

SALVATION CHRONICLES



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~ Luke 2:11

“...From now on, all generations will call me blessed.”
~ Luke 1:48



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~ Luke 13:3



OUR LADY OF SALVATION CHURCH, DADAR

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From the pastor's desk

As we turn the pages of this edition of *Salvation Chronicles*, the cover itself invites us into a sacred journey – a journey that mirrors the rhythm of our Christian life.

We begin at the manger in Bethlehem: “For unto you is born this day... a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:11). The fragile Child lying in a manger reminds us that God chose humility, closeness, and vulnerability to enter our world. In a time when power and success often define worth, the Infant Jesus gently teaches us that true salvation begins in simplicity, trust, and love.

As we gaze upon the beautiful image of our Heavenly Mother, we recall the parish feast we recently celebrated with deep devotion through the Triduum, Day of Appreciation, the Fête, and the many moments of grace we shared. Let us turn to Mary – the woman of faith who proclaimed, “From now on all generations will call me blessed” (Lk 1:48). Her life was not free from uncertainty or pain, yet her unwavering yes allowed God’s plan to unfold. Mary stands before us as a model

of discipleship – teaching us to listen, to surrender, and to carry Christ to others with quiet courage and deep faith.

The red cloth and the nails confront us with the cost of love and the seriousness of conversion: “Unless you repent, you too will all perish” (Lk 13:3). Repentance is not meant to instil fear, but to awaken hearts. It is an invitation to change direction, to let go of what binds us, and to return to God who is always rich in mercy.

This journey of salvation is not a single moment, but a lifelong path – from birth to surrender, from grace to conversion. As a parish community of Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, we are called not only to contemplate these mysteries but to live them daily – in our homes, communities, workplaces, and relationships.

As we approach the season of Lent, let us reflect, and renew our commitment to walk faithfully with Christ, guided by Mary, and transformed by God’s mercy – as one loving and Synodal Church.

• **Fr. Glasten Gonsalves**



From the Vice President's Desk

PPC & Trustee (Board of Management)

Dear Parishioners,

We joyfully began the new academic year in our Parish with renewed enthusiasm and prayer. The orientation program for PPC members, SCC Steering Committee, Animators, and leaders of various Cells and Associations set a strong foundation for the months ahead. This was followed by a series of enriching celebrations: Laity Sunday, Zonal Parents' Day, Vianney Sunday, Independence Day, and the Novena in preparation for the Nativity Feast. Each occasion was marked by active participation, reminding us of the vibrant spirit that defines our Parish. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed their time, talents, and presence in making these events moments of faith and fellowship.

The Board of Management also undertook the much-needed renovation of our church interiors, giving our sacred space a renewed sense of beauty and

reverence. We sincerely thank you, our parishioners, for your patience during this work, as well as for your constant support and encouragement. Your cooperation is a true testament to our unity as one body in Christ.

As we move forward, let us continue to build on these collaborative efforts. Together, we can reach greater heights, fostering not only growth in our Parish activities but also a deepened spiritual experience for all.

I would like to close with a reflection that captures our journey of faith:

“We gather in prayer, hearts open wide, United in purpose, by God’s design. Each gift shared, a blessing multiplied, His Spirit among us, hope’s steady sign.”

Thank you and may God bless us all.

Warm regards,

• **Alfred Nogueira**

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP STEPHEN FERNANDES



WHITE ROSES FOR PEACE



In January 2026, the Green Cell hosted a symbolic planting ceremony centered on the themes of peace and environmental stewardship. The event featured the planting of a white rose.

The gathering was attended by Green Cell members, nature and peace lovers, including members of the Interreligious Dialogue Cell.

Graced by our newly ordained Bishop, H.E. Bishop Steven Fernandes; Rev. Fr. Glasten, Director of the Green Cell; and special guest and humanitarian Heidi Kuhn, it was another moment of grace in the garden.

The central act of the event was the planting of a white rose in the Green Cell's dedicated garden plot. In botanical and cultural symbolism, the white rose represents peace and new beginnings. This act served as a local commitment to the global effort of healing the land and fostering harmony within the community.

Heidi Kuhn, the founder of Roots of Peace, shared her experiences with those living in proximity to landmines. Her heartfelt sharing, along with her depth of knowledge of scripture, inspired us all.

Roots of Peace highlights the transition from minefields into thriving vineyards and gardens. The movement works with farmers in some of the world's most challenging environments to rebuild agricultural systems and reconnect communities to markets. Every project is designed with one goal: to help farming families regain stability and rebuild their futures.

The event served as a "moment of grace" and reinforced the Green Cell's commitment to maintaining the garden as a space for reflection, prayer, and peace.



• Gwyneth Rasquinha

ADVENT RECOLLECTION



Fr. Clifton Mendonca's Advent Recollection was a powerful invitation to reflect on the masks we wear—not only before others, but also before ourselves and God. Created in God's image and likeness, we were meant to live "naked and unashamed." Sin changed this freedom into fear and shame, leading us to hide behind false identities. We often define ourselves by what others think of us, choosing approval over truth and slipping into inauthentic and hypocritical living.

Advent calls us to stay awake, acknowledge our sins, reconcile, and change our hearts so that we may rediscover true joy. Baptism reminds us that we are called to strip ourselves of these masks, enter the waters, and rise clothed in a new garment of salvation. Yet confession is difficult because

it demands humility and the courage to unmask ourselves honestly.

God constantly seeks to unmask us, inviting us to confront not just our sins but also their roots—ego, pride, envy, and unrealistic expectations that lead to anger and anxiety.

To apply this in my personal life, I am called to daily self-examination, sincere confession, and truthful self-awareness. Only then can I raise my eyes and look upon God's face without fear.

I pray that the fire of God's salvation purifies me in this life, not after death. By striving to live the Beatitudes—especially poverty of spirit and humility—I allow God to heal me and prepare me to stand before Him, clothed in peace and joy.

• **Nora Vaz**

A HOLY SPIRIT LED VISION - SALVATION GREEN CELL

The Salvation Green Cell (SGC) came together for a unique exercise recently. Through the support of our parishioners, we have travelled a significant distance in our integral ecological journey together. So, onwards to the future we look.

From 2026 onwards, the SGC has defined its Vision and Values as follows:

To be a Holy Spirit led cell protecting and renewing our common home through collaborative, innovative ecological action.

Being *Holy Spirited* emphasizes that the Cell is a pastoral ministry rooted in discernment, prayer, and responsiveness to the “signs of the times.” Ecological Conversion is critical to our mission.

Protecting and renewing our common home involves preventing harm—by conserving water, energy, and resources.

The *Collaborative* aspect underscores deep partnerships within the parish (among the Clergy, PPC, SCCs, Youth,



and other groups) and with civic bodies, NGOs, and other faith communities. As *Laudato Si'* teaches, ecological conversion must be communal.

Innovation calls for creative pastoral and technical approaches suited to urban realities—from digital ecological catechesis and youth-led media efforts to new environmental practices like green burials or microinitiatives in slums.

Ecological action means translating vision into measurable results, such as waste reduction, tree planting, segregation practices, and training youth as ecoambassadors.

Focus areas will also include :

- a) **Empowering youth as future leaders,**
- b) **Extending ecological consciousness into daily life, and**
- c) **Collaborating with other parishes** to learn and grow the *Laudato Si'* way for the greater good and God's greater glory.

• **Andrew Williams**

ALTAR SERVERS COPA TOURNAMENT



St. Pius X Seminary grounds were filled with joy and a competitive spirit on 30th October 2025, as the COPA FE tournament brought together children from across the Archdiocese for a day of fun and fellowship.

The multidisciplinary tournament consisted of football for boys, dodgeball for girls, and badminton for youth. The tournament provided an opportunity for altar servers to showcase their faith through sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline. An incredible effort was seen from all participants, ranging in age from 10 to 17 years.

Here are some reviews from our participants:

“Our football tournament was fantastic! We gave it our all on the field and built lasting friendships along the way. We hope this becomes an annual tradition.” -

Agnelo D’Souza

“The dodgeball tournament was an outstanding experience. It wasn’t just about winning, but about building stronger bonds with others.” - **Sancia Lobo**

“Playing badminton doubles pushed us to go the extra mile. We look forward to future tournaments.” - **Richila Fernandes**

• **Jason Mendes & Ethan Fernandes**


ARE YOU A SORTED SUPERSTAR?

