

# LOCUSTS & HONEY

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Sunday: 6,7,8,9.15 a.m.

5.30, 6.30 p.m.

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 7pm.**Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 am**Marriages:** Weekday at 5.15 pm.

Sunday: 5.30 &amp; 6.30 pm

**Funerals:** Any day: 10 to 11.45 am

4 to 5.00 p.m.

**Sacrament of the sick:**

Any time 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 Fridaysat 6.00 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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## OUR LADY OF HOPE, GHORMAL.



Come Easter and the Thaneites have something to look forward to – the feast of Bharnvsa Mauli on the hillock at Ghormal. “Bharvansa’ as commonly spoken in the local East Indian dialect means hope, expectation and something to look forward to. The feast of Our Lady of Hope at Ghormal is traditionally celebrated during the Easter Season towards the end of April. It goes well with the spirit of Easter, as the resurrection of the Lord is indeed the new hope that we Christians share in the gift of faith in the new life.

Hope is something basic to a happy life. Carl Sandburg says, “Who can live without hope?” Life without hope and expectation is misery Right from birth to death, from womb to tomb, our every step is guided by what life holds out to us from moment to moment. Be they achievements, occasions, fulfillment of wishes or ambitions, events of good luck, times of new arrivals in the family, marriages, new houses, jobs or anything one desires they are like beads of diamonds in the making of our life’s shining necklace, the beauty of which is beheld, only when the last bead is strewn with the satisfaction of life lived very wonderfully. There may be a few black beads sparsed in between the beads of diamond. Even they now begin to look beautiful in the midst of diamonds. It is hope that paints the canvas of our lives with the portrait of joyous expectations and longings. It is said, hope gives enchantment to the distant future, to the invisible tomorrow. Orison Sweet Marden says, “There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow.” A famous American cardiologist said in his autobiography, “Hope is the medicine I use more than any other. Hope can cure nearly everything.”

Mary is the mother of hope. She gave hope to the world by saying ‘yes’ to Angel Gabriel and by bringing forth the Redeemer of mankind. She gave hope to the embarrassed host at Cana of Galilee. She now raises our hopes in the reward of eternal life through her risen son. She is indeed Our Lady of Hope.

### This week's Announcements, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 06.

- ✂ *The annual feast of Our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal will be celebrated on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Masses in English will be at 8.15 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. The feast Mass will be in Marathi at 10.45 a.m. Buses will leave the school premises for every Mass one hour before the Mass.*
- ✂ *Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May is the feast of St. Joseph, the Worker and Maharashtra Day. The Flag-hoisting ceremony will be held after 6.45 a.m. Mass in front of the church.*
- ✂ *Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May Kopat-Pratap Annual Zonal Mass in the pavilion at 6.00 p.m. followed by a short "Get-together".*
- ✂ *From 1<sup>st</sup> May till 31<sup>st</sup> May, there will be daily three Masses in the church at 6.00 a.m., 6.45 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. and on Sundays at 6.00 a.m., 7.00 a.m., 8.00 a.m. 9.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. There will be no 6.30 p.m. Mass and no Mass in the Kopri Chapel.*
- ✂ *Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. A half-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 p.m.*
- ✂ *In the month of May, the Rosary prayer will be recited at 6.30 p.m. at the Grotto.*
- ✂ *Offerings at Masses on Easter Sunday, amounted to Rs.,21,111.00*
- ✂ *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,560.00.*

### CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study

#### 42. WHO PREACHED?

Unless someone preaches how can the others believe? Fill in the blanks and you will know some of the preachers of the Bible.

