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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 & 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 7 p.m.

Baptisms: Sunday: 10.15 am

Marriages: Weekday at 5.15 p.m.

Sunday: 5.30 p.m. & 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 at

6.00 p.m. except on 1st Friday

Night Adoration:

at 12.00 **midnight** 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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THE SPIRIT WORKS

Have you ever noticed how much Jesus is involved with the Holy Spirit during His life? Not only does Jesus talk about sending the Holy Spirit to us, "to teach us all truth," to "help us recall everything He taught us," and to "be with us always." It is the Holy Spirit that gives power to Jesus in His own ministry.

We recall that at the baptism of Jesus, "the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in bodily form, like a dove" (Lk 3:22). Luke adds, "Jesus returned from the Jordan *full of the Holy Spirit*, and was led by the Spirit into the desert, where He was tempted by the devil" (4:1-2). After Jesus fasted and overcame the temptations, Luke says, He "returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with Him" (4:14). Then when Jesus went to Nazareth and got up to read in the synagogue. He chose this prophecy from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor."

We notice when there's growth in the life of Jesus, it is by the action of the Holy Spirit. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles shows us that whenever there is a leap forward in the early Christian community, it is also by the action of the Holy Spirit. He is the life and vitality of the Church. It was at His coming on Pentecost that the disciples of Jesus came out in power.



The same Holy Spirit who worked in the life of Jesus and gave such joy and power to His early followers, can work powerfully in our lives, too, if we are open to Him.

Fr. Victor Dalmet

"I would rather live my life as if there is a God, and die to find out there isn't, than live my life as if there isn't, and find out there is."

--Billy Graham

***This week's announcements******January 21, 2007.***

- *Sunday, 21 January is celebrated as Vocation Sunday. Parishioners are requested to pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.*
- *Thursday, 25th January is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*
- *Friday, 26th January is Republic Day. The flag hoisting in front of the Church will be immediately after 6,45 a.m. Mass.*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.26,741.00*
- *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs.1,782.00*

This Week's Liturgical Readings.

22/Mon	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Heb 9:15,24-28; Ps 97:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
23/Tue	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 39:2-4,7-8,10-11; Mk 3:31-35
24/Wed	St Francis de Sales Bis & Dr Mem Heb 10:11-18; Ps 109:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
25/Thu	Conversion of St Paul 1st Acts 22:3-16; Ps 116:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
26/Fri	Ss Timothy & Titus Bis, Mem 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Ps 95:1-3,7-8,10; Lk 10:1-9
27/Sat	St Angela Merici Vir Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Ps Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
28/Sun	Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

ANNOUNCEMENT

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All those interested, please contact DON BOSCO RECRUITMENT SERVICES and kindly ensure to make the best use of this opportunity. For further details, please refer the notice board

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**" Annual Feast of Our Lady of the Forsaken
Church, Ghansoli on 26th January, 2007.
Feast Mass at 10.00 a.m.**

OFFICIAL I

It is with great joy that we announce the healing of the division in the Society of the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier, Pilar, Goa. All outstanding points of dispute having been attended to, a Document of Agreement presented to them on behalf of the Holy See was signed by both the General Administration of the Society of Pilar and the Agnel Ashram Fathers. A solemn Eucharist of Reconciliation, presided over by the Papal Nuncio, was celebrated at Pilar, Goa on November 30, 2006. This brings to an end the long-standing division in the Society.

As per the Agreement, the Houses of the Ashram Fathers will now form the Agnel Region. On December. 27, 2006, I was happy to preside over the Eucharist at the Agnel Ashram, Bandra, during which the Superior General announced the erection of the new Region and the First Regional Superior, Fr Bento Rodrigues SFX and his two Councillors, Fr Saturnino Almeida SFX and Fr Alarico Carvalho SFX. The Regional House of the Agnel Region will be at Agnel Ashram, Bandstand, Bandra. As far as our diocesan structures are concerned, those in this Community will belong to the Bandra Deanery.

With this development, I am happy to announce that our faithful can now attend the religious services at the Agnel Ashram, Bandra.

Parish Priests are requested to bring the contents of this Official to the notice of the faithful at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, 2007. I also urge our faithful to pray that the gift of unity which the Lord has given to the Society of Pilar may bring abundant graces not only to this indigenous missionary Society but also to the whole Church in India and particularly to the Archdiocese of Bombay which has had close links with the. Society of Pilar.

January 02, 2007

+ Oswald Gracias Archbishop of Bombay

OFFICIAL II**Christian Unity**

From January 18th to 25th every year, Christians all over the world observe a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They would thereby remind themselves of Our Lord's wish, expressed at the Last Supper, that all His disciples may be one as He is one with His Heavenly Father, so that the world may believe that the Father had sent Him. (In. 17:17-23)

During the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, ecumenical services will be held as follows: 1. at 7.30 p.m. on the 17th at the Marthoma Centre, Vashi 2. at 5.30 p.m. on the 21st at the Carmel Convent, Kalamboli 3. at 7.30 p.m. on the 25th at the Orthodox Church, Dadar

I earnestly request parishes and religious communities, associations and ecclesial movements in the Archdiocese to pray, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that Christians in our beloved Motherland and all over the world may be united ever more strongly as Our Divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, prayed on the night before He died.

