#### OF LATE MEMORIES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
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

#### CHOOSE NOW

In Luke 13/2 –Jesus asks “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinner than all others Galileans?” and says “No” and in Lk 13/4 again he asks “Or those 18 people upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, were they worse sinners and says “No.” .The message which Jesus wants to give us is “**BE READY FOR MY CALL**” or else you will all likewise perish.

Are we to take God's mercy for granted and postpone repentance? Do we know where, how and at what time God's call can come to us? So many people were killed in Mumbai bomb blast and many more in Tsunami. Were they worse sinners –Jesus would say “NO”. Were they informed about their death? No.

Jesus talks about a rich man in Lk16/19-31, whose attitude from the passage looks like total indifference to the plight of the poor and the sick-Lazarus.

When God is asking us to repent, He not only tells us to avoid sin but also to do good. These are like two wings of a bird. Bird cannot fly with one wing.

The time to choose the place or our destination is now as we are told in Lk 16/25 by Abraham to the rich man “Son, remember that in your life time you received good things and between us a great chasm has been fixed and no help can be sent from this side to where you are and to your request to send someone from here to your father's house to warn your brothers, they have Moses and the prophets. They will not believe if someone goes from here to tell them.

We have to some extent minimized the seriousness of this message by thinking that we can go to heaven if masses and prayers are offered for our souls. Our God is a just God and He will never go against free will.

**Patrick Sequeira**

**ANNUAL FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF HOPE,  
GHORMAL  
ON SUNDAY,  
15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2007.  
Masses at 8.15, 9.30 , 10.45 a.m**

APRIL 2007

**Holy Father's General Intention:** That, allowing himself to be enlightened and guided by the Holy Spirit, every Christian may answer enthusiastically and faithfully to the universal call to sanctity.

**Missionary Intention:** That the number of priestly and religious vocations may grow in North America and the countries of the Pacific Ocean, in order to give an adequate answer to the pastoral and missionary needs of those populations.

#### TEENAGER'S ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Here is a special announcement for the student of our parish who are appearing for their SSC or ICS examination:

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IMFE – Institute for Ministry of Faith enrichment  
[for adults, youth and children]

One-year Course [7 week-ends] in-service training organized by Office for Lay Collaboration in Ministry, Joseph Cardijn Technical School, K.J. Marg, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014.

Meant for Sunday School/Regular School Pastoral Team Animators, various cells animators.

*P.N. Scholarships will made available to those wanting to do the above IMFE course.*

### 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**

DON BOSCO YOUTH SERVICES, MATUNGA, IS OFFERING "YOUTH PASCH 2007" FOR WORKING GFFILS AND BOYS, ABOVE THE AGE OF 22, FROM WEDNESDAY THE 4TH OF APRIL TO EASTER SUNDAY THE 8TH OF APRIL, 2007 AT DON BOSCO, LONA VLA. THE FEE WILL BE RS.850/- AND REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF DON BOSCO YOUTH SERVICES FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 8.00 P.M. YOU MAY ALSO REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION FORMS VIA E-MAIL. THE LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2007. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE LOOK UP THE PARISH NOTICE BOARD).

#### NBCLC, BANGALORE

Offers 10 Day Seminar  
on

LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH AND  
SOCIETY

21 - 30 May 2007

Contact: The Director

NBCLC, Post Bag 8426, Hutchins Road, 2nd Cross,  
Bangalore - 560 084, INDIA Tel: 080-25472369

Fax: 080-25460194 E-mail: dirnbclc@vsnl.com

*P.N. Scholarships and one-way 2<sup>nd</sup> class train-fare will be available to those intending to attend the above seminar Please, contact the Parish Priest.*

*---Parish Priest.*

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

1st Batch 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Batch 31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007

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

*For registration and further details, contact: The Director of Joseph Cardijn Technical School at Parel, Tel: 2416 6244 / 2417 2898 or see the Church Notice Board*

Sub: PPC Elections

Dear Fr. Rumao,

Thank you for your letter dated 28th February 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire parish team for all the good work you have been doing in the parish, wish you all the best for all future endeavors.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Audifax A. Sequeira

FR. SILVEIRA, HE GAVE ME A CHANCE

Working, I gave up, when my third child was born  
And at Home I stayed  
And tended to needs.  
The Family grew  
And the wants, they were many  
And money just flew!!

One Sunday in Church  
An announcement I heard:  
ST. JOHN'S NEEDS A TYPIST.  
Real bad, I needed to work,  
But with children six  
And the youngest just two  
Would I succeed in getting that post ???

Monday morning, I went to St. John's  
"Father" I said "I need that job,  
But these past ten years I have not typed  
Give me a week, let me practise a bit  
At a Typing Institute and I'm sure to be fit"  
Fr. Silveira, he looked at me:  
"There's the typewriter, go ahead  
And see how you fare" !

Very scared, I sat, my fingers on the keys  
And typed - oh, I typed .....  
And so overjoyed I hadn't lost touch!!  
He then dictated my shorthand to test  
And here too, my Lord, came to my help,  
I took down the letter, every word complete  
He said: "You can start right away"  
And my heart missed a beat!!!

I'll always be grateful to Fr. Silveira  
For he gave me a chance  
To work once again.  
It was, for me, a new beginning  
And there I worked for twenty-two years  
All because of the chance he gave me  
In spite of my Six and I, thirty-six!!!

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

MRS. ENID ABREO

## VELANKANI SEVA KENDRA

Velankani Seva Kendra has been Inaugurated by Rev. Fr. John Rumao on the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March 2007 at 11AM by cutting the Ribbon followed by Lighting of Lamp by Fr..Rumao, Lion K.J Paul, District Chairman (Activities), Lion Lawrence Dsouza, Zonal Chairman of Lions Club International, President and Ex President Lions Club Thane Upawan Lion Atreyee Sudeep Mondal and Lion Deepenwita Biswas and Lion Dr Santosh Katrekar. A beautiful Prayer Dance was performed by five little girls of Kopri to whom the Lions Club presented a Gift of Rs.1000/- to meet their educational needs.

Several eminent leaders gave speeches. Fr. John Rumao in his speech thanked the Lion's Club, Thane for their donation of five sewing machines to the Velankani Seva Kendra and for their assurance of part payment of the honorarium to the instructor. The project of tailoring classes has been sponsored by Lions Clubs International for empowering the marginalized. Lion Lawrence Dsouza assured the audience that the Club would provide two computers to the Seva Kendra for the computer courses being opened shortly. They have also shown their willingness to adopt this Kopri Village and assured all kinds of help like medical, educational etc.

The function was concluded with Vote of Thanks to one and all followed by refreshments

--Mrs. Nirmala.

We are pleased to announce that from 2nd April, 2007 we will launch upon

# **“ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE”**

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Boutique merchandising &  
Retail Marketing &  
Business Management**

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**Admissions & Counselling : Monday to Friday  
from 10.00 a.m. -12.30 p.m  
& 3.00 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

***Admissions begin from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.***

**Tel. Nos.**