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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.**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.

Night Adoration:at 8 p.m. on 2nd Saturday;

at 10.30 p.m. on last Saturday

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5.00 p.m. to 07.00

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The call of our Lord is "hidden" in a whole chorus of worldly voices which beckon us. Other would-be shepherds seek to tempt us away from the Good Shepherd, the joy of his forgiveness and the security of his love. And when we are weak and confused we may fall victim to the enticements of other gods.

I am reminded of an American tourist who was traveling in the Mid East. He came upon several shepherds whose flocks had intermingled while drinking water from a brook. After an exchange of greetings, one of the shepherds turned toward the sheep and called out, "Manah. Manah. Manah." (Manah means "follow me" in Arabic.) Immediately his sheep separated themselves from the rest and followed him.

Then one of the two remaining shepherds called out, "Manah. Manah." and his sheep left the common flock to follow him. The traveler then said to the third shepherd, "I would like to try that. Let me put on your cloak and turban and see if I can get the rest of the sheep to follow me."

The shepherd smiled knowingly as the traveler wrapped himself in the cloak, put the turban on his head and called out, "Manah. Manah." The sheep did not respond to the stranger's voice. Not one of them moved toward him. "Will the sheep ever follow someone other than you?" The traveler asked.

"Oh yes," the shepherd replied, "sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anyone."

We have seen it, haven't we? People, young and old, who are "sick." Battered by the storms of life and distracted by voices urging them to go this way and that, they have lost their bearings and they don't know where they are or where they are going. That can be more than a little frightening; it leads to despair, to hopelessness. And when someone is "sick" they will follow anyone who will promise a moment of happiness, a brief feeling of peace or forgetfulness, a sense that they are someone.

But the call of Jesus the Good Shepherd is, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." There is no better way, no greater truth, no happier life. Our Lord reaches out to us in love that we might follow him.

John M. Braaten, The Greatest Wonder of All, CSS Publishing

This week's Announcements, 7th May , 06.

- ✍ *In the month of May, the Rosary prayer will be recited at 6.30 p.m. at the Grotto*
- ✍ *During the month of May, Louis wadi zone conducts the Rosary at the Cross at 8 p.m.*
- ✍ *Brindavan: Annual zonal Mass on 15th May at 8.00 p.m.*
- ✍ *The offerings at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,20,907.00*
- ✍ *The offerings from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,455.00.*

8/05 to 14/05 This week's readings :

Mon.	Ac 11:1-18; Ps 41; In 10:1-10
Tues.	Ac 11: 19-26; Ps 86; In 10:22-30
Wed.	Ac 12:24-13:5a; Ps 66; In 12:44-50
Thurs.	Ac 13: 13-25; Ps 88; In 13: 16-20
Friday	<i>Sts Nereus & Aehilleus, mm Or St Pan eras, m</i> Ac 13:26-33; Ps 2; In 14:1-6
Satur.	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Ac 13:44-52; Ps 97; In
Sunday	14:7-14 <i>Or</i> Is 61: 9-11; Ps 44; Lk II: 27 - 28 Act 9:26-31;SJn 3:18-24;Jn 15:1-8.

Special Message - "Skipper," the sailor said to his captain as he saluted, "A special message just came in for you from the admiral. I have it right here."

"Read it to me," the captain ordered.

The sailor read, "You are without a doubt the most idiotic, lame-brained officer ever to command a ship in the United States Navy." The skipper responded, "Have the communication decoded at once!"

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PARABLE OF THE CAUTIOUS MAN

There was a very cautious man,
who never laughed or cried.
He never risked, he never lost,
he never won nor tried.
And when he one day passed away,
his insurance was denied,
For since he never really lived,
they claimed he never died

CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study

43. WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Many people said various things about Jesus during his lifetime. Match the person with his saying

1. You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
2. Truly you are the Son of God.
3. He truly was the Son of God.
4. Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.
5. We have found the Messiah.
6. Come and see the man who told me all that I have done. Is not this the Christ?
7. I know who you are: g. Evil spirit you are God's holy messenger.
8. Isn't he the carpenter's son?
9. This is my own dear i. Pilate Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.
10. Are you the king of the Jews?
a. Peter; b. Centurian; c. Andrew; d Peter; e. Samaritan woman; f. Bartimaeus; g. Evil spirit; h. People of Nazareth; i. Pilate; j. The Father

