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Parish SCC Coordinator:

Mrs. Margaret Mascarenhas.

APC Representative:

Mr. Anthony Alphonso

PPC Secretary:

Mr. Eustace D'Cunha

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.**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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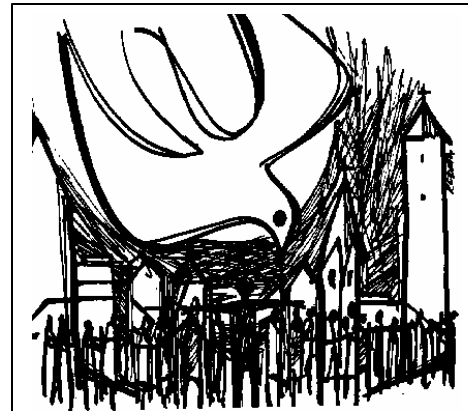
BE SEALED WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Not until the recent past the Sacrament of Confirmation was the lesser known of the Sacraments.

This was due to the fact that in Christian liturgical practice Confirmation was received on the same day as the Sacrament of Communion. This is not out of ignorance. but because these two sacrament, along with Baptism, which is received as an infant, generally, are called the Sacraments of Initiation. Hence of the two the sacrament, communion was given greater emphasis. In the present economy of Christian life these two Sacraments are received a few years apart and the importance of each Sacrament is restored.

Each of the Sacraments is addressed to a special or distinctive situation in our lives. The traditional and contemporal)' understanding of confirmation is that it made us "Soldiers of Christ". Christian life is &equently a battle waged against the forces of evil outside us, and more importantly inside us our impulses, inordinate desires and pathological urges. An attack on our Christian values calb forth our awareness., and a defence of our faith. confirmation injects this motivation and we do not succumb to fear, but speak out. Continuation is &equently called the Sacrament of "Maturity' indicating a "fullness of faith". From this point onward, filled with the Spirit, we take on the responsibility to witness God's saving love to others. Our witness is carried out wherever we are -at home, at work, at play, by word of mouth, but specially and above all by the testimony of daily life. and action.

By the time this article is published 114 candidates who went through a series of instruction will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit by Rt. Rev. Bishop Bosco at an impressive service .May they be true witness and defenders of faith



--Rev. Fr. Gerry Fernandes.

This week's Announcements, 19th February, 06.

- ☞ Sunday, 19th February, the Community Welfare Fund Committee will meet at 10.30 a.m.
- ☞ The JAAG – The Joint Action & Awareness Group will hold a “PUBLIC HEARING MEETING” on the TMC’s proposed elevated chowpatti – Promenade in front of the church on Sunday 19th February, 2006 at 5.00 p.m. in front of the Land Registration Office on the Ahilya Devi Road, near Gadkari Rangayatan. All are urged to attend.
- ☞ Sunday, 26th February will be celebrated as Bible Sunday.
- ☞ The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,25,485.00
- ☞ The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,71933.00.
- ☞ The Holy Childhood Sunday collection made by the Sodality amounted to Rs. 21,300/-

FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL
CALL UPON
THE NAME
OF THE LORD
SHALL BE SAVED.



20/02 to 19/02 This week's readings:

Mon.	Jas3:13-18; Ps 18:8-11; Mk9:14-29
Tues.	St Peter Damian, bp, dr Jas4: 1-10; Ps 54:7-11, 23; Mk9:30-37
Wed.	Chair of St Peter, ap Feast 1 Pet 5: 1-4; Ps 22: 1-3a,4,5,6; Mt 16: 13-19
Thurs.	St Polycarp, bp, m Jas 5:1-6; Ps 48: 14-20; Mk9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 102:1-4,8-9,11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Satur.	BVM Jas 5:13-20; Ps 140: 1-3,8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Hosea 2:14-15,19-20; 2Cor 3:1b-6; Mk 2:18-22

CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study

27. where would you be?

1. If you were speaking to Zacchaeus, would you be in Jericho, Jerusalem or Jordan?
2. If you were speaking to Lazarus, would you be in Bethsaida, Bethlehem or Bethany?
3. If you were speaking to Adam, would you be in Gethsemane, Eden or Babylon?
4. If you were speaking to Paul, would you be in Tarsus, Sinai or Nineveh?
5. If you were speaking to Jonah, would you be in Nineveh, Nazareth or Tarshish?
6. If you were present at Jesus' first miracle, would you be in Galilee, Cana or Nazareth?
7. If you were present at the birth of Jesus, would you be in Galilee, Bethlehem or Bethany?
8. If you were with Moses when he received the ten commandments, would you be in Sinai, Horeb or Nile?
9. If you were at Jacob's well, would you be in Samaria, Cana or Jerusalem?
10. If you were with Joseph and Mary at the Passover feast, would you be in Jerusalem, Nazareth or Galilee?