1. - - - went all over Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the good news about the kingdom; (Mt 4:23)
2. - - - - went to the synagogues in Damascus and began to preach. (Acts 8:26)
3. Every day in the temple and in people's homes the - - - - continued to teach and preach the good news about Jesus the Messiah. (Acts 5:42)
4. He said to the - - - - "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." (Mk 16:15)
5. '-----'preached in the synagogue throughout the country. (Lk 4:44)
6. - - - - preached to the Ethiopian official. (Acts 8:26)
7. - - - - - - - - came to the desert of J udea and started preaching. (Mt 3: 1)
8. - - - - and - - - - worked day and night so that they would not be any trouble to others as they preached the good news. (1 Thes 2:9)
9. Let me tell you my brothers, that the gospel I - - - - preached is not of human origin. (Gal 1:11)
10. - - - - and - - - - - - - - fled to the cities of Lystra and Derbe in Lycaonia and to the surrounding territory. There they preached the good news. (Acts 14:7)

*Children, answer the above quizzes and the ones that appeared in the previous bulletin together and submit them to Fr. Joe Rodricks or any of the sisters by 27<sup>th</sup> May.1*

---Parish Priest.

#### 01/5 to 07/5 This week's readings:

<b>Mon.</b>	Ac 6:8-15; Ps 118; In 6:22-29 OR St Joseph the Worker, Ms of mem, pr Pf Gn 1:26-2:3 or Co13:14-15,17,23-24; Ps 89; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Tues.</b>	<i>St Athanasius, bp dr – mem</i> Ac 7:51-8:1a;
<b>Wed.</b>	Ps 30; In 6:30-35 STS <b>PIDLIP &amp; JAMES</b> , Aps – Fst 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 18; In 14:6-14
<b>Thurs.</b>	Ac 8:26-40; Ps 65; In 6:44-51 .
<b>Friday</b>	Ac 9:1-20; Ps 116; In 6:52-59
<b>Satur.</b>	Ac 9:31-42; Ps 115; In 6: 60-69
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts:, 3:13-15, 17-19; St. Jn, 2:1-5; Lk, 24:35-48

### Adult Faith Formation:

#### Answers We Must Know.

#### 1. Why do Catholics worship Mary?

Well, of course very often in a question there is hidden a statement. The statement hidden in this question is that Catholics do worship Mary and that, of course is something that many of the sects very much object to. The accusation

that we worship the Blessed Virgin Mary is unjust. What exactly does worship mean?



Actually, it is a combination of two words borrowed from the English used formerly. In England, sometimes Judges are addressed as "Your Worship" which is an extraordinary address. The origin of the word worship is "worth-ship", which means that the object of worship is worthy of regard and so on. And "worth-ship" has since been corrupted into worship. Now, with regard to the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary and God, we offer worship only to God because in modern English and in a religious context, worship implies an attitude towards a Supreme Being and there can be only one Supreme Being. So God says in Chapter 34 of the Book of Exodus that "I am a jealous God, my name is Jealous. I am a jealous God". One of the characteristics of God in the Old Testament is his jealousy. And what does that mean?

God is never jealous of somebody, God is jealous for something. So, the jealousy of God means a unique kind of anger on God's part. It is an anger provoked when something belonging exclusively to him is taken from him and given to another. This property of God which is exclusive to Him is the property of worship and adoration. No creature can be the object of worship. No creature can be the object of such adoration, only God can be the object of that.

Now, on the other hand, we think of people like the saints and the blessed Virgin Mary as being especially endowed by God, specially endowed with grace. The angel said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women", and Mary herself said in her Magnificat that, "All generations will call me blessed" So these are Biblical data that we simply cannot deny and cannot ignore. Now, we know about the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary that their glories are reflected glory. The glory really is God's glory and the wonder of God is seen in His saints. And when we honour the saints, we really honour God himself who is the source or their grace and the source or their greatness. So instead of saying then that Catholics worship

Mary, we should prefer to say that we honour Mary, that we recognize that she is blessed among women and that we like to join all those future generations that will call her blessed. So we honour her and we venerate her and we regard her as the supreme creature, but she is always a creature and there is an Infinite distance between her and the Creator. Very simply, we don't worship Mary, we do venerate her, we do honour her as the supreme creature supremely blessed by God. We can never forget that God chose her to be the mother of His Son, Jesus. Further, on the Cross, Jesus Himself assigned to Mary a special role in the plan of salvation when he said, "Woman, behold your son," implying all of us who form the Church.