+ Oswald Gracias Archbishop of Bombay

SWEET POISON ALCHOL

Alcohol is the devil's brew
 Seems good to the taste
 But it's hidden poison
 Makes life total waste
 Drinking is a real craze
 A vice of a different kind
 For it not only destroys the body
 T deadens the very mind
 Reason goes into exile
 And like a human brute
 It's victim becomes furious
 And violence follows suit
 It starts off rather harmlessly
 With the first drink going down
 Then that calls for another drink
 And the third drink knocks him down
 One of the evils of Society
 Is the bottle of Alcohol
 It destroys not only the drinker
 But the home, family and all
 Why put a thief into your mouth
 To steal away your brains
 It's better to discipline yourself
 And from Alcohol refrain



Dorothy Serpes



CHRISTMAS STAR CONTEST 2006



ASSOCIATIONS RALLY 14-01-07



NEW MEMBERS		
Name	<i>Dt. Of Baptism</i>	<i>Dt. Of Birth</i>
Angela .P.S. K.P.	05.11.2006	28.07.2006
Grace Gomes	05.11.2006	22.09.2006
Aaron Domingo	12.11.2006	01.10.2006
Reuben Alvares	19.11.2006	03.10.2006
Annie Oleriparambath	19.11.2006	110.10.2006
Chris Mathias	25.11.2006	27.10.2006
Jonathan D'souza	03.12.2006	23.10.2006
Shawn Rodrigues	10.12.2006	18.10.2006
Jessica Naidu	10.12.2006	18.08.2006
Prerana Shah	12.12.2006	14.07.1988
Nicole Mathias	17.12.2006	17.11.2006
Sangita Gill	23.12.2006	01.10.2006
Ingila Mujawar	23.12.2006	30.07.1993

UNITED IN CHRIST		
Date	Bride	Bridegroom
05.11.2006	Ms Kiran Sharma	Mr. Anthony J.A. Baptista
12.11.2006.	Ms Zerrien . Fernandes	Mr Steven D'silva
25.11.2006	Ms. Teena D'souza	Mr. Patrick Mascarenhas
02.12.2006	Ms Gracy Gomes	Mr. Wilfred P. Passanha
09.12.2006	Ms Merlin Annamma	. Jordan J.Dcosta Fernandes
10.12.2006	Ms Pramila Dantas	Mr. John S.D'souza
10.12.2006	Ms Doris David	Mr. Derick M.D'souza
10.12.2006	Ms Felicia L. Anthony	Mr. Reginald E.D'souza
30.12.2006	Ms Rubina Aranha	Mr. Sunil C.D'souza
30.12.2006	Ms Sylvia Rodrigues	Mr. Steven A. Belwalkar

OF LATE MEMORIES	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
04.11.2006	<i>Selvin D'souza</i>
15.11.2006	<i>Leslie Serpes</i>
16.11.2006	<i>Anna D'mello</i>
24.11.2006	<i>Novel Rosario</i>
27.11.2006	<i>Edward Murzello</i>
30.11.2006	<i>Mary D'souza</i>
01.12.2006	<i>Daisy Netto</i>
08.12.2006	<i>Kenneth D'silva</i>
20.12.2006	<i>John Crasto</i>
30.12.2006	<i>Daminic Rosario</i>

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

A man sobering up from the night before is sitting through the Sunday sermon, finding it long and boring. Still feeling hung over and tired, he finally nods off.

The priest has been watching him all along, noticing his apparent hangover and is disgusted. At the end of the sermon, the preacher decides to make an example of him. He says to his congregation, "All those wishing to have a place in heaven, please stand."

The whole room stands up except, of course, the sleeping man.

Then the preacher says even more loudly, "And he who would like to find a place in hell please STAND UP!"

The weary man catching only the last part groggily stands up, only to find that he's the only one standing.

Confused and embarrassed he says, "I don't know what we're voting on here, Father, but it sure seems like you and me are the only ones standing for it!"

THE CLOCK TICKS

'Tick-Tock' say the clock,
'Don't be afraid, I don't mean to shock,
Just want to tell you My very Dear,
It's a moment less before you clear.
Will you regret when it is too late?
Oh, if I could only tell you the date!

Time races on like the waves of the sea,
Till we reach the shores of Eternity.
Tossed by hurt and pain, we increase our eternal gain,
It's patient endurance that will never go in vain
Why procrastinate waiting for your end
To turn your enemy into your friend?
Forgiving and seeking forgiveness get
reservations in heaven
It is also the message of 2007
Ella Almeida

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MASS
On Sunday, 4th February, '07
At 10.30 a.m.**



Emotions – Their Role in Life.

We as human beings have been blessed with emotions by God, without which life would never have been beautiful. Emotions are natural feelings that assist in coping with any situation which demands immediate attention using maximum amount of energy in a short period of time. They are essential in life, but expressing them quite often may prove fatal. Anger is one of the classic example, the expression of which when genuinely required is not bad at all. It is needed to provide an outlet for suppressed feelings thereby bringing relief to an individual. Anxiety is another type of emotion that help to motivate individuals to perform important activities which accompany life. Without anxiety difficult tasks would have been impossible to complete. Infants and young children also make use of emotions. For instance, an infant cries to its mother whenever it feels hungry, or a young child performs temper tantrums if his or her demands are not fulfilled. Providing a growth environment for unhealthy emotions could be dangerous. They could weaken man from within. They are likely to generate irritability, restlessness, sleeplessness, heart problems, nervous breakdown and many more, thus limiting man from leading life to the fullest.

"Having a control on one's emotions leads to the control over one's life, and the rest is taken care by the one who has gifted life."

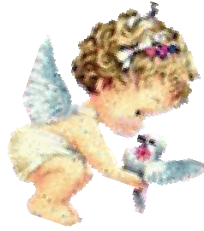
-- Malcolm Nobre

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Tele Callers, Data Entry Marketing Mangers,
Marketing Executive, And Many Other Jobs*



The members of the CWF committee
will meet on Sunday, January 21,
2007 at 10.30 a.m.

NOTICE FOR THE ANIMATORS
Animators who have not received
Church Calendar for the year 2007
may collect a copy from the Parish
Office.