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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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**In-charge: Ms. Ida D'Silva**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday: 6,7,8,9,15 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.,**

**Weekday: 6 & 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.**

**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

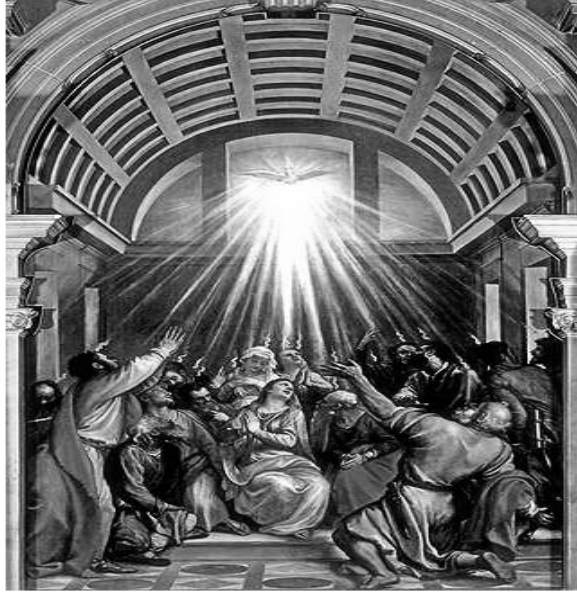
5.00 p.m. to 07.00

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

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## PENTECOST – THE LANGUAGE OF HOPE



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On the fiftieth day of Easter, (which is what Pentecost means) the Jews of Jesus' time recalled the gift of the Law on Sinai. In this context, the gift of the Spirit, the birth of the Church, and the salvation of all mankind in Jesus Christ – the Christian Pentecost – is presented by Luke as the promulgation of the new law, and the beginning of the mission of all men. The narrative from the Acts is full of signs and symbols of the gift of new life given to all mankind. There are the strange sounds that all heard, the tongues of fire that descended and rested on each one, and the gift of tongues so that all spoke the language of love, understood by all peoples. Pentecost is truly a divine gift, which has to be gratefully accepted by all.

### Speaking the same language

Almost hundred years ago Dr. Zamenhof, a Polish linguist, constructed a new language that could be shared by people throughout the world. The artificial language Dr. Zamenhof created is called Esperanto, "the language of hope." The name signifies hope for humankind that a common language might heal the divisions that exist among the different peoples of the earth. -The feast of Pentecost is the Church's celebration of her unity and universality in the Holy Spirit, and so some of the readings used express this in terms of language. Dr. Zamenhof's invention of a universal language like Esperanto has been followed by: establishing the United Nations Assembly, holding of Summit meetings, having cultural exchanges and reviving Olympic Games. But Pentecost is more than a work of human creation, more than a work of art and music. Pentecost is a new outpouring of God's Spirit into our hearts to kindle in us the fire of his love.

--Albert Cylwicki in 'His Word Resounds'

**Pen** If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live

--Martin Luther King.

***This week's announcements***  
***May 27, 2007.***

1. *In the month of May, rosary is recited in front of the grotto at 6.30 p.m. daily.*
2. *Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May is the feast of Pentecost.*
3. *Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. There will a half-hour adoration after 7 pm Mass*
4. *Next Sunday will be the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.*
5. *Next Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave the church premises at 9.00 a.m. for Ghormal.*
6. *Next Sunday, Mass at Our Lady of Velankani Church, Kopri at 10.30 am.*
7. *Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June the evening 6.30 p.m. Mass will be resumed.*
8. *The Holy Cross Convent Mass will resume from 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.*
9. *The meeting of the New Parish Council will be held on Sunday, 3d June at 10.30 a.m. in the meeting room.*
10. *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs 20,490.00*
11. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs2,542.00*

***This Week's Liturgical Readings***

28/Mon	Sir 17:24-29; Ps 31:1-2,5,6,7; Mk 10:17-27
29/Tue	Sir 35: 1-12; Ps 49:5,6,7,8,14&23; Mk 10:28-31
30/Wed	Sir36:1,4-5,10-17;Ps78:8,9,11&13; Mk10:32-45
31/Thu	11IE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -Fst Zeph 3: 14-18 or Rm 12:9-16b; Ps Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6; Lk 1 :39-56
1/Fri	S. Justin, m - mem Sir 44: 1 ,9-13; Ps 149: 1-2,3-4,5-6a&9b; Mk 11:11-26
2/Sat	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, mm /BVM Sir51:12-20;Ps 18:8,9,10,11;Mk 11:27-33
3/Sun	The Most Holy Trinity Prov 8:22-31;Rm 5:1-5;Jn 16:12-15

**PRE-BAPTISM CATECHESIS SESSIONS**

Pre Baptism Catechesis Sessions will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 5.p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. All parents –to – be of their first child must compulsorily attend these Sessions. The Sessions on 10<sup>th</sup> June will have to be attended by Parents along with the God-parents of the new-born baby. Registrations will be accepted in the Parish Office latest by 1<sup>st</sup> June2007A certified copy of the Marriage Certificate will have to be attached to the Registration Form.

