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Mrs. Margaret Mascarenhas.

APC Representative:

Mr. Anthony Alphonso

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CWF Secretary: Jessie Sequeira**Mass Schedule:**

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

5.30, 6.30 p.m.

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

Sunday: 5.30 & 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 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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www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com**You Took My Place!**

Dr. B. Richard Dennis, in his book, "Over My Dead Body!" narrates a story about a man who visited a church. He parked his car and started toward the front entrance. Another car pulled up nearby, and the irritated driver said to him, "I always park there. You took my place!" The visitor went inside and found that Sunday School was about to begin. He found an adult class, went inside, and sat down. A class member approached him and said, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down in an empty pew. Within moments another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!" The visitor was troubled, but said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to be present with them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and cried out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, "I took your place." Some things that happen in church are silly. Some things are down right scandalous. Some things may even be sacrilegious. But the Church is still the body of Christ and it was for the Church that Christ died. Dr. B. Richard Dennis, "Over My Dead Body!"

Yes, that indeed is the message of the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 3, verses 14-21. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. The Son of God impersonated Himself in the human nature of Jesus, took our place and paid ransom for our sins on the cross. If there is anybody to be condemned for the sins of humanity, it is you, me and every sinner. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, Ch. 5, v.8ff, beautifully describes this love of God, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The sufferings and wounds of Jesus are not His. They are ours. They are inflicted on Him by our sins. He bore them for he took our place out of love for us. Let Jesus take not only our place, but our hearts too!

4th Sunday of Lent 26th March, 2006.

This week's Announcements, 26th March 06..

- *Sunday 26th March, the morning 6.00 a.m. Mass will be in English. Instead the 9.15 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Konkani on the occasion of St. Joseph's feast, given by St. Joseph's Association*
- *Sunday 26th March, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Bishop Bosco will conduct a seminar for all the animators and coordinators. Attendance compulsory.*
- *On Monday after the 7.00 p.m. the film of "The Rope" 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..*
- **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**
- *On Thursday, 30th March from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. a special Lenten Recollection will be held in the pavilion for the members of all the associations, including Eucharistic ministers, lectors and SVP members*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs., 21,991.00*
- *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs 1,685.00.*

27/3 to 02/4 This week's readings:

Mon.	Is 65: 17-21; Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13; Jn4:43-54.
Tues.	Ezek47: 1-9,12; Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn5:1-3,5-16
Wed.	Is 49:8-15; Ps 144:8-9,13-14,17-18; Jn5: 17-30
Thurs.	Ex32:7-14;Ps 105: 19-23; Jn5:31-47
Friday	Wis2: 1,12-22; Ps 33: 16-18,19-21,23; In 7: 1-2,10,25-30
Satur.	Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9-12; In 7:40-53
Sunday	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9;Jn 12:20-33..

INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

Holy Father's General Intention: That the individual, social and political rights of women may be respected by every nation.

Missionary Intention: That the Church in China may carry out its evangelizing mission serenely and in full freedom.

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	<i>Dt. Of Baptism</i>	<i>Dt. Of Birth</i>
Jinelle M.Aranjo	08.02.2006	28.01.2006
Janil Seth	12.02.2006	20.09.1994
Aparna Kadam	13.02.2006	15.10.1982
Rekha Meheter	13.02.2006	15.10.1975
Angel Fernandes	19.02.2006	17.01.2006
Miriam Messey	19.02.2006	07.05.2003
Uvana Coutinho	26.02.2006	26.01.2006

UNITED IN CHIRST

Date	<i>Nridegroom</i>	<i>Bride</i>
12.02.2006	Anil Seth	Benedicta P.Fernandes
18.02.2006	Richard O.B.Pereira	Milliana G.Sahane

OF LATE MEMORIES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
01.02.2006	Rosaleyn Pontes

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.

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 30th 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.

LOST & FOUND: a wrist watch and a plastic bag with some rosaries have been found. Please, claim from the 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, 2nd Cross, Bagalore 560084.
Tel.: 080-25472369; Fax: 080-25460194.
E-mail:dirnbclc@vsnl.com
For further information contact Parish Priest.**

YOUTH

Why do the politicians make use of the youth? The youth have energy and dynamism. The energy has to be used. If it is not used positively, they use it negatively. And so the youth are to be guided and motivated not to waste their energy. The youth, which is supposed to be the best time of our life, if wasted, cannot return.