THE BLUE BAG PROJECT

The parishioners of Salvation Church recently welcomed Ms. Natasha D'Costa, founder of *Start Upcycling Now*, for an engaging session on “**The Blue Bag Project.**” The event aimed to inspire the community to take responsible action toward **waste segregation and recycling**, aligning closely with the ecological vision of the SGC.

The solution offered, via The Blue Bag project, is a first of its kind Waste-Tech project that uses Digital Solutions to collect, tag and analyse waste and pay customers for their waste.

Natasha began by introducing *The Blue Bag Project*—a simple yet powerful initiative encouraging households to separate dry waste and channel it for meaningful segregation and recycling. And yes, you can earn Rs 4/- per Kg in the process.



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- Waste Collection Bags**
Bintlx provides recyclable bags to every household every month. Bags are linked to individual household.
- Weekly Pickup**
Bintlx picks up dry-waste bags weekly on a designated day.
- Sorting & Processing**
The waste is segregated at the warehouse and sent to Certified Recyclers.

Through facts and examples from Mumbai neighbourhoods, she explained how small civic efforts can significantly reduce landfill waste and make people more responsible.

To make learning fun, Natasha introduced a series of interactive **games and quizzes** on waste segregation. Youth participants enthusiastically identified waste items as per her questions. Learning came through fun and entertainment.

The session concluded with an open interaction where parishioners discussed challenges of waste management in their housing societies and brainstormed practical solutions. Natasha thanked the audience for their warm participation.

The event left parishioners motivated to act locally for global impact—affirming that stewardship of our “common home” begins with simple daily choices made with thought and care.

• **Andrew Williams**

BCS EVENTS 2025 : DIWALI VISIT TO DADAR & SHIVAJI PARK POLICE STATION



On the occasion of Diwali 18th October 2025 (being Dhanteras), the BCS Salvation Unit visited the senior police personnel of Dadar & Shivaji Park Police Station to greet

them, share Diwali sweets and to thank them for their assistance in maintaining the safety of our parish & the parishioners. This was greatly appreciated by the police personnel.

CAROL NIGHT

The Carol Night at Our Lady of Salvation Church, held at 7:45 p.m., was a beautiful and prayerful celebration that truly captured the spirit of Christmas - 'A night of faith, music and devotion, reliving Bethlehem and preparing our hearts for Christ.'

The evening began with a delightful Christmas dance by the Sunday School children, whose angelic performance offered a joyful glimpse of the season. This was followed by a moving Nativity skit presented by the parish youth, which beautifully portrayed the journey of Mother Mary and Saint Joseph and the humble coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The singers and musicians added depth and devotion to the celebration, their

melodious voices echoing the glory of our Lord and completing the Carol Night with grace and harmony. Under the dedicated guidance of our Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Joel, whose careful planning and numerous practices ensured perfection, the entire program transported everyone back to the holy night in Bethlehem.

The Sunday School teachers along with their children, the youth and the choir members devoted their time, effort and talents to make the Carol Night come alive. All those who witnessed the program are true testimonies of how beautifully it prepared our hearts to welcome and receive Jesus, inspiring us to become a meaningful gift to Jesus on His birthday.

• Steffi Fernandes

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear All,

Happy New Year to all our dear parishioners!

As we step into 2026, we joyfully reminisce about the memorable Christmas party organised for our Sunday School children on 21st December. Children gathered to ring in the Christmas spirit and festive cheer.

The Salvation Undercroft was beautifully decorated, setting the true Christmas mood. Joyful music filled the space, accompanied by the happy chatter of our little elves, all eagerly ready to celebrate the season of love and giving. The celebration began after the Children's Mass with cheerful Christmas carols, sung with great enthusiasm.

The children were then treated to some scrumptious snacks, followed by fun, Christmas-themed games that kept everyone engaged and excited. Energetic dance performances added sparkle to the celebration, spreading joy all around.

The most awaited moment of the day was the grand arrival of Santa Claus, welcomed with loud cheers. Santa showered the children with chocolates, making the celebration truly magical. The joy on the children's faces reflected the true spirit of Christmas—sharing, love, and happiness. Beautiful return gifts made the celebration even more special.



A heartfelt word of appreciation goes to Deacon Navin, the co-team, and all our Sunday School teachers for their tremendous efforts in spreading the true joy of Christmas.

May the Infant Jesus bless every family with peace, love, and hope. Wishing you all a grace-filled and joyful New Year!

• **Calvin Fernandes**

LEGION OF MARY – CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN



As part of its annual Christmas outreach, the Legion of Mary conducted the Christmas Crib Contact Campaign at our parish crib and at Our Lady of Victoria Church.

During Christmas, churches receive many visitors, including non-Christian visitors. Legionaries stood near the crib to welcome visitors, explain the Nativity scene, and share the theme of the crib for the year. Many visitors appreciated this interaction and expressed their happiness at having someone explain the meaning of the crib to them.

At Our Lady of Victoria Church, the campaign was made more interactive for children through Christmas-related print-outs, which non-Christian children enjoyed colouring and painting, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere.

This annual Crib Contact initiative continues to be a meaningful way of building connections, encouraging dialogue, and bringing people together in the true spirit of Christmas.

• **Bianca Rodricks**

A DAY OF LOVE AND SERVICE WITH THE CHILDREN LEGION OF MARY – INSTITUTIONAL VISIT 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Guided by our mission of service and corporal works of mercy, the Legion of Mary paid a visit to the Dongri Children's Home, a shelter for destitute and delinquent children, on 27th September.

Our members spent time with the children, bringing joy and companionship through games and interactive activities. The children were delighted to receive

small gifts and snacks, which added to their happiness.

The visit was a touching experience for us all, as the children expressed their gratitude for the time and care shared with them. For the Legion, it was a moment to live out our mission of service, reaching out to those in need, with the love of Christ and Our Blessed Mother.

• Bianca Ray

LEGION OF MARY – PRAESIDIUM FUNCTION



On the 20th of September, we, the Legion of Mary joyfully gathered to celebrate our annual Praesidium Function. It was a blessed and memorable evening filled with prayer, fellowship, and joy.

We were privileged to have our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pimenta, with us. Father not only blessed us but also spent quality time interacting with members.

The program included fun games and quizzes, which brought a spirit of

togetherness and laughter. Members also shared a home cooked meal, adding warmth and a personal touch to the celebration.

The evening concluded with Fr. Joseph's words of appreciation, reminding us of the value of the Legion of Mary in our parish life and encouraging us to continue our service with renewed zeal.

It was truly a celebration of faith, fellowship, and dedication to Our Lady.

• **Bianca Ray**

A HAT-TRICK IN THE JOY OF GIVING



In sync with the liturgical season of Advent, which calls us to prepare our hearts and homes to welcome Jesus and celebrate His birth, the Green Cell once again invited our parishioners to declutter and share through **RU2RJ 2025**.

Reuse to Rejuvenate, Season 3, was promoted on WA, appealing to the generosity of parishioners while stressing the need for items to be in good condition. Anticipating a good response, the Green Cell was well prepared with adequate space and helping hands to organise the event. However, the



overwhelming flood of donations surpassed all expectations. Parishioners donated clothes, electronics, games, books and toys, glassware, home décor, accessories, bags, shoes, and more. In the two weeks leading up to the event, the rooms assigned were buzzing with activity as Cell members worked overtime in preparation.

On December 13th, parishioners were greeted with an attractive display of items to pick and take home—gratis! Fr. Michael prayed a blessing over the event before it was opened to all. Smiles, appreciation, and excited chatter filled the space, competing with the crinkling of bags being filled, as the loaded tables gradually emptied and people took away items they needed or perhaps something that simply called out to them.

What remained was sent to St. Theresa's Parish, Bandra, for the benefit of the migrant community.

Look out for N.C.I.E (no typo here) WA group @9920909175 (Joel Moniz), to give and take items, through the year.



• Nisha D'Costa

MARK ZONE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A Night of Melody and Unity:
Mark Zone Communities Illuminate Christmas with Carols



On a crisp Christmas evening, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, the vibrant communities of Mark Zone came together in a beautiful display of faith and fellowship.

Gathered reverently around the majestic Christ the King statue, which stood as a glowing beacon under the twinkling lights, members lifted their voices in harmonious Christmas carols.

