

# LOCUSTS & HONEY

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**CWF Secretary:** Jessie Sequeira**Sunday School In-charge:** Sr. Ancy**RCIA & School Catechism:****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 &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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Marriage is truly a vocation, which means that God calls a woman and a man to become holy in and through a loyal loving and living of every aspect of marriage. Marriages by and large are reasonably happy, though none are free from problems or from suffering, worry, and pain. It seems that love and suffering are inseparable companions, and suffering is without limit in its variety.

In marriage as in all vocations, growing and maturing is the deepest need. And both spouses have to work at it. They have to learn the true meaning of love: that it is living for the beloved rather than for self. Both have to learn the needs of the other partner, physical and psychological, and spiritual (the needs of children, too). Perhaps the greatest need any person has is for recognition as a person, beloved and respected. Every person needs to be loved and cherished, to be told that she or he is loved, and it can't be too often.

Spouses have to learn how to talk together as equals, to discuss mutual problems. Each has to learn how to listen; each has to learn to recognize personality faults and failings and to work at overcoming them. In a word, spouses have to communicate. Most failures in marriage can be traced to failure to communicate as mature, adult, equal human persons.

Marriage is for the mature, for those who are capable of taking on responsibility for the other as well as for themselves. Years ago Ann Landers' column had some excellent suggestions for creating a happy married life:

1. Never both be angry at the same time.
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
3. Never meet without an affectionate welcome.
4. Yield to the wishes of the other as an exercise of self-discipline if you can't think of a better reason.
5. If you have any criticism to make, make it lovingly.
6. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.
7. Never bring up a mistake of the past.
8. Don't be afraid to give compliments to the other.
9. Never go to bed mad.
10. When you've made a mistake, talk it out and ask for forgiveness.
11. Remember, it takes two to make an argument. The one who is wrong is the one who will be doing the most talking.

Happy, successful marriages do not happen all at once. Like genuine love they have to be created, nourished, often at the cost of great effort and sacrifice in total fidelity to each other and to God. Creating this love is a mutual growth process that must continue all through life.

--Emeric Lawrence, OSB

### This week's Announcements, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.

- October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary prayer will be recited everyday at 6.30 p.m. in front of the grotto
- Sodality will organize a lunch for the poor on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – after 5.30 p.m. Scheduled Mass there will be a session for all the members of all the associations, cells and ministries, in the pavilion. All members to attend
- Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 a.m. in the pavilion.
- Civic & Political Cell meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 p.m. in the Pavilion.
- CWF Committee will meet on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 a.m. in the meeting room.
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,21,385.00*
- *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,748.00.*

### 09/10 to 16/10 This week's readings:

09/Mon	Sts Denys, bp, & Comps, mm Or, St John Leonardi, pt, Gal 1:6-12; Ps 110; Lk 10:25-37
10/Tue	Gal I: 13-24; Ps 138; Lk 10:38-42
11/Wed	Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 116; Lk 11:1-4
12/Thu	Gal 3:1-5; Ps Lk 1; Lk 11:5-13
13/Fri	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 110; Lk 11:15-26
14/Sat	St Callistus I, Pp m, Gal 3:22-29; Ps 104; Lk 11:27-28
15/Sun.	Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30.

### **Smile! Giggle! Laugh!!!**

A famous boxer had to use the wash room attached to the waiting room at the railway station. and, fearing his overcoat might be stolen, attached a ticket to it before hanging it up on a peg in the waiting room.

The ticket read: "Owned by a famous boxer who will be back in five minutes"

When he returned for his overcoat a little later, all he found was a ticket which read, "Taken by a champion sprinter, who is not coming back."