28. IDENTIFICATION.

Can you identify the person or incident in connection with the following

1. A funeral scene
2. Six stone jars
3. A burning bush
4. A cock crowing
5. A Cross
6. Five lamps with oil
7. Thirty pieces of silver
8. A stone used as a pillow
9. A herd of pigs
10. Lepers on the road
11. A person fallen on the road
12. A stable
13. A group of shepherds
14. People bathing in a river
15. A person on horseback

A. Paul; b. Jesus; c. Jacob; d. Peter; e. widow of Naim; f. Judas; g. wedding at Cana; h. Moses; i. Nativity; j. Good Samaritan; k. prodigal son; l. Birth of Jesus; m. Baptism of Jesus; n. Parable of the lepers; o. Parable of the virgins.

Children, answer the above quiz and the previous quizzes on “The Bible” together and give your answer sheets to Sr. Carol, Sr. Ancy or Fr. Victor by February 25, 2006. All prizes will be given away at children's Mass on a Sunday School Day

---Parish Priest.

HEALTH WEEK A REPORT.....

St. John the Baptist Church observed the Health Week from 6th to the 12th of February 2006. This year due to the unstinting support and encouragement from the parish priest Fr. John Rumao, the Health Cell organized talks on various aspects of health and ailments affecting the people by Dr. Benny Neglur, Ms. Tanuja Dhonde, Dr. Anoushka Sharma, Ms. Clara Correia, Dr. Alfred D'Silva and Sr. (DR) Celine Payyapilly. The power point presentation and talks were highly appreciated by one and all. It was heartening to see the church full of parishioners waiting after Mass for the talks. There was a special Healing Mass on Friday the 11th of February, which was concelebrated by all the priests of our parish. Fr. Gerry Fernandes revealed the details and significance of the **'Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick'**. This sacrament was administered to all present.

The Parish Priest and Health Cell thank all the parishioners for attending in large numbers.

Ms. Clara Correia
St. John the Baptist Health Cell

FREE OSTEOPOROSIS CAMP

An Osteoporosis Detection Camp courtesy Elder Pharmaceuticals Ltd. will be held in our parish on Sunday 26th February 2006, from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Osteoporosis is a silent disease affecting the bones. It increases the risk of fractures such as hip, spine, wrist and other bones. About 80% of women are prone to this especially after the age of 35 – 40 and around 20% of the men having risk factors such as family history, small frame, eating disorders, caffeine consumption, smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, inactivity and thyroid disease.

Prevention is better than Cure – Requesting all the parishioners to avail of this test. The Bone Mineral Density Test costs Rs 1000- 1200 in various hospitals and diagnostic centers, This test is absolutely free of cost with a printed report and counseling. Calcium tablets are also being sold at a concession at the venue itself. The duration of the test is only two minutes.

It is observed that the target group – the poor and needy of our parish are not availing of this facility. A humble plea to all parishioners and animators, please spread the word of the camp to one and all in their area / zones, and fulfill the vision and goal of having a healthy parish.

Kindly register in advance at the Parish office only.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH, GHORMAL.

ON SUNDAY, 30th APRIL, 2006.

MASSES AT 8.15, 9.30 IN ENGLISH

AT 10.45 A.M. FEAST MASS IN MARATHI.

The Good Shepherd Sisters are organizing the "Love & Friendship Fiesta" for all eligibles with a view to marriage. (Spinsters below 30 years and Bachelors below 35 years).

The Fiesta will be held on Sunday, 26th February 2006 at Good Shepherd Convent Hall, Four Bungalows, Andhe"ri (West), Mumbai - 400053

RINGS & RAINBOWS ON 11-02-06



THESE YOUTHS WILL RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE HANDS OF BISHOP BOSCO ON 18TH FEBRUARY, 2006.

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These teen-agers have been given instructions and specially prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation by the following staff: Rev. Fr. Gerry Fernandes, Bro. Joe Pimenta, Sr. Jessie, Dunston Rebello, Bonny D'Souza, Stanny Martis, Horace Soeiro and Lena Carvalho. The Locusts & Honey thanks all of them for their service. .