Their songs—classics like “Hark the herald angels sing “ and “We three kings of Orient are”—served as warm greetings to fellow parishioners. The air buzzed with anticipation, as families young and old paused to join in, turning the sacred space into a symphony of joy.

Energized by the spirit of the season, the group set off on a joyful procession through the neighbourhoods of Mark Zone. Attired in Christmas colours of red and green and

hearts full, they went around serenading with lively carols that echoed off the spirit of Christmas. We were truly privileged to have the blessings of Fr. Denzil.

Snacks and refreshments were generously served at our various community stops, fueling the revelry and ensuring no voice went weary.

This cherished tradition blossomed into a profound time of bonding among the members.

This evening reminded everyone of the power of community, where music bridged generations and strengthened the bonds that hold Mark Zone together.

As the stars dotted the night sky, the singers bid farewell, returning to their homes with hearts overflowing with the timeless spirit and message of Christmas.

• Marie Susan Rebello

NOV 16 - WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



On November 16, 2025, a heartwarming fellowship brightened the lives of residents at St. Joseph Convent Aged Home in Goregaon. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, the event radiated warmth, driven by the creative leadership of Zonal Heads, SCC Coordinators, and Animators, who managed the day with zone-wise precision.

The experience began with a seamless commute from Goregaon, ensuring the comfort of our guests. Upon arrival, the residents were embraced with spirited welcome songs. The morning quickly transitioned into a lively festival of entertainment, featuring nostalgic rounds of Antakshari that filled the room with song. The energy was electric as our “young at heart” participants took to the dance floor, swaying joyfully to the rhythms of the live

band music. Competitive spirits were high as participants vied for various game prizes and spot prizes distributed throughout the morning.

Recognizing the importance of health and wellness, a nutritious meal was prepared to suit their dietary needs, served in an atmosphere of friendship and shared stories.

As the event drew to a close, a small thank-you session was held to express our gratitude for their presence. Each resident was presented with a hand towel as a token of affection—a small takeaway to remember the day. It was truly a memorable morning where simple gestures translated into deep connections, leaving both the organizers and the residents of St. Joseph Convent with hearts full of happiness and beautiful memories.

• **Amelia D’costa & Pascoela Fernandes**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP: PRAYER FROM THE HEART, NOT A PERFORMANCE



In a reflective and faith-filled talk to parish cantors, Fr. Michael D’ Cunha emphasised that praise and worship in church is fundamentally an act of prayer, not a stage performance. He invited church musicians to shift from a stage mindset to an altar mindset, reminding them that God—not applause or appreciation—must remain at the centre of all worship.

Fr. Michael posed a thought-provoking question: “Does my singing lead me to the altar or to the stage?” When worship becomes performance-driven, attention subtly moves from God to the self, and music risks becoming entertainment. True liturgical music, however, leads the congregation into prayer and reverence, lifting hearts toward God.

He explained that worship is relational and two-way. While cantors offer their voices,

time, and effort, they also receive grace, transformation, and deeper intimacy with God. Authentic praise is vertical—directed toward God—and flows from gratitude, humility, and surrender rather than personal recognition.

Highlighting the altar mindset, Fr. Michael described singing as an offering, much like the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith. Cantors are called to serve, not to shine, allowing God’s Word and the sacred action of the Mass to take precedence.

He concluded by reminding musicians that sacred music is prayer sung aloud. When rooted in humility and faith, praise and worship unite the congregation and draw all closer to God, making every note an offering of love.

• Elenka Rebello

REPORT ON WINTER FAITH CAMP 2024–2025

The Winter Faith Camp 2024–2025, organised by the Sunday School from 24th October to 1st November 2025 at Our Lady of Salvation High School, was a truly grace-filled week of joy, learning, and spiritual growth. Centred on the theme “**Miracles of Jesus – Biblical Stories,**” the camp inspired children to experience the wonders of faith and the love of Christ in a lively and creative way.

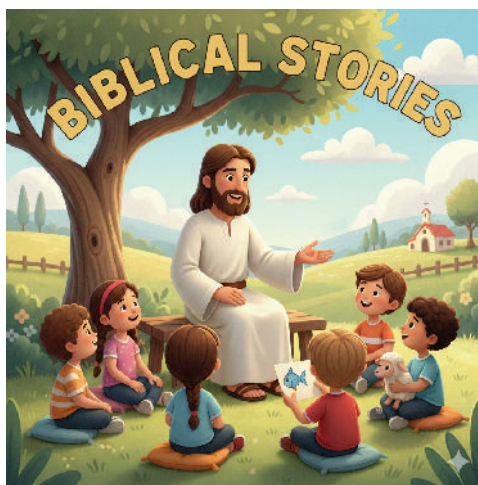
Each afternoon began with cheerful action songs, filling hearts with energy and praise. The children were divided into two enthusiastic teams—the Sunflower Warriors and the Star Warriors—each guided by dedicated captains. The sessions included teachings on the Word of God, creative classroom activities, and games organised by the Parish Youth Council, all designed to bring Christian values to life.

After enjoying snacks and a refreshing tank juice lovingly prepared by Deacon Navin, the children reflected in their special “Chocolate Diaries.”

The teachers worked tirelessly and joyfully, ensuring that every session was meaningful and filled with God’s presence.

The final day was a celebration of faith and fellowship, featuring an exhibition, Rosary-making led by the Legion of Mary, and a lively Biblical Housie with parents. Deserving children were awarded certificates for their enthusiasm and participation. The Sunflower Warriors emerged as winners, and the camp concluded with an inspiring message from Fr. Michael, the Parish Priest, urging all to live out the miracles of Jesus in their daily lives.

• **Suzanne D’souza**



ROSARY-MAKING WORKSHOP BRINGS JOY AND CREATIVITY TO PARISH CHILDREN



On 1st November 2025, the Legion of Mary organised a delightful rosary-making workshop for the children of the parish during one session of the Winter Faith Camp. It was a session filled with colour and creativity. Forty-two enthusiastic children, gathered with bright eyes and eager hands, ready to craft their own rosaries.

Volunteers from the Legion patiently guided the children through each step—stringing beads and fixing the crucifix, and ensuring the beads were correctly counted. What started as a learning process soon blossomed into laughter and helpful conversations as older children supported the younger ones.

The atmosphere was vibrant: beads rolling, strings tangling, and happy chatter

filling the parish hall. Many of the children expressed joy at being able to create something so meaningful with their own hands. Some chose their favourite colours, others experimented with patterns, and all worked with admirable focus.

As each child completed their rosary, there was a sense of pride and accomplishment. The workshop concluded with a short prayer, during which the children offered their newly made rosaries to Our Lady, asking for blessings on their families.

The Legion of Mary hopes this creative experience not only deepened the children's understanding of the Rosary but also planted seeds of devotion that will grow in their hearts for years to come.

• Bianca Ray

MEDITATION

A NEW SEED OF FAITH AND HOPE ARISES FOR THE SGC



On 7th December, the Salvation Green Cell (SGC) gathered for their meditation, led by Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, the Spiritual Director of the SGC. Drawing from Isaiah 11:1–10, Romans 15:4–9, and Matthew 3:1–12, the reflection centred on hope, harmony, and spiritual preparation. The readings inspired the SGC to renew their ecological mission of protecting the earth and its most vulnerable.

Fr. Glasten reflected that the birth of Christ, symbolised by the branch from Jesse’s root, signifies new life emerging from desolation—a call to social justice, equality, and harmony, where “the wolf and the lamb shall dwell together.” From Romans, members were reminded to live in unity, nurturing enduring hope among all peoples. The Gospel of Matthew emphasised preparing hearts to

bear good fruit, accepting the Messiah, and allowing divine renewal within.

In a meditative setting, each participant expressed appreciation for another member, deepening fellowship and gratitude. Together, they poured drops of water into a potted plant, symbolising their shared commitment to “care for creation” and “care for the poor.” These small acts of love, like drops of water, sustain life and strengthen the earth.

During Advent, the SGC reaffirmed its vision that through Christ’s birth, a fresh Seed of Hope is planted—reviving their dedication to cherish and safeguard God’s creation. In this unique process of fellowship through meditation, SGC members found renewal in both purpose and mission.