## MISSION SUNDAY

*Every baptised Christian is a missionary.*

- *Hence every lay missionary is reminded of our commitment to Mission of the Church. With Mission Sunday near at hand, we the Sodalists of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Thane are organising the following activities during the month of October.*

1. **A lunch for the poor on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006**
2. **Sweets and snacks stall on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006.**
3. **Jumble Sale from 18<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

- **A door-to-door voluntary collection will also be made by the Sodalists towards this cause. The proceeds of the amount collected will be sent the mission and various charitable organisations**

## COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS

### *Forthcoming Events.*

*Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – at 5.30 p.m. Scheduled Mass for all the members of all the associations, cells and ministries, followed by a session in the pavilion. All members to attend.*

*Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Associations Day: at 5.30 p.m. Mass followed by Rally Program in the Quadrangle - A Rally for all the parishioners to be presented by all the associations, cells and ministries.*

*N.B. All the members of all the parish associations. Cells and ministries, please, take active part in the above programs.*

Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night any-way.  
-Mary C. Crowley

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What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.  
-Eleanor Powell

A man with God is always in the majority.  
-John Knox

<b>Youth are encouraged to attend the youth Mass. The Following Zones are requested to organize the Liturgy</b>		
Sr.No	Date	Zone
1	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 06	Naupada I
2	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 06	K'villa
3	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 06	Brindaban
4	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 06	Naupada II
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 06	Kolbad
6	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 06	Khopat
7	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 06	Cherai North
8	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 06	Cherai South
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 06	Louiswadi
10	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 06	Utalsar
11	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 06	Horta Mahgeri
12	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 06	Kopri
13	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 06	Anandpark
14	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 07	Rabodi

<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>		
NAME	<i>Dt. Of Baptism</i>	<i>Dt. Of Birth</i>
Rylan Pereira	03.09.2006	15.07.2006
Angelina Crasto	10.09.2006	28.07.2006
Vanessa Joyce D'souza	24.09.2006	05.08.2006
Linus Ronak Fernandes	24.09.2006	08.02.2006
Melvin Varel	24.09.2006	27.07.2006
Rhea Gonsalves	24.09.2006	10.08.2006

<b>OF LATE MEMORIES</b>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
10.09.2006	Robert A. Aguiar
23.09.2006	Yvonne Freese

### ***St. Michael's Zone : Report on clusterisation.***

The first two "Cluster" Small Christian Communities meetings (SCC), Narlipada Sub Zone, of St. Michael's Zone (Narlipada-Pratap-Khopat), was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2006 at 7 PM & 8 PM, in Flower Valley & Siddhivinayak Towers respectively. 5 to 6 families represented on an average.

The "High Point" of this meeting was the slide presentation screened with the help of an LCD Projector, to bring out the meaning and the importance of formation of Clusters in the SCCs of 8 to 10 families, in keeping with the directive of the Archdiocese, Mid Term Synod 2006. The presentation was prepared painstakingly by the Zonal Coordinator, Mervyn Gonsalves with the help of his the three Animators, Cynthia, Wilma and Cletus (Co Coordinator for the Zone). Mr. Eustace de Cunha, Secy. PPC, screened the same making it a thumping success.

Those present were very convinced of the need for formation of Clusters, and agreed to have the meetings monthly. Two Leaders for the respective clusters to assist the Animators were chosen.

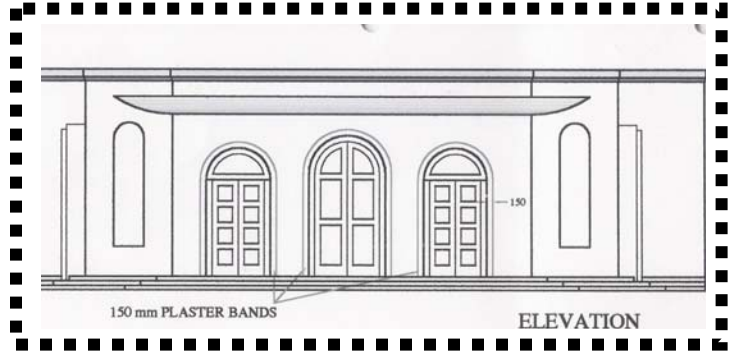
The entire meeting of one hour was divided into three parts; viz. Slide Presentation, "**The Small Christian Communities, THE CLUSTERS**", 7 Step Method of Bible Sharing and Fellowship. In both places, the entire meeting was completed within the stipulated time of one hour. All present without exception expressed that they very much enjoyed the meeting and looked forward to the next meeting. Some also shared that it was only at this meeting that they had the opportunity to get acquainted with the other families, not known to them at all, inspite of being there for several years. Mervyn suggested that he would work out the entire list of the families, with their names of all the members of individual families, together with their contact telephone numbers, to help them to be in touch with each other between meetings and also in case of any emergency. This was readily agreed to by all present.