Fr.John Rumao (Sp..Dir.)

***Smile, Giggle, Laugh!***

A little nine year old girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill.  
 "Mommy" she said "Can we leave now?"  
 "No" her mother replied.  
 "Well, I think I have to throw up!"  
 "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush."  
 In about two minutes the little girl returned to her seat.  
 "Did you throw up?" her mother asked.  
 "Yes" the little girl replied.  
 "Well, how could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and return so quickly?"  
 "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy" the little girl replied, "They have a box next to the front door that says 'for the sick'."

**ST. JOHN'S HEALTHCARE CENTRE**

***Blood Donation Camp on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in the pavilion.***

**SVP/BOOK-BANK TIMINGS**

**S.V.P. Office timings:**

*Wednesdays: 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m*  
*Sundays: 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.*

**TEXT-BOOKS BANK timings:**

*Wednesdays: 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*  
*Sundays: 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.*

"**Christian Chamber of Commerce & Industry**, the only Christian body of its kind in the diocese earnestly appeals to all Christian Businessmen/ Businesswomen of the parish to join the rank and file of this growing organization and strengthen the body for a better tomorrow for our community at large

#### **EXCELLENCE AWARD 2007**

Nominations are invited from Members of Indian Christian Community who have excelled during the Calendar year 2006 in the following areas:

1. Industry – Achievement/Innovation
2. Public Service – Achievement/Recognition
3. Social Service – Achievement/Recognition

Please forward nomination with complete profile, photograph and achievements with supporting documents and related details to: The Convenor, Awards Committee.

Last date for receipt of nomination is Tuesday the 31 st July, 2007.

A panel of judges nominated by the CCCI will decide the awardees . Award presentation ceremony will be held in September 2007 at Mumbai.

*Please, contact Mr. Vincent Mathias of Christian Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Telephone 2857 2646.*

JUNE 2007

**Holy Father's General Intention:** That the Lord may protect sailors and all those involved in maritime activities.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Church in North Africa may bear witness, with its presence and action, to God's love for every individual and all peoples

#### **OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH, GHORMAL.**

From the first Sunday of June 2007 there will be the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on every Sunday at 10.am at our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal, Thane.

The Dominican Fathers are entrusted with the responsibility of providing Spiritual and Pastoral assistance to everyone visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Hope at Ghormal, Thane.

#### **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST POLY TECHNIC COLLEGE COMPUTER COURSES**

##### **3 Months' Course – course fee Rs. 500/- p.m.**

1. certificate in information technology - computer fundamentals windows 98 / 2000 MS word - excel - powerpoint internet & email
2. certificate in . financial accounting - computer fundamentals windows 98 / 2000 -MS word - excel tally 5.4
3. certificate in c & c++ programming techniques , c programming c++ programming
4. certificate in visual basic programming techniques programming in visual basic
5. certificate in auto-cad - introduction to autocad advanced autocad (20/30)

##### **6 months' courses:- course fee rs. 500/- p.m.**

1. certificate course in computer application computer fundamentals ms-dos i windows 98 / 2000 i - ms word - excel - powerpoint foxpro 2.6 - financial accounting ( inventory control
2. certificate course in computer programming - c fundamentals , c++ programming -visual basic (beginner level) access (as backend)). .
3. certificate course in rdbms programming visual basic (beginner level) visual basic (advanced level) sql server 7.0
4. certificate course in autocad \. - introduction to autocad, advanced autocad, autolisp !, 3d studio max
5. certificate course in web technology network architecture , protocol suite - html - frontpage , java script - graphics tools
6. certificate course in web designing - html - dhtml frontpage - dream viewer , flash 5.0 .
7. certificate course in web programming html-dhtml java script - vb script - sql server 7.0 – asp, java programming (basic)
8. certificate course in desk top publishing ms word , pagemaker 6.5, corel draw ... photoshop
9. certificate course in pc trouble shooting introduction to computer system cmos- devices handling - disk operating system maintenance of hard disk system and software installation driver setting (all types)

##### **Course starting from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007**

For further query, contact Tel. 64109529

**Prof. S.C. Kopra 9822875500**

*Required EXPERIENCED computer faculty with BCA. Walk-in interview Monday through Saturday between 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Ladies preferred.*

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST POLY  
TECHNIC COLLEGE**

**Venue – St John's Special School 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Jambli Naka Thane(W) Tel. 64109529**