• **Andrew Williams**

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

PEACE WITH CREATION AT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Salvation Green Cell (SGC) held a special session titled “Peace with Creation” for Sunday School students of Classes 5 to 10 at Seva Kendra Hall on 5th October 2025. The activities began with a Bible quiz on nature (inspired by Savio Fernandes), where clues involving animals, birds, and trees led students and catechists to explore scriptural passages connected with creation.

Another exercise invited children to create art depicting scenes from nature.

After completing their artworks, they were unexpectedly told to tear them up—an instruction that sparked emotional reactions and hesitation. The powerful lesson behind this act was that, although God has gifted us the beauty of creation, human carelessness often leads to its destruction.

The session concluded with practical suggestions for daily ecological care and a joyful rendition of the *Laudato Si'* song and dance. The children left uplifted, smiling, and inspired to cherish and care for God's creation. The Sunday School team thanked the SGC for this meaningful and engaging experience.

Here are a few testimonials from our children who attended the session:

“The session by the SGC awakened a sense of gratitude for creation in us. It also showed us the relationship between nature and the Holy Bible.”

• **Leonor Domnic Dias**, Class 10

“The Green Cell activity in October 2025 helped me see nature from a more spiritual lens, where caring for the environment was linked to understanding God's presence in creation.”

• **Shaun Rodrigues**, Class 9



Catechists & Children of the Sunday School

TREASURES OF THE ALTAR: AN EXHIBITION OF SACRED OBJECTS



The Altar Servers held an exhibition of sacred vessels and vestments on Sunday, 16th November 2025, after all the morning Masses. More than a simple display, the exhibition was a moment of formation for the Altar Servers. As they presented various sacred objects used at liturgical services, the children deepened their own knowledge while also enhancing their public speaking skills.

For parishioners, the exhibition was an opportunity to learn more about the significance of the sacred objects—seen regularly but not fully understood. It was

also a chance to appreciate the beauty of these sacred objects from close quarters. Here's what a few parishioners had to say:

“The exhibition was very good. The Altar Servers gave us information about the different objects and vestments and their use.” – Leonie Fernandes.

“The exhibition brought insights to me and the people listening. I learnt a lot about the spiritual objects.” – Elvira D’Costa.

“Visiting the Altar Servers Exhibition was like reliving my days as an Altar Server. I loved the exhibition.” – Pauline D’Souza.

• **Altar Servers Animating Team**

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY CRIB: A REFLECTION OF FAITH, UNITY, AND SIMPLICITY BY ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY NO. 1



The St. Augustine Community No. 1 came together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to create a meaningful Community Christmas Crib at Padri Wadi, rooted in simplicity, sustainability, and shared devotion.

The making of the crib was a true collective effort. **Natural and repurposed materials** were thoughtfully used: dried coconut palm flower strands formed the manger roof, sackcloth shaped the mountains, and bird seed added life to the plants. Red mud and sand grounded the structure in earthy humility, while a reused saree transformed into a scenic backdrop, illuminated with tiny lights to create a starry night sky. The youth played a vital role from planning to execution, supported enthusiastically by adults.

The crib was inaugurated on the evening of the 25th December in a deeply moving ceremony. Beginning in darkness, the lighting of candle slowly revealed the humble Nativity, symbolising the world's journey from shadow into hope. As the crib came alive in gentle light, the atmosphere filled with awe, joy, carols, and warm fellowship, followed by a joyful community gathering.

The spiritual celebration continued the following day with the Rosary led by Father Joel Pinto. Gathered in prayer, the community offered the work of their hands and hearts to God, reaffirming that this crib was more than a tradition, it was a shared act of faith, unity, and love, preparing a humble home for the true light of Christmas.

• **Russell Luke Azavedo &
Riona Valentine**

HANDS OF COMPASSION, HEARTS OF JOY – ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY NO. 1 AT THE HOUSE OF CHARITY



On November 22nd, we, the members of the St. Augustine Church community, visited the House of Charity in Versova, Mumbai, located beside the historic Our Lady of Health Church. We were welcomed by a serene garden filled with vibrant flowers and shaded trees, instantly creating a peaceful atmosphere for the day ahead.

As we entered the home, any initial hesitation quickly disappeared. The residents, individuals living with various disabilities, greeted us with warm smiles and genuine joy. The Sisters, who lovingly care for the home, introduced each resident by name, making us feel less like visitors and more like friends from the very beginning.

Our time together centred on a simple yet meaningful activity. We painted the residents' palms with a rich green colour and pressed their handprints onto

personalised plates. Carefully writing their names transformed the activity into a celebration of identity and dignity. Beyond this, we shared everyday moments, assisting with feeding, helping with small tasks, and engaging in heartfelt conversations, each interaction rooted in compassion and respect.

What touched us most was the profound innocence and sincerity present throughout the home. The residents reflected humanity in its purest form, reminding us of the beauty of genuine connection and unconditional joy.

Though we arrived with the intention of giving, we felt we received far more in return. The visit concluded with a shared lunch, leaving our hearts full and spirits deeply uplifted.

• **Riona Valentine**

OUTREACH BY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS



“Whatever you do to the least of my people that you do unto me.” Mt 25:40

It was the start of our Diwali vacation and we, the students of Std. X of the Sunday School, together with our teachers, visited homebound parishioners Yolanda and Marie Rasquinha on 19th October 2025.

We were elated to see their whole-hearted participation in the songs, hymns

and prayers that we conducted at their place. With grateful hearts, they showered us with blessings for our success at the Board Examination.

All of us who participated in this simple yet meaningful gesture that morning benefitted immensely as we learnt two valuable lessons of care and concern for others.

• **Leonor Dias**

LIVING MERCY, SHARING HOPE

The **Divine Mercy Cell** is a devoted group of parishioners committed to prayer and compassionate service. Members meet on the **fourth Friday of every month** to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 7:00 pm Mass.

Inspired by the call to perform the Corporal Works of Mercy, the Cell actively reaches out to the needy, the sick, the elderly, and the broken-hearted, both within and beyond our parish. Our initiatives include:

◇ **Medical Outreach:** Visiting Tata Memorial Hospital in Parel to distribute blankets and sweets, and providing financial assistance to outstation patients for their return travel.

◇ **Festive Joy:** During Diwali, we distribute food essentials and cash tokens to Hindu school workers. Similarly, at Christmas, we share thoughtful gifts with local families to spread seasonal cheer.

◇ **Nourishment:** We coordinate daily food tiffin services for the poor, the homebound, and the elderly, ensuring they receive nourishment with dignity. Anyone in need of these services is encouraged to contact us at any time.

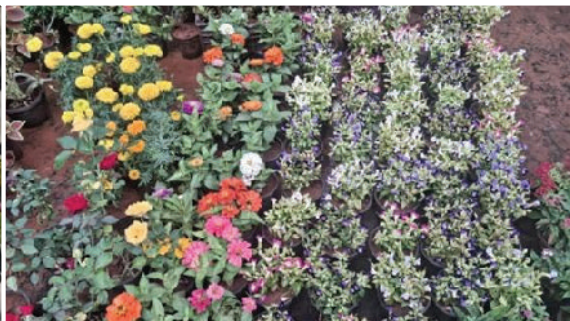
We warmly invite both past members and new volunteers to join us in strengthening this mission. Together, let us be a living witness to God's mercy in action.

• **Barbara Lobo**

REPUBLIC DAY



MAKE THE LIVING CHOICE FOR THE SOULS OF YOUR DEARLY DEPARTED



On 2nd November 2025, the **Green Cell** of our parish once again rejuvenated the most valued property in our parish – Our Parish Cemetery (Graveyard), the resting place of our ancestors. As parishioners, each of us has the closest connection with mother earth when we walk through this revered plot of land.

An initiative started in 2024, to place potted plants at family graves to be later planted in areas in the cemetery, to beautify and rejuvenate the soil, saw parishioners invest in this concept triple fold on “**All Souls Day**” this year.

Some parishioners booked in advance the number of pots required for their family graves, others switched over from doing up graves with flowers to planting small saplings around their family graves with the potted plants bought from us. Many came back to buy pots for their neighbours graves and even placed pots on graves that were not attended to.

As a team working with several initiatives to save our environment, each of us takes pride in task entrusted to us; be it going out to source the plants, transporting those plants to the location,



sorting & labelling the pots, interacting with parishioners to sow the idea for a greener planting ground at Salvation Church Cemetery. From getting permissions for a designated area in the cemetery to finally planting all these saplings into mother earth is the most enriching experience.