Once an octogenarian lady was found disturbed and searching for something. A 20-year-old youth who used to loaf around wasting his time, doing nothing, wanted to make fun of the old lady. He said "Hey old lady, what are you searching for?" A bit disturbed but mildly, the old lady said "My child, I am looking for my youth days." The youth laughed and mockingly said, "How can you get back your youth?" You will never get back. It is gone for ever". At this juncture the old but wise lady said "Yes my son, you have rightly said that whatever is gone/wasted will never come back. I, an old but experienced lady want to give you some advice. Do not waste a single moment of your youth. Use yourself and your talent profitably. Yes, my young ones, let us take the advice of this lady. Let us use ourselves fully like the candle burning for others. Time wasted never returns. Let us know ourselves better and use ourselves for the society and for the parish. Let us never keep ourselves idle for idleness is devil's workshop. The parish gives us ample of opportunities to get ourselves trained, organized and to use our youthful days for our good and for the good of our society. In our parish there are over 1000 youths including those who are confirmed recently. The future of the parish and the society is in the hands of the youth. Why don't we realize this? Our elders have high hopes in us. Let us get ourselves organized, first in our own zones by joining Zonal youth Group. Showing our willingness and talents our elders will guide and train us to take the reins in our hands. Now is the time at our disposal. Let us not waste any more time. Let us say YES and join our Zonal – Parish Youth Association and under the guidance of the priests and other elders let us get ourselves moulded and take our parish to the top and make it model parish. Let us take up the challenge.

--Fr. Victor Dalmet

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

For:

- Sunday school Pastoral Team animators
- Regular School pastoral team animators
- Baptismal Ministry animators
- Bible Cell Animators
- 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.*

A memorable nite out!!!!!!!!!!

Our dynamic principal Rev. Fr. John Lopes coined a novel idea of organizing a night out for sr. K.G. kids. As decided on Monday 27th February '06 the little ones accompanied by their parents thronged the premises of the school at 6 pm. Excitement and anticipation filled the air! Though parents were a bit circumspect about the entire proposition

All children were housed in the school hall and were treated to an ice cream fest to set the ball rolling.... and then there was no looking back! Soon they marched along to the audio visual room where they sat like couch potatoes watching films like '**The lion king**' and '**Tom and Jerry**' while relishing lollipops.

After this visual treat at around 8.30 pm the little ones were in for a surprise as a bonfire was lit and they tapped their feet with their teachers to lively dance numbers. The teachers also organized a game '**Bombing the city**' where the names of *fruits, Flowers, birds* and *vegetables* replaced the conventional cities which served as a quick recap of what they had learnt during the course of the year-the **Play-way** method. Prizes of Cadbury chocolate served as an incentive for fuelling a sense of competence amongst the children; an essentiality in today's world!

By 9.30 pm the children were feeling the hunger pangs! and were treated a sumptuous meal of pav bhaji, veg. noodles and gulab jamun which left them asking for more and licking their fingers! Now it was masti time for some and '*susti*' for some. We proudly watched as the children spread the mattresses for sleeping themselves though some frail ones required teachers to assist them. Our aim of seeing the sense of achievement was fulfilled in the eyes of those who managed to do this work on their own! Without taking chances a parent doctor was kept as a standby in case of an emergency though medical intervention was not required and mosquito coils were lit all round the hall to keep the nasty insects away from the children.

Faint murmurs continued till as late as 2.30am which took us by surprise; but a pleasant one. It showed how enthusiastic the little ones were to spend a night out with their friends and yes! with their teachers!

All were up and raring to go by 7am. All brushed, jogged around the school compound chanting "jog in the fog" taken from their primer and finished their grooming all by themselves! And we felt our mission was accomplished!

The hungry 'bachoos' gobbled cream buns and gulped bournvita for breakfast. As all good things come to an end this adventure had to end too, much to the dismay of the little kids! Before departing teachers held group interactions with the children and the little ones said it was the attraction of spending the night-out with their friends and teachers that egged them to participate and enjoy which they did to their hearts content!

The teachers though tired confessed that this had to be the most enthralling experience in their professional lives

---Ms. Cynthia