**Announces Short- Term (6- months)**

**Week End Programme (Sat & Sun**

**Management Programs June 2007**

**After- Any Graduation**

**Post –Graduate Diploma in-**

Garment Business Management P.G (G B M)

Boutique Business Management P.G (B B M)

Garment Retail Management P.G (G R M)

Apparel Merchandising P.G (D.A.M)

Fashion Designing & Garment Manufacturing  
P. G (F D G M)

Fashion Designing & Merchandising Management  
Duration = 6 Months Twice a Week Course Fees  
= Rs. 1000/ P.M

**After- H SC**

**Diploma in-**

Garment Business Management (G D B M)

Boutique Business Management (D B B M)

Garment Retail Management (D G R M)

Apparel Merchandising (D A M)

Fashion Designing & Garment Manufacturing  
(F D G M)

Fashion Designing & Merchandising  
Management

**Certificate Course Open To All**

1. Garment Business Management

2. Boutique Business Management

3. Garment Retail Management

4. Apparel Merchandising

5. Fashion Designing & Garment  
Manufacturing

6. Fashion Designing & Merchandising  
Management

Duration = 6 Months Twice a week 3hrs a day

Course Fees= 500/ p.m

Contact Prof. S.C.Kopra, Fashion  
Designer

Mob.9322875500

**RAILWAY GOSPEL**

God created men/women in his own image and likeness. Since God is fountain of all holiness, his image naturally should be holy. St. Paul in 1 Cor. 6/19, asks Corinthians "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? You are not your own, you were bought with a price". If railways is the property of Indian Nation and carrying of dangerous material is an offence, how much more or greater should be an offence to carry within ourselves such destructive emotions/sins, such as anger, enmity, hatred, unforgiveness, lust, jealousy, envy etc.? We read in our Papers result of carrying such sins and destructive emotions. Is it not terrorist activity, kidnapping, murder, rape, etc. the result of this?

--Patrick Sequeira

**NEW MEMBERS**

Name	<i>Baptism date</i>	<i>Birth date</i>
Angelina E.Serpes	18.03..2007	13.02.2007
Candice Pacheco	31.03.2007	21.02.2007
Biju Oleriparambath	08.04.2007	16.02.1975
Jovita Fernandes	08.04.2007	27.02.2007
Sandra Raj	08.04.2007	07.10.2006
Nathalia Fernandes	09.04.2007	12.02.2007
Tezel D'souza	11.04.2007	26.01.2007
Derrick Lewis	15.04.2007	19.02.2007
Grace Ann D'souza	15.04.2007	14.03.2007

**UNITED IN CHRIST**

Date	Bride	Bridegroom
09.04.2007	Gunjan Punjabi	Albert Fernandes
20.04.2007	Shweta Palwankar	Rockey M.Dias
27.04.2007	Bhakti Hevalekar	Anderson F.D'Penha
29.04.2007	Sheetal Pawar	Gordon Fernandes
29.04.2007	Jaya Nadar	Joseph S.Mahesh
29.04.2007	Loretta F.McDonald	Melwyn V.D'souza
29.04.2007	Renita S.Lobo	Amith P Saldanha

**OF LATE MEMORIES**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
07.03.2007	Louis Pinto
08.03.2007	Appi Mascarenhas
22.03.2007	Delphine A.Sequeira
24.03.2007	Benneth Lobo
30.03.2007	John C.Briganza
06.04.2007	Lovie Pereira
26.04.2007	Mary Pinto

### EXHAUSTING, EXCITING AND ENJOYABLE

Climb every mountain, cross every field...with this in mind, we the members of PLAY STATION 07 set out on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 07. As asked we all assembled at 5.30a.m. at St.John's and soon left the premises by 6.30 am .We were heading towards PETH fort at Karjat.

Our journey compiled of singing, sleeping, shouting, screaming. When we arrived, though the sun was already up there was a pleasant breeze adding to the atmosphere of fun. We stopped for a few minutes at the foothills for a breakfast of sandwiches and then went on to start our tiring and much awaited trek to the summit.

The organizers then led the way and we all zoomed off behind them. The up climb was exhausting and little tiring .To retain our energy we halted at many places and there, we were given awards to encourage us and to keep up the good work. We took many adventurous short cuts to reach our destination earlier than expected. A slip here, a tumble there, a little chatter and soon the walk took our breaths away. We soon were so tired that we had to stop at every curve for a sip of water. On the way we encountered different fruit trees and all of us had some good fun plucking 'Karwandas and Kairis' –were they tasty or what!

We then reached a village area where we rested for a while and were given a warm welcome by the villagers. We were served refreshing lime juice which boosted our energy. Then after fifteen minutes we began our climb again.