We invite you to join us as a member of Salvation Green cell and be the change for the future.

• **Rebecca Pereira**

BOX CRICKET 2026 (AN ANNUAL SPORTS EVENT) HELD ON 7TH AND 8TH FEB



The Salvation Sports Council held their second BOX CRICKET tournament this month on the Church grounds. 14 Teams participated in the tournament that saw parishioners from across the parish playing under their favourite teams – Bloomington, Dominators A & B, The Patrao's, The Void A & B, Vuvuzelas, The Elite, Double Black, Warriors Utd., Youngsters, St. Sebastian, Timepass, and Dhurandhar. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people of all age groups—men & women, making it a truly memorable weekend.

Teamwork showed in the amazing line up of batting, bowling, and fielding that encouraged coordination and light-hearted competition. The younger ones and even the older members joined in with equal enthusiasm, proving that age is no barrier to joy. The spectators too added to the liveliness with their constant cheers and friendly spirit.

Team Double Black took home the trophy once again, with runners-up Dominator 'A' playing an equally interesting game. The tournament had the blessings of Fr. Joel and Deacon Navin, who was the chief guest. Lastly, the Food stalls put up by parishioners were patronised & our commentators kept the audience enthused.

• **Ryan Fernandes**

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION BY THE CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT



The Children's Parliament organized a joyful and meaningful Children's Day programme on 15th November 2025 at the Seva Kendra Hall. This year's celebration was centered on the theme, "Walking with Saints – Journeying with Saints as Role Models," encouraging children to learn from the lives and values of saints and apply them in their own daily lives.

Continuing the tradition of the past years, the programme was thoughtfully planned and efficiently executed by our child leaders, with guidance and support from the Children's Parliament animators and our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Glasten Gonsalves. Their collective efforts ensured that the event was both spiritually enriching and entertaining for all present.

The celebration featured a variety of vibrant performances by the children, including folk and Bollywood dances, skit, and interactive games. The skit, in particular, beautifully conveyed the theme by highlighting the virtues and values of saints in a child-friendly manner.



The programme was further enriched by the gracious presence of Archbishop John Rodrigues, who visited the gathering along with our Board Members. Archbishop John addressed the children with a warm and inspiring message, encouraging them to walk in faith and live as witnesses to love and goodness. He also personally blessed each child, making the occasion truly memorable and special.

The Children's Day celebration was a wonderful reminder of the talents, faith, and potential of our young leaders and reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing them with strong values and joyful experiences.

• Seema D'Souza

CHRIST THE KING FEAST, 2025



The Feast of Christ the King, celebrated annually to mark the end of the liturgical year, reaffirms that Christ's reign is one of love, justice, and eternal hope. The Church of Our Lady of Salvation observed the feast with solemn devotion, uniting parishioners in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship.

The celebration began with a period of silent adoration conducted by Fr. Joel Pinto, fostering a deep spirit of reflection. Hymns in Hindi, English, Marathi, and Konkani were sung, creating a prayerful and inclusive atmosphere for our diverse community. This was followed by a solemn Eucharistic procession of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the parish vicinity.

Upon its return to the church, the Blessed Sacrament was reverently welcomed by

members of the migrant community from the Dadar and Worli areas. They led the faithful in a moving prayer dance rooted in their rich cultural traditions.

The homily was delivered by Fr. Manuel Fernandes, Parish Priest of St. Ignatius Church, Mandvi. He reflected on Christ's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, symbolizing a mission of peace rather than war. He noted that while earthly kings wear gold crowns and hold scepters, Christ wore a crown of thorns and carried a cross, embodying ultimate forgiveness. Unlike worldly rulers born in palaces, Christ was born in a humble manger, a testament to His simplicity.

The celebration concluded with the final benediction and a blessing for the entire community.

• Peter Fernandes

PARISH FEAST & NOVENA (ENGLISH)

Our recent Parish Triduum and Feast Day were powerful reminders of our calling. While the decorations have been tucked away, the spiritual movement we experienced—Come, Be, and Go—remains active in our hearts.



Day 1: Come to Church

“Come to church” speaks to the importance of gathering as a community of faith. Coming together is not merely a habit; it is an act of obedience and devotion.

When we come to church, we come to encounter God—through worship, Scripture, prayer, and the sacraments.

However, coming to church is only the beginning, not the destination.



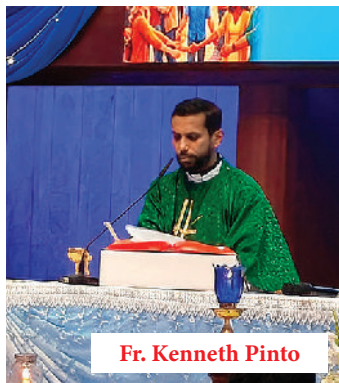
Day 2: Be the Church

To be the church means to embody Christ’s love and character in everyday life. The church is not confined to Sunday services; it exists wherever believers live out their faith.

Day 3: Go Out as the Church

To go out as the church means carrying the message and mission of Christ into homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

When the church goes out, it becomes a bridge between faith and life, showing that the gospel is relevant to real human struggles and hopes.



Feast Day: Church from Maintenance Mode to Mission Mode

Like Mary’s “YES”, we move from Maintenance to Mission, trading comfort for the courage to carry Christ. We Come to Church to be filled with grace, only to Be the Church through selfless service. Just as Mary hurried to Elizabeth, we Go Out as the Church to bridge faith and life. She teaches us that the Feast is not a finish line, but a commission to bring the Gospel to every heart.

• **Yohann Rodrigues**

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNITY NO. 5



In the heart of **St. Peter's Community No. 5**, families unite through prayer and shared devotion, fostering a vibrant tapestry of spiritual life.

A long-cherished tradition involves gathering around the neighborhood Cross, where families pray the Rosary and invoke Mary's intercession for peace and protection. These gatherings strengthen communal bonds and renew their commitment to faith amidst daily challenges.

The **Advent season** brings fresh fervor as the community Advent wreath journeys from home to home. In each household, families light candles and pray earnestly for the well-being of loved ones. These intimate gatherings conclude with heartfelt fellowship—sharing stories, laughter, and simple refreshments—transforming homes into beacons of hope as they eagerly await Christmas.

The joy peaks during **Christmas**



week, when Community No. 5, joined by members of the Mark Zone, traverses the vicinity singing soul-stirring carols. As the music echoes the love of Christ's birth, neighbors pause, smiles widen, and hearts are warmed by the festive cheer spread far and wide.

Through these shared moments, Community No. 5 praises and thanks God for the abundant graces showered upon their families. These activities exemplify how prayer, service, and celebration build a resilient, joyful community rooted in Christ's love.

• **Core Team Community No. 5**

CELEBRATING ‘FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS’ WITH THE TRANSGENDERS



On October 18, 2025, the **Divine Mercy Members** celebrated the Spirit of Diwali with our transgender friends at Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar. The evening began with the traditional lighting of diyas and rangolis to the soulful strains of ‘*Om Jai Jagdish.*’

The celebration was a beautiful reflection of mercy and love. Each guest received handcrafted greeting cards and homemade *faral* (sweets). We united in prayer, reciting the ‘*Our Father*’ and the ‘*Divine Mercy Chaplet*,’ sharing the message that grace flows from the merciful heart of Jesus.

The atmosphere was one of total inclusion. Our guests participated enthusiastically in songs, dances, and games. During a poignant sharing session, many opened up about their daily struggles. They spoke of societal rejection, the difficulty of

finding employment despite being talented or educated, and the pain of being forced to leave their homes due to discrimination. Yet, they also highlighted their cultural role in offering blessings during weddings and naming ceremonies.

Our in-house comperes kept the energy high with music, a “stage catwalk,” and a lively round of *Antakshari*. It was a joy to see our friends express themselves so freely. Before concluding, Advocate Jacinta D’Silva offered brief legal guidance to the group. As a token of love, each guest was presented with a bag of essentials and a gift envelope.

The event ended with warm goodbyes and tears of joy—a truly meaningful Diwali where light truly dispelled the darkness of isolation.