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| 1. Abigail Crasto | 57. Nussy John |
| 2. Agnelo Ferns | 58. Nicole Pereira |
| 3. Alex Pinto | 59. Nigel Ghogale |
| 4. Alfred Karathra | 60. Nikita Castelino |
| 5. Allwyn Rozario | 61. Odelia Fernandes |
| 6. Alston Braganza | 62. Patricia Alphonso |
| 7. Alvina Cardoza | 63. Patricia Mary |
| 8. Andrea Rodrigues | 64. Patricia Baptista |
| 9. Anjali Chitnis | 65. Premita Fernandes |
| 10. Anthony D'Souza | 66. Priyanka Garud |
| 11. Anthony Francis | 67. Quini Macdonald |
| 12. Aparna Kadam | 68. Rebeck Carvalho |
| 13. Arleen Buthello | 69. Rebeka Kakade |
| 14. Ashish Aguiar | 70. Rekha Mehter |
| 15. Avril Walters | 71. Reshma Fernandes |
| 16. Candice Drego | 72. Richard Saldanha |
| 17. Chrispin Fernandez | 73. Rikesh Murzello |
| 18. Christina Starr | 74. Rita Cabral |
| 19. Christopher Fernandes | 75. Rita Shinde |
| 20. Clinton Fonseca | 76. Robinson Rozario |
| 21. Cosmile D'Souza | 77. Rocky Shinde |
| 22. Crystal Almeida | 78. Rohan Francis |
| 23. Delita Sequeira | 79. Roshan Rodrigues |
| 24. Deneis Joseph | 80. Rosy D'Souza |
| 25. Dexter Sequeira | 81. Sabrina Anthony |
| 26. Diana D'Souza | 82. SajoyRoy |
| 27. Elenjikal Jackson | 83. Samson Wankhede |
| 28. Elton Alvares | 84. Sarina Sequeira |
| 29. Elvis Roshier | 85. Savina D'Souza |
| 30. Falvie Paul | 86. Seema Saldhana |
| 31. Francis Fernandes | 87. Shannan Castelino |
| 32. Francis Fernandes | 88. Sheldon Sequeira |
| 33. Gavin Aguiar | 89. Shweta D'Sa |
| 34. Greatta D'Souza | 90. Silia D'Cruz |
| 35. Hadly Fernandes | 91. Sneha Monteiro |
| 36. Hency Fernandes | 92. Stephie Buthello |
| 37. Henry Sebastine | 93. Sumeet Chhatre |
| 38. Ivan D'Souza | 94. Sushank Francis |
| 39. Jeron Fernandes | 95. Sylvester D'Costa |
| 40. Jinny D'Souza | 96. Sylvester Iyer |
| 41. Joele Loveday | 97. Thomas Fernandes |
| 42. John Shaikh | 98. Tiara Pereira |
| 43. Joseph Raivellur | 99. Tony Sebastian |
| 44. Jude Goveas | 100. Tresilla Wankhede |
| 45. Julie Starr | 101. Trinette Carvalho |
| 46. Julius Alphonso | 102. Valerie Rangel |
| 47. Karen Miranda | 103. Vanita Palande |
| 48. Karen Faleiro | 104. Velsbert Rebello |
| 49. Keith Mascarenhas | 105. Venetia Quadros |
| 50. Kenneth D'Souza | 106. Victor Willian |
| 51. Kim Lester | 107. Victor James |
| 52. Lavita Turnis | 108. Warren Gonsalves |
| 53. Loy D'Souza | 109. Yolande D'Mello |
| 54. Luzia Barreto | 110. Zenia D'Souza |
| 55. Marian Fernandes | 111. Zeremi Fernandes |
| 56. Nathaniel Pereira | 112. Sabrina Joyson |
| | 113. Anthony susandhi Kurisumkal. |

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2nd February, 2006.

The Principal,
St. John the Baptist High School, Thane.

Respected Sir,

I felt very sorry and disturbed after seeing the reports of the alleged haircut incident and the way and manner in which it was handled. I feel that the story is something else and not as projected by the media. After seeing such attacks on religious places and educational institutions allaround us I feel very disturbed I am an ex-student of this school and passed out in the year 1980

I was also sent for a hair-cut by the then Principal Rev.Father Gudinho who was known for his strict discipline. These hair-cut expenses were borne by the school. After I reached home and told my parents, I received another beating from them for not bringing the fact of hair-cut to their notice earlier

This shows what faith my parents had in the institution and not the present one where whole hearted encouragement is given by the parents to their children to retaliate against the school for mistakes on their part. Coming back to the present issue it needs to be handled with an iron hand so as to avoid such bitter and misleading incidents/efforts in future

I can assure the institution that in future if any legal help and assistance is required I shall be glad to render my services, and for that I shall not take any remuneration or professional charges. This is a small gesture from me for the good things the institution has given me.

--Abhijit D. Natu,
Advocate and Ex-student.
[excerpts from the letter]