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44. HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Read carefully each sentence and find out the name of a book of the Bible

1. These are facts about Jesus told by the evangelists.
2. Sonia got a job in her father's office.
3. The sparrow has a nest here.
4. Joe, let the boy go home.
5. There were judges in Israel.
6. She asked him to bite the apple.
7. The taxi took Jon ahead.
8. Lina, humble maid of the king!
9. Markings is written by Dag Hammarskjold.
10. A most amusing story was told about Jenny.

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 27th May.

---Parish Priest.

Adult Faith Formation:

Answers We Must Know

Here is another question, "Why do Catholics pray to Jesus through Mary and through the saints? They should pray directly to Jesus.

Again there seems to be an implied statement, that Catholics pray to Jesus through Mary and pray to Jesus through the saints. I don't think that is correct. The ~) correct thing to do is to

pray to God the Father through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As a community especially, we are the unity of the Spirit in prayer. And the Holy Spirit lifts us up, makes us one with Jesus and Jesus presents us then to His Father as His own brothers and sisters. We are in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit and in this way we go to the Father.

From my own point of view, I don't think we pray through Mary to Jesus, we don't pray through the saints. I prefer to say that we pray with Mary and with the saints because we Catholics especially, are very conscious of the truth of the communion of saints. There is a bond of love linking us to the saints in heaven, and the dead who have gone before us are not really absent from us. They are one with us through faith and we are bound to them by a chain, a golden chain of love. And that is why we pray with them. In our Holy Eucharist everyday, we say regularly, "Therefore with the saints and the angels, we cry out with one voice, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...".

So the worship which we offer on earth is one with the worship of the saints led by the Blessed Virgin Mary offered to God in heaven. It is more accurate to say that we pray with Mary, we pray with the saints rather than that we pray through them. So when we pray through our Blessed Lady or to the saints, what we are really asking them to do is to pray for us. After all, I can ask my friends on earth to pray for me for some special intentions and to add their prayers to mine. So why can't I ask saints in heaven and the Blessed Virgin Mary also to add their prayers to mine and thus to fortify my prayers in the sight of God and make them as it were, more powerful before Him? It is inaccurate to say that we pray through the saints. It is better to think that we pray with the



saints and we join our prayers to theirs. Thus we approach God through Jesus in the Holy Spirit with Mary and with the saints



Ghormal Feast – 30th April, 2006.



Ghormal Church care-taking Committee



Ghormal Feast Choir.



Mr. Pravin Shetthi (right) donated Rs.25,000 to Our Lady of Hope Church.

THE ANNUAL FEAST AT GHORMAL.

Every year the annual feast of Our lady of Hope Church, Ghormal is celebrated with pomp on the last Sunday of April or thereabout. This year it was celebrated on 30th April, 2006. As usual there were two Masses in English celebrated by Fr. John Lopes and Fr. Victor Dalmet. Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Correa from Infant Jesus Church, Evershine, Vasai was the main celebrant at the main feast Mass in Marathi. In his homily he compared the place Mary as that of the moon reflecting the light of the Sun. She is the light soft and cool that lightens the path of our journey to her son, Jesus. Rev. Fr. John Rumao, the managing Trustee of the Church of Our Lady of Hope thanked the celebrants of the Masses, congratulated the choirs in attendance at all Masses for their good singing, thanked all those involved with the celebration of the annual feast, the usual celebration committee assisting at the affairs of the Ghormal Church, the volunteers who did the cleaning and decorating of the chapel, Mr. Deepak Dias and his workers for cleaning the place and the surrounding, Mrs. Lcy Alvares of XYZ Travels for providing buses free of cost to take the pilgrims to and fro, the donors for their generous donations and all the pilgrims who frequent the shrine.