• **Barbara Lobo**

HOLISTIC WELLBEING CENTRE FOR SENIORS INAUGURATED IN OUR PARISH



On October 1, 2025, in celebration of World Elders' Day, our parish witnessed a meaningful and forward-looking initiative with the inauguration of a Holistic Wellbeing Center for Seniors. This project was jointly organized by our Centre for Community Organization (CCO) in collaboration with Adhata Trust, reaffirming our Parish's commitment to the care, inclusion, and dignity of senior citizens.

The Wellbeing Centre is open to all seniors, irrespective of faith, from both our parish and neighboring areas. The centre aims to promote physical, emotional, mental, and social wellbeing, offering seniors a safe and supportive space to connect, engage, and flourish in their later years.

The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the diya by Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto, our Parish Priest,

and Rev. Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, Priest-in-Charge of CCO. They were joined by Board Members Mr. Alfred Nogueira and Mr. Obrien D'Souza, along with Ms. Clara D'Souza, CEO of Adhata Trust.

Senior citizens from various Adhata groups added joy and vibrancy to the occasion through cultural performances, showcasing their diverse talents and enthusiasm. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Michael Pinto highlighted the Church's responsibility to honor and care for elders, while Fr. Glasten Gonsalves spoke about the vision and long-term community impact of the Wellbeing Centre.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Clara D'Souza. This inauguration marks a significant step toward building a compassionate, inclusive, and supportive community for our seniors.

• **Salvation CCO Team**

SNOWBALL (HOUSIE) 2026 BRINGS JOY AND TOGETHERNESS AT SALUTSAV



As part of the ongoing celebrations of Church Fete – Salutsav 2026, the much-anticipated Housie / Snowball 2026 was held on Sunday, 1st February 2026, at the Seva Kendra Hall, immediately after the Feast Mass. The event drew an overwhelming response from parishioners, with the hall filled beyond capacity, yet marked by high spirits, excitement, and cheerful participation.

The programme began with an opening prayer led by Rev. Fr. Joel Pinto. His prayer set a warm and reverent tone before the fun-filled event commenced.

A total of five rounds of Housie were conducted, each round generating eager anticipation and lively interaction among participants. The atmosphere in the hall was electric, with participants keenly following the numbers and sharing moments of

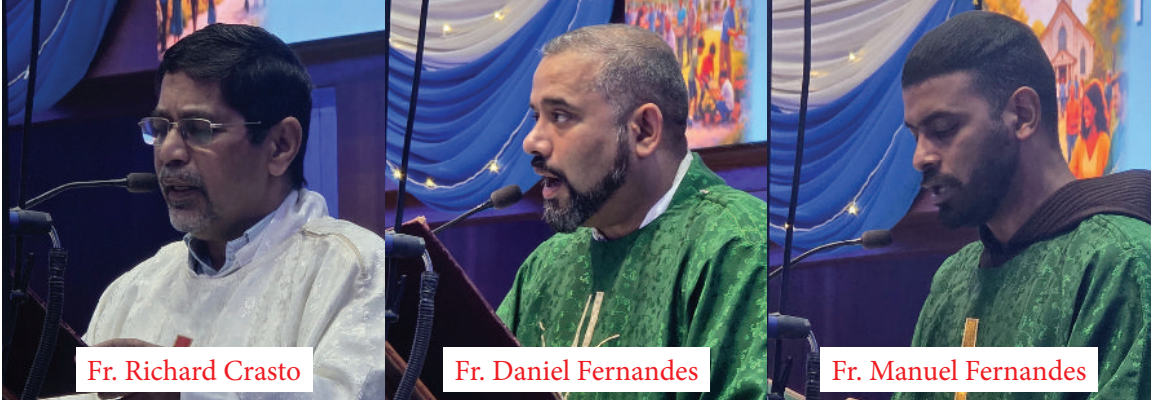
suspense, laughter, and celebration. The event fostered a strong sense of community bonding, bringing together families, friends, and parishioners of all ages in a spirit of joy and fellowship.

Adding to the overall experience, the Food Committee ensured that participants were well taken care of by offering a variety of delicious snacks and hot coffee, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Housie / Snowball 2026 proved to be a delightful and engaging event, strengthening bonds within the parish community. Sincere thanks are extended to the organizing team, volunteers, and all participants whose enthusiasm and cooperation made the event a memorable part of Salutsav 2026.

• Ashwin D'Silva

KONKANI TRIDUUM AND FEAST 2026



Poilo Dis:

Iadnik - Padr. Richard Crasto, St. Michael Church, Mahim

Vixoi - Igorjent ieat (hazir zaiat).

Jezun amkam jivitachi vatt dakhoilea ani ami ti vatt dhorunk favo. Ami soglleamni barabor ieun, ek dusreacho mog korun, taka noman korunk zai. Amcho ekvott, mhunge ami ek Kudd, ani Jezu hea kuddichem mostok. Misachea vellar, Iadnik, Jezuchea roopan bhavarthiãmchea somor ubo zata, tedna ami bhav-bhoinniponna eka-mekak noman vo xanti ditaanv. Hich zata khori Povitr Sobha.

Dusro Dis:

Iadnik - Padr. Daniel Fernandes - Infant Jesus Church, Jogeshwari

Vixoi - Tumi Povitr Sobha zaiat.

“Kiteak zoim dogam vô tegam zannam Mhojea nanvan ekthãim zaleat tanchê modem Hanv asam.” Ani Povitr atmo aplem biddar thaim korta.

Maggnean chodd boll asta. Decun ami eka monachim zaun magnnem korun favo. Ek kudd koxi ami ekthaim zaun santam-bhoktam sangata sonvsarachea xantik ani amchea sogllea gorzam pasot magtanv.

Tisro Dis:

Iadnik - Padr. Manuel Fernandes - St. Ignatius Church, Mandvi

Vixoi - Povitr Sobha koxi bhair vochat.

Igorjent, Misacher dil’li sogli xikovnn, ami amchea kallzan dovrn, ti bhair vochun amchea sogllea ixxtant vo bhavam-bhoinnank diunk zai. Jezuchog mog ani marg soggleank kollit kelearch, amchem Misavn xarti pavtolem. Decun Yadnik hea utramni Mis sompoita “Vochun ieat Kristche xantin tumkam dhaddta”. Mhonge amkam Misavnk pattoita.

Festacho Dis :

Iadnik - Deacon Navin - Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar

Vixoi - Povitr Sobha durusti thaun Misanvachea Riti savn.

Deacon Navinchea xikvonne pormannem : Zoxem Marien Devacho Sobd aplea kusveant thaun Elizabethak vo Jezuk gotteant polieunk ielolenk porgottlo toxench ami-i Devacho Sobd Igorje thaun sonvsarak diunk zai tedna ami khorieamni Povitr Sobha durusti thaun Misanvam savn vhorteleavn.

• **Cajetan Braganza**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST, 2025



December 3, 2025, marked our 4th Annual Feast of St. Francis Xavier, preceded by a solemn Triduum from November 30 to December 2. The Feast Mass was celebrated by Parish Priest Fr. Michael Pinto, with the St. Francis Xavier Choir leading the liturgy. A soothing instrumental of the Konkani hymn, “*Sam Francis Xaviera*,” welcomed the faithful, who later gathered at the saint’s statue for incense and prayers for the parish’s welfare. In keeping with Goan tradition, the service concluded with the distribution of warm boiled grams.

The celebration continued at 8:00 pm in the Seva Kendra Hall, where guests arrived with high anticipation for the evening’s secret programme. Mrs. Diana Gudinho, returning for her second year as compere, orchestrated an electrifying event

filled with spot prizes and games that kept everyone on their toes.

The atmosphere turned magical as a live five-piece band led the audience into a grand March dance. The band provided a masterclass in entertainment, paying homage to two centuries of Konkani music—from Pop and Mandos to Dulpods and Portuguese medleys—before concluding with a high-energy “Masala” marathon.

The evening was complemented by a delicious spread from Blue Diamond Caterers, bringing the celebration to a grand and satisfying close. This memorable event was made possible through the dedicated vision and direction of the core team that includes Mr. Allan, Mrs. Pramila, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Cajetan, Mr. William, and Mr. Avelino.

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



On Saturday, 27th December 2025, the staff and workers of Salvation Church came together at the Seva Kendra Hall to celebrate Christmas in an atmosphere of joy and fellowship. The afternoon gathering united our dedicated staff, along with the Priests' Team and Board Members, fostering a warm, family-like spirit of unity and appreciation.