#### NEW MEMBERS

NAME	<i>Dt. Of Baptism</i>	<i>Dt. Of Birth</i>
Al Patrick	05.03.2006	17.01.2006
Nikhat Khan	07.03.2006	07.07.1979
Jayden Lopes	12.03.2006	31.03.2006

#### UNITED IN CHIRST

Date	<i>Bridegroom</i>	<i>Bride</i>
18.03.2006	Navin M. Lewis	Nikhat Khan

#### OF LATE MEMORIES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
13.03.2006	<i>Nicolas Pinto</i>
21.03.2006	<i>Eldred J.Almeida</i>
24.03.2006	<i>Walter Rodrigues</i>
24.03.02006	<i>Ruby Nadar</i>
28.03.2006	<i>Merry Joseph</i>

#### *Bharavansa Mauli's Festa*





**GHORMAL FEAST  
30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2006.**



**A WARNING**

Little Johnny wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he surprised the teacher with an announcement.

He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades... somebody is going to get a spanking." .

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In the beginning,

God created the earth and rested.

Then God created Man and rested.

Then God created Woman.

Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

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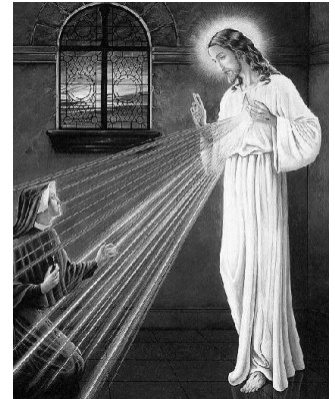
A beggar walked up to a well-dressed woman shopping on Rodeo Drive and said,

"I haven't eaten anything for days."

She looked at him and said, "God, I wish I had your will-power."

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST**

Braving the scorching mid-day Sun hundreds of devotees flocked together for the novena at the 'Hour of Great Mercy' at 5 o'clock from Good Friday in preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday after Easter. Father Gerry in his scintillating homilies chose highly appropriate topics on Corporal Acts of Mercy and tenaciously related them to Spiritual Acts of Mercy.



"The Mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him.(Ps:103:17) In other words, it is far more noble than love itself. The devotion was facilitated by new consolidated prayer books compiled by Anita Serpes and team. On the last day of the novena, Father Gerry blessed and distributed copies of Act of Consecration to the Divine Mercy. The feast day solemn High mass was celebrated by the Parish priest Father John Rumao who highlighted the importance of Divine Mercy. The celebration came to a refreshing close with snacks.

**A.Menezes**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HFH SCHOOL,THANE  
ADMISSION 2006-2007**

***THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION FOR S'R.K.G  
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007.***  
ADMISSION FORMS FOR STDS. I TO IX WILL  
BE ISSUED ON FRIDAY 2ND JUNE,2006  
BETWEEN 9.00 AM AND 10.00 AM.

ADMISSION WILL BE GRANTED ON THE  
FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

1. MERIT 2. AVAILABILITY OF SEATS  
PLEASE NOTE: NO LOCAL MIGRATION

DULY FILLED IN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON  
MONDAY 5TH JUNE, 2006 BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND  
10.30 AM, ALONG WITH THE PHOTOCOPY  
RESULT OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

***CATHOLIC CANDIDATES SHOULD ENCLOSE  
THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE.***

**SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL BE DISPLAYED  
ON THE NOTICE BOARD ON THURSDAY 8TH  
JUNE, 2006, AT 9.30 AM**

**DO NOT CONTACT ANY STAFF MEMBER  
03.04.2006**

**INTENTIONS FOR MA Y 2006**

**Holy Father's General Intention:** That the abundance of the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on the Church may contribute to the growth of peace and justice in the world.

**Missionary Intention:** That in the mission countries those responsible for the public institutions may, with suitable laws, promote and defend human life from its conception to its natural termination





