

# LOCUSTS & HONEY

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**Parish Team:****Fr. John Rumao.****Fr. John Lopes****Fr. Gerry Fernandes****Fr. Victor Dalmet.****Fr. Joe Rodricks**

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**Vice-President PPC:**

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Mrs. Margaret Mascarenhas.

**APC Representative:**

Mr. Anthony Alphonso

**PPC Secretary:**

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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 &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.**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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## HABIT OR ROUTINE

Jesus was unnecessarily accused for His disciple not fasting for, not following the tradition – habit existing in the Society. The Jews made an issue when there was no issue. They followed certain routine without knowing its meaning. They accused Jesus for his disciples not fasting. John's disciples as well as Pharisees fasted without knowing its purpose. Jesus explained the true meaning of fasting. Our practice of religion too is become a habit without knowing what and why of it. Habits can be immensely helpful in some areas of our lives if we know their meaning. They can be hurtful if we do not know. Habit of daily prayer can be helpful if we know what is prayer.

We do many things without understanding .If we know why we are doing, they can be meaningful and helpful; e.g. we take holy water and make sign of the cross as we enter the Church as a routine. Do we know why? It is to remind us of our Baptism day when we were baptized with holy water and we'd promised that we would reject Satan and all his works. Habitually we kneel, sit and stand during Mass. We kneel to show special reverence, we sit to listen and reflect with special attention and stand to proclaim with special emphasis Likewise, we sign our forehead lips and heart before reading the gospel to ask God that His word may be ever in our mind ,on our lips and in our heart .We come for Mass as a routine without knowing that we meet Jesus during Mass.

So let us follow the habits fully convinced as to what we are doing

---Rev. Fr. Joe Rodricks

## ***THE SEASON OF LENT –A TIME FOR REPENTANCE & CONVERSION!***



**This week's Announcements, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 06..**

- ✂ *Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February will be celebrated as Bible Sunday.*
- ✂ Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March is ASH WEDNESDAY. Masses will be as follows: at 6.00, 6.45 and 7.30 in the morning and at 5.30, 6.15 and 7.00 in the evening. There will be no Mass in the Holy Cross Convent. Ashes will be imposed at all the Masses. It is also the Day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE
- ✂ 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.
  
- ✂ *The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1933.00.*

**27/02 to 05/03 This week's readings :**

<b>Mon.</b>	1 Pet 1 :3-9; Ps 110: 1-2,5-6,9-10; Mk 10:17-27
<b>Tues.</b>	1 Pet 1:10-16;Ps97:1-4;Mk 10:28-31
<b>Wed.</b>	Joel 2: 12-18; Ps 50; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6: 1-6,16-18
<b>Thurs.</b>	Dt30: 15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk9:22-25,
<b>Friday</b>	St Katharine Drexel, v, rf. Is 58: 1-9; Ps 50:3-6,18-19; Mt9: 14-15
<b>Satur.</b>	St Casimir Is 58:9-14; Ps 85:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Lent 1 <sup>st</sup> : Gn 9:8-15;1Pt3:18-22;Mk 1:12-15

***Rt. Rev. Bishop Bosco will conduct animotrs' Meeting on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All the zonal coordinators and animators will please, keep the above date free for the session.***

**CHILDREN'S CORNER- Bible Study**

**29. Confused Persons.**

From the given statements, name persons who were confused.

1. He was confused when he realized that he was freed from the prison.
2. He was confused when he was told that his wife would bear a son in her old age.
3. He was confused when he got the food he desired so fast.
4. He was confused when he heard that he had to be born a second time.
5. He was confused when God asked him to go to speak to Pharaoh.
6. She was confused when she was told that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit.
7. They were confused when they were told, *It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*"
8. He was confused when he saw the burning bush not consumed.
9. They were confused when Jesus was crucified.
10. She was confused when she heard Simeon's prophecy.