The programme began with an opening prayer led by our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Pinto. He expressed heartfelt gratitude for the faithful service rendered by the staff throughout the year and invoked God's continued blessings upon everyone present. His words gently reminded all of us that Christmas is not only a season of celebration but also a time to renew our commitment to serve with love, humility, and dedication.

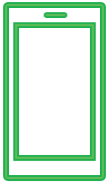
The festive mood heightened when one

of the staff members appeared dressed as Santa Claus. Amid cheerful laughter and applause, "Santa" distributed chocolates, spreading delight and adding a light-hearted charm to the gathering.

The celebration continued with engaging games that encouraged participation and strengthened bonds among colleagues. Music and dance followed, with many enthusiastically joining in, creating moments of shared joy and fellowship.

The event concluded with a closing prayer by Darshana, after which everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch and dessert. It was truly a meaningful celebration, marked by gratitude, fellowship, and appreciation for the devoted team that faithfully serves our parish community.

• Alfred Nogueira



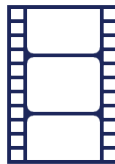
THE GREEN REELS CHALLENGE – REEL IT IN FOR CREATION

Prizes for the Winners - 1st– Rs 1000 / 2nd– Rs 750 / 3rd– Rs 500

Topics to choose from –

Waste Segregation in different coloured bins.

- a) Reduce Waste at Church Events
- b) Reduce Water Wastage
- c) Reduce Electricity Wastage
- d) Reduce Single Use Plastic Usage



Rules -

- 1) **Open to Parish Youth 15 – 25 – Max of 1entry per participant.**
- 2) **Will be featured on @salvationgreencell and in WA community groups**
- 3) **Original content only, no copyrighted music or clips.**
- 4) **Reels must promote an eco-friendly message rooted in Christian stewardship of creation in a respectful, entertaining and informing manner, that has shareable value**
- 5) **Members/Family members of Salvation Green Cell are not allowed to participate**
- 6) **Submission Guidelines -**

a) Entries to be sent to **Reel It In.**

salvationgreencell@gmail.com
ONLY.

- b) Include Name/Contact Number/ Email id (where you wish to be contacted)/ Community and Zone name in the email
- d) Add a short text paragraph (20 words) and 2 suggested hashtags for your reel
- e) Each Entry must be a 60 sec reel with a 30 sec edit of the same reel (should not lose the essence of the 60 sec edit). Only Reels in a vertical Instagram format, shot on mobile will be accepted.
- f) Last date for submission is 15th March, 2026
- 7) **All content submitted will be the property of the Salvation Green Cell.**
- 8) **Judging criteria: Winners will be decided by the Core Team of the SGC not later than 30th March 2026**

TREASURE HUNT 2026: A FUN-FILLED MISSION AT SALUTSAV 2026



As part of the Salutsav 2026 church fete celebrations, the Treasure Hunt 2026 was successfully held on January 26, 2026. The event brought together 15 eager teams in a vibrant display of enthusiasm, teamwork, and joyful participation.

The program commenced on the church grounds with an opening prayer led by Rev. Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, invoking God’s blessings for a day of fellowship and learning. Dressed in their respective team colors, the participants created a lively, festive atmosphere that reflected their competitive spirit.

Following a briefing, the teams set out to tackle a series of strategic clues and challenges. In keeping with the parish theme, “From Maintenance to Mission,” each task was thoughtfully designed to

encourage reflection, collaboration, and creativity. These activities did more than just test problem-solving skills; they reinforced the deeper message of moving beyond routine toward purposeful service and community engagement.

The day was marked by laughter, friendly competition, and a strong sense of unity, making it an enjoyable experience for participants and onlookers alike. The seamless execution of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of many volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes.

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who contributed to this grand success—especially our energetic youth, whose commitment and teamwork truly brought the spirit of Salutsav 2026 to life.

• **Alfred Nogueira**

OUTREACH PROGRAMME: VISITS TO HOMEBOUND WOMEN IN THE PARISH



In November and December 2025, the **Women's Cell** visited homebound parishioners in an initiative spearheaded by **Sr. Sunita Bunch**, Spiritual Director, and **Sr. Catherine Rodrigues**. A major highlight was the outreach during the **Christmas Octave**, where members brought festive cheer to ailing women through sweets, gifts, carols, and joyful fellowship.

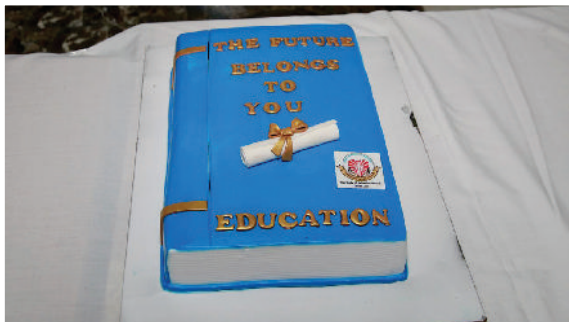
Beyond the festivities, members fostered deeper connections by offering companionship to those facing serious health challenges. By listening to their concerns and sharing God's love, the team provided vital emotional and spiritual support, concluding each visit with a heartfelt family prayer.

These encounters left families feeling spiritually uplifted and more deeply connected to the parish. This mission beautifully reflected the Women's Cell's commitment to compassionate outreach rooted in faith. Families expressed sincere gratitude for the personal care they received, which brought hope amidst their trials. Furthermore, the initiative strengthened bonds between our youth, women, and elders, inspiring a spirit of ongoing unity and service.

To build on this success, the **Women's Cell** will schedule follow-up visits in 2026. We encourage greater participation from our members to broaden the reach and impact of this vital ministry.

• **Donella Fernandes**

ANNUAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS (BCS EVENTS 2025)



The Bombay Catholic Sabha had its Annual Academic Awards ceremony on 18th December 2025, at Salvation Seva Kendra Hall. 16 students across SSC, HSC, graduation, and post-graduation categories received their awards at the ceremony.

The chief guest for the occasion was our BCS President Norbert Mendonca. BCS, Vice President Errol Pinto and our Spiritual Director Deacon Navin also graced the occasion.

Following were the awards presented for the various categories:

1. SSC: ₹1000 and Certificate.
2. HSC: ₹1500 and Certificate
3. Graduation: ₹2000 and Certificate
4. Post Graduation: ₹3000 and Certificate

After receiving the awards, students cut a cake which was specially ordered for the occasion.

The motivational talks helped the students to reinforce their commitment towards becoming the best version of themselves. The students and parents expressed their gratitude to the BCS for organising this program.

Special thanks to our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto for his constant support and to our benefactors as well as the members of the BCS managing committee and the education subcommittee for organising this event.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

DESECRATION OF HOLY CROSS SITUATED ON THE FOOTPATH OF GOKHALE ROAD, DADAR



The BCS Members along with the Members of Community No.8 took up the issue of the desecration of the Holy Cross located on the footpath of Gokhale road near the entrance to Amar Hind mandal, Dadar on or between 5th December night and 6th December 2025 morning. Upon noticing that the Holy Cross had been desecrated and vandalized, local residents, our Parish Priest, and BCS members immediately informed the Shivaji Park Police Station. This incident has caused great distress among our

community and we requested the police for immediate and visible action to help restore faith in law enforcement and help maintain communal harmony. The BCS is following up with the Local Police on this matter.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

FREE HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP (BCS EVENTS 2025)



The Bombay Catholic Sabha (BCS), Salvation Unit, organized a Free Health Checkup Camp on 30th November 2025 for parishioners and members of other faiths at the Salvation Seva Kendra. The camp, which ran from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, was held in collaboration with Wockhardt Hospital.

The medical screenings included BMI, Random Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, BMD, ECG, and eye check-ups, followed by doctor consultations. Out of

the 118 individuals who pre-registered, 95 attended the camp.

Participants expressed great appreciation for the seamless arrangements and the range of tests offered. We extend our sincere gratitude to our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Pinto, our Spiritual Director, Deacon Navin D'Silva, the BCS team, and our volunteers. We also thank the doctors, technicians, and management of Wockhardt Hospital for making this initiative a success.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

PEACEFUL PRAYER MEET WITH A DIFFERENCE



The BCS, Salvation Unit, held a peaceful prayer meet on 9th November 2025. The entire parish was involved, including the Priests and Religious, the BCS, the IRD Cell, the SCCs, and the parishioners.

