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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 6.15 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

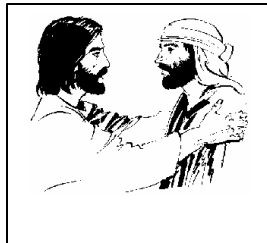
**Office Timings:** 9.00 a.m. to 12.30

5.00 p.m. to 07.00

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

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[www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com)**WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT**

*Giving up is not as easy as it might sound. To illustrate the point, take the case of the young man in the Gospel, who wanted to be perfect and could not give up his wealth to follow Jesus. Attachments buried deep in our blood stream over a period of time with habits are more than a challenge to give up.*

*Yet with the power of God, repentance and conversion are possible and can be made real if one begins to 'give up'. The Lent is an affordable opportunity to gain control over self and be a master of things that seem to control us. Here are a few areas which are suggested in the book, 'What to Give Up For Lent' by Rev. Craig Gates, Jackson, MS*

*GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.*

*GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.*

*GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.*

*GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?*

*GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."*

*GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.*

*GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.*

*There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!*

*GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.*

*GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.*

**This week's Announcements, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 06..**

- ✂ On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March the parish council will meet at 10.30 a.m.
- ✂ *Children's Way of the Cross will be on Sundays after 8.00 a.m. Mass.*
- ✂ *On Monday after the 7.00 p.m. the film of "Mary of Nazareth" part II will be shown.*
- ✂ *Way of the Cross in Marathi on Wednesday at 6.15 p.m.*
- ✂ *Way of the Cross in Konkani on Thursday at 7.30 p. m*
- ✂ *Friday, the Way of the Cross in English at 7.30 p.m.*
- ✂ On Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March the CWF committee will meet at 10.30 a.m.
- ✂ During the season of Lent, Lenten alms are collected in aid of the seminary. Two boxes are placed on the side-altars for your Lenten alms
- ✂ *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,24,675.00*
- ✂ *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs 3,317.00.*

**28/11 to 04/12 This week's readings :**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | Dan 9:4-10; Ps 78:8-9,11,13; Lk6:36-38  |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | Is 1: 10,16-20; Ps49:8-9,16-17,21,23; Mt23:1-12                                     |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | Jer 18: 18-20; Ps30:5-6,14-16; Mt20: 17-28  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | Jer 17:5-10;Ps 1:1-4,6;Lk 16:19-31  |
| <b>Friday</b> | St Patrick, bp, ms. Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 104: 16-21; Mt 21 :33-46             |
| <b>Satur.</b> | St Cyril of Jerusalem, bp, drMic 7: 14-15,18-20; Ps 102: 1-4,9-12; Lk 15: 1-3,11-32 |
| <b>Sunday</b> | Gn.22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Rm 8:31b-34;Mk 9:2-10.                                    |

**RESULTS OF THE BIBLE QUIZES**

*Appeared in the Locusts & Honey Issues of 29<sup>th</sup> Jan., 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.:*

- ? 1<sup>st</sup> prize                      *Mystica Vaz*
- ? 2<sup>nd</sup> prize                      *Xavier D'Souza*
- ? 3<sup>rd</sup> prize                      *Nikhil Mascarenhas.*

**CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study****34. GOSPEL FACTS**

In which Gospel do we find the following:

1. The genealogy of Jesus.
2. The wise men's visit to Jesus.
3. The temptation of Jesus.
4. Nicodemus' visit to Jesus.
5. The ten virgins.
6. Zacchaeus
7. Good Samaritan
8. The Samaritan Woman.
9. Transfiguration.
10. Lazarus raised from the dead

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**36. MEMORABLE PLACES**

Here below are names of some famous places mentioned in the Bible. A few are not found in the Bible. Which are they?

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Emmaus    | 11. Nazareth |
| 2. Jerusalem | 12. Taipe    |
| 3. Cana      | 13. Galilee  |
| 4. Nigeria   | 14. Babylon  |
| 5. Milan     | 15. Tarsus   |
| 6. Greece    | 16. Zurich   |
| 7. Lebanon   | 17. Antioch  |
| 8. Jericho   | 18. Rome     |
| 9. Manila    | 19. Galatia  |
| 10. Zion     | 20. Sydney   |

**37. MATCH THE FOLLOWING**

Match the persons with the facts related to them.

1. Martha and Mary 2. Moses, 3. Miriam,  
4. Solomon 5. Noah 6. Samson 7. Paul 8. Isaiah 9.  
Thomas 10. Stephen 11. Andrew 12. David

- a. built a temple, b. burning bush, c. built an ark, d. lost his strength when his hair was cut. e. apostle f. chosen vessel g. doubter h. prophet i. Bethany j. king k. stoned to death 1. struck with leprosy

*Children, answer the above quises and the ones that will appear in the next bulletin together and submit them to Fr. Victor Dalmet or any of the sisters by 25<sup>th</sup> March*

---Parish Priest.