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**30. FAMOUS SAYINGS OF JESUS.**

To whom did Jesus say the following:

1. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
2. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
3. Come. with me, I'll teach you to catch men.
4. Courage, my daughter! Your faith has made you well.
5. Whoever does what my father wants him to do is my brother, my sister and my mother.
6. You are a woman of great faith. What you want will be done for you.
7. Before the cock crows tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me.
8. It is I, don't be afraid.
9. If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, carry his cross and follow me.
10. No one is good except God

*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 10<sup>th</sup> March.*

---Parish Priest.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*A day of fast and abstinence.*

*Those 14 above are to abstain from meat products  
Those 21 and above are to observe fast with one full  
meal and a bite at the breakfast & dinner while  
abstaining from all meat products.*

*This is just a token fast as a sign of your  
determination to keep away from sin, sinful habits,  
drinks, smoke or any sinful  
And harmful waste.*

Lent is a journey with Jesus in the desert of wants  
& struggles of life,

Lent is a time to measure up one's self control  
over one's weaknesses such as self-abuse, anger,  
ill-temper, loose tongue, greed and self-  
centeredness.

Lent is a time to mend relationships.

**RINGS & RAINBOWS  
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2006.**

11th February, 2006 was celebrated as World Marriage Day in Thane Deanery at St. John the Baptist School Hall, Thane (West) under the guidance of the Archdiocesan Family Commission, Mumbai and Fr. Gerald Fernandes and encouragement from our Parish Priest, Fr. John Rumao.. Celebrations commenced with the Holy Eucharist by Fr. Denise Pereira, who spoke on love sharing between couples leading to better spiritual love shown by God towards mankind, thus enriching couples marital lives to live better Christians. Followed by a power point presentation and talk by Ms. Michelle on "Couple Communication", clearing many misunderstandings and helping the participating couples to understand their spouse and family through improved communication. All couples participated actively in the dances of lively music and in the various games winning many gifts & prizes. The programme wound up with dinner and participants taking home fun filled memories to last a lifetime.

**LENTEN SERVICES 2006.**

DAYS	DATES	SERVICES	TIME
<b>Ash Wednesday fast &amp; abstinence</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Masses: Morning Evening	6.00, 6.45 & 7.30 a.m. 5.30, 6.30 7.30 p.m.
<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>Thursday</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>Palm Sunday</b>	09 <sup>th</sup> April, 2006	Blessing of palms, procession & Mass <b>Bishop Bosco conducts Animotrs' meeting</b>	8.00 a.m. <b>6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Wednesday</b>	April 10, 11, 12, 06	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	at 5. p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	April 13, 2006	Mass for the sick; <b>Last Supper Mass</b> Holy Hour	05.00 p.m. <b>07.30 p.m.</b> 10.30 p.m.
<b>Good Friday fast &amp; abstinence</b>	April 14, 2006	<b>Way of the Cross:</b> in Marathi In Konkani In English for youth for adults for children In Malayalam <b>Liturgical Service</b> followed by Passo	07.00 a.m. 08.00 a.m. 09.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon <b>06.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 15, 2006	Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	07.00 a.m. 08.30 p.m.
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 16, 2006	Masses: Morning <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15 a.m.

**NEW MEMBERS**

NAME	<b>Baptism Dates</b>	<b>Birth dates</b>
Vanessa Mendes	08.01.2006	09.12.2005
Ellisha D'souza	08.01.2006	02.12.2005
Samantha Anthony	22.01.2006	15.12.2005
Shawn Rose	22.01.2006	28.11.2005
Priyanka A.D.R.Garud	29.01.2006	29.08.1989
Aparna C.Garud	29.01.2006	21.12.1996
Shauna Paul	29.01.2006	26.12.2005

**UNITED IN CHIRST**

Date	<b>Nridegroom</b>	<b>Bride</b>
08.01.2006	Brian P. Aruldass	Sharlotte L. D'souza
21.01.2006	Dominic R.Andrade	Genevieve Thomas
28.01.2006	Kevin A.Dias	Brinda D'souza
29.01.2006	Wilson D'souza	Veronica Kedari

**OF LATE MEMORIES**

Date	Name
02.01.2006	Stanley V.D'
03.01.2006	Paul Sebastian
05.01.2006	Stanley Santamayore
09.01.2006	Luis Pinto
15.01.2006	Laticia G. D'souza
29.01.2006	Paul D'souza

Date – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

To,

The Parish Priest,

St. John the Baptist Parish, Thane.

Dear Rev. Father John Rumao,

I Flavia Raj & my family, the resident of **Kopri zone** heartly Thanks to you & all the members of Community Welfare Fund thinking of our application forwarded to you & helping us for Medical Assistance for my father's treatment when he was in critical condition

Once again I & my family thank all the HonorableMembers of Community Welfare Fund. God Bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

Flavio Raj.

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.