The second half of our hike took us through shrubs, tall bush green leaves and trees, steep slopes and sharp rocks. On seeing the top of the mountain that we were to reach, we were a bit discouraged .but soon our organizers encouraged us the entire way. Tearing our pants and bruising our knees we soon realized that we had to be brave and tough if we wanted to reach the top – accomplish what we had set out to do .At about 1p.m we reached the fort ' PET KILLA' We were intruded by the caves and steps carved at the time of Shivaji's Era .We rested a while, played and filled our bottles with cooling water from the caves. We enjoyed exploring the caves. At first we were not permitted to climb to the peak of the fort. However, Uncle Kirk was kind enough to understand our enthusiasm to go to top though it was steep So we climbed the steep stairs leading to the top and the view was simply amazing and enchanting though we did not reach the top totally because it was too dangerous, we were cautious about the cool breeze brushing against us, cooling us amidst the heat of the scorching sun.

Soon it was time to descend .The descend was not as easy in comparison to climbing uphill. But due to our teamwork and co-operation from the fellow members and organizers we reached down safely .When we reached down we were given water and sat in the bus to start our journey home. We followed the laws throughout which resulted in us having a super fun filled experience.

'The hike' these words meant different things to different people. Some had been on previous trips but it was a whole new experience for others. Sweating, climbing, fun laughter, exhaustion, thirst and fear comprised of what we experienced in our hike.

We never thought, we never believed that we could accomplish something so great and learn so much. For this we appreciate the help rendered by the organizers and Uncle Kirk Gonsalves in making this hike the most enjoyable, exhausting and exciting 'journey to the top'

Members of play stations 07  
(Summer club)

PARISH COUNCIL 2007 to 2010			
SS.N		ZONES	REPRESENTATIVE
			Years 2007 – 2010
001	E X- OF FI CI O	Parish Priest	Fr. John Rumao
002		Assist Priest	Fr. John Lopes
003		Assist Priest	Fr. Gerard Fernandes
004		Assist Priest	Fr. Victor Dalmet
005		SCCcoordinat or	Mr. Eustace De Cunha
006		Superiors	HCC Superior
007		DC Sister	Sr. Joan
008		CCO	Sr. Amala
009	E L E C T E D	<b>Z one 1 – Brindavan</b>	<b>Mr Francis Fernandes</b>
110			<b>Mr Larry Gonsalves</b>
111		<b>Zone 2 – Cherai N</b>	<b>Mr Ignatius Bhalerao</b>
112			<b>Ms Leena Rodrigues</b>
113		<b>Zone 3 – Cherai S</b>	<b>Mr.Cyril Fonseca</b>
114			<b>Mr.Kirk Gonsalves</b>
115		<b>Z 4/Horta-M</b>	<b>Ms Monish Alvares</b>
116		<b>Zone 5 – Khopat</b>	<b>Lidwin Fernandes</b>
117			<b>Mrs Mercia D'silva</b>
118		<b>Zone 6 – Kolbad</b>	<b>Mrs Linda Miranda</b>
119			<b>Mrs Jessie Sequeira</b>
220		<b>Zone 7 – Kopri</b>	<b>Mr.Gilbert Fernandes</b>
221			<b>Mr.Nickel Susai</b>
222		<b>Zone 8 – K'Villa</b>	<b>Mr. Francis Vaz</b>
223		<b>Lourdes Almeida</b>	
224	<b>Z9 Louiswadi</b>	<b>Mrs Rosie Rodricks</b>	
225	<b>Zone 10 – Naupada I</b>	<b>Mrs Hortencia Barretto</b>	
226	<b>Naupada II</b>	<b>Mrs Juliana Aguiar</b>	
227	<b>Zone 12 – Rabodi</b>	<b>Sebastian D'Souza</b>	
328		<b>Mr. Ashley Raivellor</b>	
329	<b>Z 13 S/ A P</b>	<b>Mrs Ruby D'souza</b>	
330	<b>Zone 14 – Uthalsar</b>	<b>Mrs Iris Soeiro</b>	
331		<b>Mr.Oliver Fernandes</b>	
332	RE PR ES EN TA TI VE S	<b>Lay Associations</b>	<b>Mr. Nazareth D'Penha, SVP</b>
332			<b>Mrs. Brenda Fernandes, CPG</b>
334			<b>Mrs. Lucy Shrivastav, Adorers</b>
335			<b>Ryan Andrews-youth</b>
336		<b>John D'Sa – C/P - Cell</b>	
337	NO MI NA T ED		<b>Ms Clara Correia</b>
338			<b>Mrs. Margaret Mascarenhas</b>
339			<b>Anthony Alphonso</b>

*The above is the final list of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for the year 2007 to 2010. The first meeting of the newly formed parish council will be held on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007 at 10.30 a.m. in the parish meeting room. Members are requested to be in time for the meeting.*

*We wish to thank the out-going parish council and place on record its services. On many occasions it has been a strong support in the pastoral ministry.*