This report would not be complete if we do not express our deep gratitude to his Lordship, Bishop Bosco Penha, who has taken a keen and personal interest in this pilot project of our Zone, by his phone calls, his valuable advice, encouragement and sending us the requisite information which helped us in putting together the slide presentation. Our sincere thanks also to our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. John Rumao for his unstinted support and not forgetting Mr. Eustace de Cunha who spared his most valuable time in his very busy schedule and sharing his technical expertise to make the presentation possible.

Mervyn Gonsalves (President) & Cletus Lewis (Secy), Zonal Coordinators  
St. Michael Zone (Narlipada – Pratap – Khopat)

**PROPOSED DESIGN for the main ornate door of the porch.**

The design will depict various scenes in the life of St. John the Baptist in teak wood carving in keeping with the heritage importance.



Front elevation of the porch

*N.B. Suggestions that will enhance the beauty of the porch are welcome.*

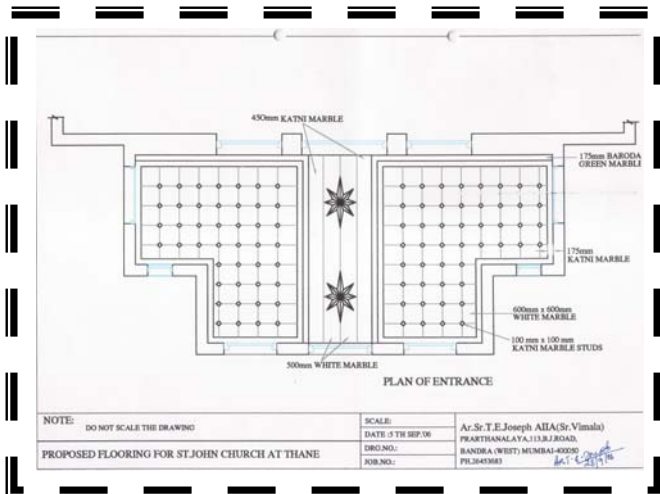
**ATTENTION YOUTH!**

The ICYM – BOMBAY is organizing two camps for college youth during Diwali Vacation. Those who are interested kindly contact the Parish Youth Animator, **Fr. Victor** Or the Diocesan Youth Centre, Bandra. Details are on the Parish notice board.

**SERVICE SEEKERS :OCT 25-27 2006-** A Mission Experience at Roha, Raigad for Senior College Boys and Girls. The Camp fees are fixed at Rs.300/- per head, with board and lodge and inclusive of travel. Registration forms are available with parish youth animator. The deadline to submit the Registration form to the DYC, Bandra is 16 Oct 2006.

**FUN & FANTASY: 30<sup>th</sup> OCT. 1<sup>st</sup> NOV.2006-  
At Kune, Khandala**

This is a camp for XI & XII Std Boys and Girls who are members of Parish Youth Movement and Neighbourhood Groups. The camp fees are fixed at Rs.500/- per head, with board and lodge, inclusive of travel. Registration forms are available with parish youth animator. The deadline to submit the Registration Form to the DYC, Bandra is 20 Oct 2006



Marble flooring design for the porch.

**St. Michael's Zone**

**Parish Fathers' visits to clusters.**

16th October, 2006 @ 8 PM - 2 Clusters

23rd October, 2006 @ 8 PM - 3 Clusters

30th October, 2006 @ 8 PM - 3 Clusters

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year – 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.

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