**NBCLC BANGALORE offers SEMINARS:  
ON VALUE EDUCATION FROM 10-18 May  
for educators of youths;**

**ON CHURCH IN INDIA – Leadership of the  
Laity in the church and society**

**From 21-30 May, 06.**

**[Scholarship, part travel expenses will be made  
available to those interested]**

**Contact: The Director, BCLC, P. Bag 8426,  
Hutchins Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Bagalore 560084.**

**Tel.: 080-25472369; Fax: 080-25460194.**

**E-mail: dirnbclc@vsnl.com**

**For further information contact Parish Priest.**

## ASHEN-FACED

*Beautifying the face and looking gorgeous and glamorous has become a modern day pastime .A gentle application of a fair and lovely cream with a touch of lip-stick and eye-liner for woman, and a splash of lotion for men will do the magic. Facial crafting has become the state of the art practice. Good-looking people are better off than others get priority in work places and make more money.*

*How about ASH for a make-up. Do I have the impertinence to say it. Then may I ask what am I doing as a Christian at the beginning of lent to allow a makeover of my face with an inscription on my fore-head with ash. Do I not sanctimoniously permit this makeover with Ash, and it certainly does accentuate the face. I remember a little boy who once told his father “Your fore-head is a smooth landing strip for insects’. The boy had mistaken the ash inscription for an insect. For the ‘faith –filled ‘the ash face –lift is of a different kind. We are surrounded with signs .We use signs to communicate some reality. Everyday God is making signs too us and we make signs to God. On the first day of lent we use the most despised of residual substances ASH to put a SIGNature on our fore-heads expressing a 180\* turn around from living an “Eccentric” life to a “Centric” life in Christ. Alas at least one day in the year “ASH” can rival the competition of Garnier, old Spice. Ever yuth and AXE effect*

*--Rev. Fr. Gerry Fernandes*

### LENTEN SERVICES 2006.

| DAYS              | DATES                  | SERVICES                                       | TIME                      |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>    | In Lent                | Screening of Biblical Films                    | 7.30 p.m.                 |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | In Lent                | Way of the Cross in Marathi                    | 06.15 p.m.                |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | In Lent                | Power Point Presentation on selected themes    | After 7.00 p.m. Mass      |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | In Lent                | Way of the Cross in Konkani                    | 07.30 p.m.                |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | In Lent                | Way of the Cross in English                    | 07.30 p.m.                |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | In Lent                | Penitential Service                            | 6.30 p.m.                 |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | In Lent                | Way of the Cross in English for children       | 04.30 p.m.                |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | 26 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Bishop Bosco conducts Animotrs' meeting</b> | <b>6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m</b> |

### CATECHISTS' TRAINING COURSE 2006 – 2007 A ONE YEAR INSERVICE COURSE & IMFE – A ONE YEAR IN-SERVICE TRAINING

**For:**

- ? **Sunday school Pastoral Team animators**
- ? **Regular School pastoral team animators**
- ? **Baptismal Ministry animators**
- ? **Bible Cell Animattos**
- ? **Youth Council Animators**
- ? **Parish SCC Project Animators**
- ? **Dialogue Cell animators**
- ? **Family Cell Animators**
- ? **Health Cell Animators**

*The above courses are organized by  
DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE.*

*N,B. Scholarships will be made available to  
those wanting to do the above courses and  
serve the parish community. Please, contact  
the Parish Priest for further details.*

Joseph Cardijn Technical School offers a month long technical trade training especially for those who have appeared for their SSC/HSC exams. Knowing the basics of of Welding, electrical, car repair, carpentry & fabrication will always be useful.

**3<sup>rd</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**

Timing: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Fees Rs. 1000/-

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

**JESUS INVITES US - COME AND EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE.**

In this holy season of Lent, the Lord invites you personally to spend more time with Him in praise, worship, thanksgiving and adoration. What better time and place than at the NIGHT ADORATION held on Saturday, 25th March, 2006 at the Church of St. John the Baptist, commencing at 10.30 p.m. with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; followed by ADORATION right through the night to the wee hours of the morning. We need to make the necessary sacrifice for our own salvation and the salvation of the world. It is the need of the hour. In our whole life which is a gift from God, precious time spent in the Presence of the Lord, is the only thing that counts for our permanent happiness hereafter. Come and experience the Lord's Presence. "Come to Me all you who labour and I will give you rest" is none other than the Lord Himself calling you with open arms. The time is short and we may not get another opportunity. The Lord is good. The Lord is kind; and He loves everyone without exception. Let us thank Abba Father for His love and care. Let us open our life fully to the Lord. Jesus Lord fill us with more of Your Presence, that as each new day dawns we grow in ways pleasing to You as we come closer to Heaven our goal.

The future dates of the Night Adoration in this year dedicated to the EUCHARIST AND THE FAMILY are: APRIL 29TH, MAY 27TH, JUNE 17TH, JULY 29TH, AUGUST 26TH, SEPTEMBER 30TH, OCTOBER 28TH, NOVEMBER 18TH, DECEMBER 16TH,

**Hanging garden – Promenade .....**

As a part of the ongoing agitation, JAAG and the NSS unit of St. John the Baptist Junior College of Commerce and Science jointly conducted a 'Survey of Traffic around the Masunda Tank' on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The inauguration of the Survey was held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The DCP - Traffic Mr. Dnyaneshwar Chavan, Mr. Mote – Police Inspector Traffic, DR (Mrs) Kusum Gokhale (Ex Prof. of Zoology) and DR Ashok Patil – Prof of Statistics (Thana College) attended the function. A trial run for the students was conducted to familiarize the students with the methodology. Twelve spots were chosen and sixty-two students (boys and girls) under the supervision of their teachers, few parishioners and members of JAAG conducted the survey at different times of the day. Braving the scorching heat, and hours of standing, these students very meticulously maintained the records on worksheets prepared by JAAG for this project, which were handed over to the JAAG members for compilation. The findings of this independent report will be handed over to the concerned authorities

***FOR YOUTHS.***

The Diocesan Youth Centre, Bandra is organizing a mini-retreat for college and working youth from 29 – 31 March 2006. For details please look up the notice board or contact the Parish youth.

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***FOR SSC/ICSE STUDENTS***

A special announcement for the students of our parish who are appearing for their SSC / ICSE examination. The ICYM Bombay (DYC) is organizing the "Teenagers Orientation Program" (TOP) on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006 from 09.30 a.m. to 04.30p.m. at St. John The Baptist School Hall.

Further details will be given on the Notice Board.