HOLY WEEK EXPENSES

Holy Water Bottles (including Printing church Logo)	Rs. 8000.00
LCD Projector charges	Rs. 2600.00
Backdrop Expenses	Rs. 1062.00
Incable Telecast	Rs.12250.00
Printing of Hymn Sheets / House Blessing Cards	Rs. 5000.00
Sound system	Rs.13000.00
Total Amount Spent	Rs.41912.00
Good Friday Collection / Holyland	Rs. 51749.00
Lenten Alms / Diocesan Seminary	Rs. 22826.00
<i>N.B. The altar stage, chairs, lighting etc. were free service rendered by Mr. Nazeer of Awaj Radio.</i>	

Think beyond the obvious

THERE was once a priest so holy that he never thought ill of anyone.

One day he sat down at a restaurant for a cup of coffee, which was all he could take - it being a day of fast and abstinence, when; to his surprise, he saw a young member of his congregation devouring a massive steak at the next table.

"I trust I haven't shocked you, Father," said the young fellow with a smile.

"Ah! I take it that you forgot "that today is a day of fast and abstinence,"

said the priest.

"No, no. I remembered it distinctly." "Then you must be sick. The doctor has forbidden you to fast."

"Not at all. I'm in the pink of health.!"

At that, the priest raised his eyes to heaven and said, "What an example this younger generation is to us, Lord! Do you see how this young man here would rather admit his sins than tell a lie?"



The Locusts and Honey congratulates Master Abraham George, a student of St. John's gave a brilliant performance at the Thane District Aquatic Championship and Selection Tournament held recently. He claimed a gold in 50 metre free style, a silver in 50 metre butterfly and 50 metre back stroke and a bronze in 200 metre individual medley.

Where is truth found?

MAN was drinking tea with a friend in a restaurant. He looked long and hard at his cup, then asked.

"Why? Why is life like a cup of tea?"

The man said. "How should I know? Am I an intellectual?"

Not in figures...

"PRISONER at the bar." Said the judge. "I find you guilty on 23 counts. I therefore sentence you to a total of 175 years."

The prisoner was an old man.

He burst into tears. The judge's facial expression softened.

"I did not mean to be harsh," he said. "I know the sentence I have imposed is a very severe one.

You don't really have to serve the whole of it."

The prisoner's eyes brightened with hope.

"That's right." Said the judge "Just do as much as you can!"

Not in names

A couple began to quarrel. She wanted to name their firstborn after her father, he wanted to name him after his. They sought the rabbi. "What was the name of your father?" the rabbi asked the husband.

"Abijah."

"And what was your father's name?"

he asked his wife.

"Abijah." .

"What's the problem?" asked the confused rabbi.

AN APPEAL from Dr.Ivan Cardinal Dias

To: The Rev. Parish Priests and Teams

In the Archdiocese of Bombay

PRAYER CRUSADE AGAINST ANTI-CHRISTIAN FILMS

In recent times big and small screen films on Christianity have been produced which distort history and are extremely offensive to Christian principles and practices. Some gratuitously fabricate tales about the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is most dear to the heart of every Christian and is respected even by persons of other faiths,. Or treat with ridicule those who are laudably giving selfless and a much appreciated service to God and humanity. We strongly deplore the tendentious nature of these films, which sadly reveal the morose mindset of those responsible for their production. It is indeed amazing that in today's civilised society there should be persons who, with devilish glee, take pride in blaspheming against the sacred person of Christ Jesus Our Lord or in smearing the good reputation of persons consecrated in His service. However, we are confident that the members of the competent Film Censor Board will not ignore the sentiments and reactions of those many who are deeply pained by the scandalous presentations, also because they can negatively affect the harmonious relations existing between Christians and the other religious communities which make up our beloved Motherland.

Believing that "more things are wrought by prayer than the world can dream of", we exhort the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Bombay to present the aforementioned film producers and their troupes to the Lord during the parish Masses, at meetings of ecclesial associations and communities, and in their family and personal prayer. Let us earnestly implore Him to forgive those who do not realize the seriousness of their offences against Him and their fellow-citizens, and to enlighten those who are evil-minded so that they may change their behaviour well before they appear at the judgment seat of God who alone knows the secrets of the human heart.

April 30, 2006

