

LOCUSTS & HONEY

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In-charge: Ms. Ida D’Silva

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 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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REJECTION?

A few years ago a father and mother sent this open letter to the parents and students of a high school in a southern city.

"Dear Boys, Girls, and Parents:

*n Thursday. He got into bed Tuesday and very
gun to his temple and shot a bullet straight*

*through his brain, very bloodlessly so we would suffer less. Mike
was bright, handsome, witty, shy, and with ease did when in school.
His phone rang constantly and his friends were in and out of the
house all the time. The Coroner's report showed no drugs.*

*"In reality Mike had lots of friends. Each individual, however, has
his own perception of reality-his reality. Sunday night, Mike got
drunk and we had a long talk, and for the first time we realized that
our rosy perception of the state of his life wasn't his. He was very
sad. He felt his friends didn't care about him-even though we know
they DID.*

*"We believe you all can help God make this world a happier place
to live. Somewhere between the ages of 20 and 35, people begin to
feel secure enough to tell their friends 'I love you' or . I'm glad
you're my friend.' Please be brave, because at your age it is all
scary, chancy thing to say; but please tell your friends that they are
your friends and you do care. This is most important because a
person can feel most alone when surrounded by people.*

*"There are also some in your school who truly have no friends.
Their phone never rings and friends never come over. Please make
friends with them. They are really lonely. If Mike felt such*

*"Love to you all,"**

The letter was signed by Mike's mother and father.

*Rejection can be a terrible thing. It can hurt one
emotionally so deep that at that intense feeling the option one finds
is to end one's life. The young blind man, Baltimaeus too was
rejected by the crowd. But there was one who heard his cry,
stopped and said, " Call him." Jesus then not only gave him sight
but opened the hearts of all to accept everyone who seek help*

This week's Announcements, 29th October, 2006.

- *Wenesday, 1st November – All Saints Day will be celebrated.*
- *Thursday, 2nd November is All Souls' Day. Masses will be at 6.00 a.m., 6.45 a.m., 7.30 a.m., 6.15 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. in the church and at 8.00 a.m. at Three Petrol Pump Cemetery. A box is kept in front of the altar for your Mass intentions. There will be no 6.30 a.m. Mass in the Holy Cross Convent.*
- *Friday, 3rd November is the 1st Friday of the month. Half hour adoration after the 7.00 p.m. Mass*
- *Next Sunday Mass at Our lady of Hope Church, Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave for Ghormal at 9.00 a.m. from the school premises.*
- *The collection at Masses on Mission Sunday, amounted to Rs., 34,674.00*
- *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,595.00.*

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.

30/10 to 5/11 This week's readings:

30/Mon Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1; Lk 13:10-17
 31/Tue Eph 5:21-33; Ps 127; Lk 13:18-21
 01/Wed ALL SAINTS - Sol Rev 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 23;
 1 In 3:1-3;Mt 5: 1-12a
 02/Thu ALL SOULS Readings from the Lectionary:
 for the Dead
 03/Fri St Martin de Porres, rel Phi11: 1-11; Ps 110;
 Lk 14: 1-6
 04/Sat St Charles Borromeo, bp - mem Phi11:18b-26;
 Ps 41; Lk 14:1,7-11
 05/Sun Deut 6:2-6;Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34.

ALL SOULS DAY
 02ND November 2006

Masses in The Church: 06.00a.m /
 06.45a.m / 07.30a.m and 06.15p.m / 07.00p.m

**Mass at Three Petrol Pump Cemetery
 at 08.00a.m**

No mass at Holy Cross Convent

**All the masses will be offered for intentions
 placed in the boxes kept in the church.**

**These intentions will not be announced. The
 mass offerings amount received will be
 utilized for the cemetery beautification.**

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 Christ-inseparable prayer, from the sacred meditation of 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 he 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."



Sodality Snacks Stall in aid of the Missions.

NOVEMBER 2006
Holy Father's General Intention: That, everywhere in the world, an end be put to all forms of terrorism.
Missionary Intention: That through the effort of believers, together with living forces of society, the new and old chains which prevent the development of the African Continent may be broken.



30th Sunday of the year – 29th October, 2006.

OFFICIAL

To:

The Parish Priests/Priests in Charge
Archdiocese of Bombay

Reverend and dear Father,

As you are aware, we have a situation in several parishes in this Archdiocese, where Organizations and Associations functioning in the Parish collect funds and maintain their own accounts. The Parish Priests / Priests in charge of these parishes have been under the impression that what is happening is fine and that there is nothing to worry and the system could be carried on.

I am writing this OFFICIAL to you, to bring to your notice that if the Organizations or Associations functioning in your Parish collect funds and maintain their own accounts, and they are not INDEPENDENT REGISTERED TRUSTS, what has been happening is NOT ACCEPTABLE and NOT RIGHT! All monies collected under the umbrella of your parish and under your Trusteeship, independently of WHO collects the amount, as per the rules of the Income Tax and the Charity Trusts, HA VE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR in the Parish Account Books and subjected to Annual Audit. Further, even if they are Independent Trusts, they are NOT allowed to make use of the Parish Trust to collect funds for their own objectives, without clearance from the Archbishop of Bombay. Please also note that such 'Trusts' CANNOT use the name and address of the Church as their official registered Trust address.

You are therefore kindly requested to take remedial action FORTHWITH and make the Organizations and Associations in your parish who, so far have been collecting funds and keeping their own accounts, submit their funds and accounts to you. Please credit all such monies to the Accounts of the Parish Trust and get the same audited Annually.

Please, note that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS to this system!

Percival J. E. Fernandez

Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay In charge of Finances
October 22, 2006

OSTEOPOROSIS CAMP

The Free Osteoporosis Detection and Awareness Camp organized by the St.John Baptist Health Cell in collaboration with Elders Pharmaceutical will be held

on *29th October 2006 in the Pavilion at St.John's from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m.*

Kindly register your name in advance at the Church office or the health cell. Calcium tablets will be available at a concession. Free counseling will also be rendered. A humble plea to all parishioners and animators, please spread the word of the camp to one and all in their area/zones, and fulfill our vision and goal of a healthy parish