We began with a special rosary involving the SCCs, dedicated to the theme: “Our Constitution gives us the Right to Worship the God we believe.” The Mass, Prayers of the Faithful, and the Post-Communion prayer were all offered for this intention.

Immediately after Mass, Benedict Mascarenhas, BCS Chairperson, explained the challenges and concerns regarding the proposed “Freedom of Religion Bill.” This was framed against the message: “Our Constitution Gives Us The Right to Follow the Religion We Believe or Desire.” He then

invited everyone to gather around the statue of “Christ the King” in the quadrangle for a moment of silent prayer, followed by all holding hands and singing the hymn “We Stand for God and for His Glory.”

We thank our Parish Priest Fr. Michael, Fr. Joel and our priest team, our convent sisters and religious, Deacon Navin (our BCS Spiritual Director), the Ushers, Choir, and Communication Cell, the BCS Managing Committee and Members, members of the IRD Cell, PPC and SCC Coordinators and Animators, members of various cells and associations, and all parishioners for their help, support, and presence in such large numbers.

May Our Lady of Salvation intercede for us.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH THE LONELY



On Christmas Day, our church gates opened wide to welcome people of all faiths. Many visitors queued reverently to visit the crib, offering prayers or capturing memories through photographs. Among them was a family from Calcutta seeking healing for their child suffering from cancer; Fr. Michael prayed over them, offering a moving moment of strength and comfort.

The Family Cell members also engaged with curious visitors, such as one who asked in Marathi, “*Ha baal kaun aahe?*” This opened the door to share the story of Baby Jesus and His message of hope. Spreading further festive cheer, cakes and sweets were distributed to all who visited.

In the evening, the focus shifted to

the lonely and widowed members of our parish. A special dinner was organized in the boardroom, attended by the Sisters and led in prayer by our Spiritual Director. The atmosphere was one of peace and connection, featuring heartfelt sharing, hymns, and a wholesome meal. To ensure everyone felt cared for, guests were provided gift hampers and Santa caps, and most were personally escorted home.

By dedicating Christmas Day to the needy and the lonely, the Family Cell and Fr. Michael truly lived the parish call to move from “**Maintenance to Mission Mode.**” Their selfless service offered companionship and a sense of belonging, beautifully reflecting the compassion and true spirit of the season.

• **Maria Cajetan Fernandes**

DIWALI CELEBRATION FOR HOPE & LIFE MEMBERS ALONG WITH WIDOWS OF OTHER FAITH



The Hope and Life Association organised a very meaningful Diwali event on 28th October 2025, with the encouragement and support of Fr. Michael. Widows from our parish, along with widows of other faiths, were warmly welcomed by Fr. Michael, who opened the ceremony with the lighting of lamps.

Fr. Michael delivered a very inspiring homily in Hindi, in which he emphasised that just as the Diwali festival of lights brings brightness and joy to all, Jesus is the light to our path, bringing us joy as we keep His word in our hearts. Sr. Catherine also conveyed a beautiful message to the widows of other faiths in Marathi.

The widows were deeply impressed by the Hope and Life Association's efforts to bring them together and create a space for fellowship. It was a fun-filled and enjoyable get-together, with Fr. Michael leading everyone in songs with his melodious voice. Diwali sweets and cold drinks were distributed, and gifts were presented to the widows of other faiths.

They expressed their happiness and appreciation for the programme and showed keen interest in joining future activities of the Association. The function concluded with everyone sharing joyful smiles.

• **Harriette Mendes**

FAMILY CELL VISIT TO PRANAM MARIA, MOUNT MARY



The Family Cell members, along with their families and a few parishioners, visited the Pranam Maria Exhibition at Mount Mary, Bandra, on Sunday, 12th October, at 3:30 p.m. A bus was arranged for the group, and the journey began with a prayer led by Fr. Michael, setting a prayerful and joyful tone for the visit.

Pranam Maria refers to the Pranam Maria Exhibition Centre located beside the historic Mount Mary Basilica. The exhibition is an immersive 25-minute multimedia experience that beautifully combines light, sound, and sculpture. With the theme “Creation to Redemption,” it vividly brings Gospel stories to life, offering a deeply spiritual and enriching experience for all who visit.



After the exhibition, the group spent time in fellowship during the return journey. The shared moments of reflection, conversation, and laughter made the outing even more special. It was truly a delightful and memorable experience for everyone.

• Yvette D’souza

JOINT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION : COMMUNITY 10 & 16



We concluded the year 2025 with the Advent Prayer Service, which was well-attended. During these gatherings, a joint Christmas party with Community No. 16 was proposed.

The animators of the two communities met to plan the celebration and decided to hold it on Sunday, 4th January 2026. The program began with an opening prayer led by the Spiritual Director of our zone, Fr. Michael Pinto.

As preparations were underway for the march-past, Santa Claus arrived, much to everyone's surprise, and led the procession, adding to the festive spirit. This was followed by a photo session with Santa and the community members.

The youth of both communities then conducted an engaging session of games,

including "Bombing the City," spot prizes, riddles, tongue twisters, and a game of housie. Winners received gifts, after which everyone joined in for a lively dance session. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, Grace before meals, and dinner.

It was an enjoyable gathering where members of both communities interacted and got to know one another better. We thank the members of our Board of Management, especially Helen Fernandes (Comm. No. 16) and Alfred Nogueira (Comm. No. 10), for their constant support in making this gathering successful. We also thank the youth and animators for their excellent planning and execution.

We look forward to many more such collaborative gatherings.

• Rachel D'souza

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES : BMC ELECTIONS 2026 (BCS EVENTS 2026)



The BCS, Salvation Unit Dadar organised the 'Know Your Candidate' program for the BMC elections on 9th January 2026 in the Parish Hall.

Following candidates were present:

1. Smt. Priya Sarvankar Gurav
2. Smt. Vishakha Raut
3. Shri Yeshwant Kedar

Our MLA Shri Mahesh Sawant, our Parish Priest Fr. Michael Pinto and Bento Lobo - immediate past VP of BCS were also present. Benedict Mascarenhas chaired the session.

100+ parishioners & others from our neighbourhood attended this event.

The candidates presented the vision to the audience, followed by a question-and-answer session where the audience had an opportunity to seek clarity on the various civic issues that were of concern.

The program was well appreciated by all present, and the efforts of the entire BCS Team towards organizing the event and providing the forum for interaction with the candidates were greatly acknowledged.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM



On December 7, 2025, the Family Cell organized a Mental Health Awareness Program, beginning with a prayer of faith and surrender. This spiritually enriching foundation set the stage for a meaningful session conducted by Mr. Freddy Pereira. Speaking in an accessible, layman’s language, Mr. Pereira’s interactive and passionate style kept the participants deeply engaged.

The session addressed pressing challenges facing modern families, many exacerbated by the pandemic. Mr. Pereira touched upon sensitive topics, including broken marriages, extramarital affairs, and student suicides linked to excessive gaming. He highlighted the pressures of educational loans on parents and the emotional toll of early relationship breakups. Additionally, he cautioned senior citizens against digital payment scams, urging

greater vigilance. These real-life examples prompted deep reflection among the attendees.

Parishioners appreciated the compassion and clarity with which mental health was discussed, helping to dismantle long-standing stigmas. By recognizing mental health as essential to overall well-being, participants gained practical insights into managing stress, identifying emotional distress, and supporting family members with empathy.

The program concluded with a strong call for follow-up sessions, as many felt the discussion only scratched the “tip of the iceberg.” There was a collective hope to involve more youth and families in future initiatives, aiming to strengthen relationships and build resilience against the pressures of modern life.

• Pamela Pereira

A PRAYER SERVICE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUNG EXAMINEES



 CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SALVATION
SALVATION FAMILY CELL

Community Prayer Service

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

PRAYER SERVICE | ADORATION | BLESSING

We invite Parents with their children to participate and pray for their success in their upcoming exams. Join us for a time of prayer, reflection, and peace.

27th January 2026 after 07.00 pm Mass

On 27th January 2026, the Family Cell organized a special prayer service for students preparing for their upcoming examinations. Following the 7:00 p.m. Mass, children and their parents gathered before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for strength, clarity, and confidence during this significant academic milestone.

The service featured Scripture verses centered on trust in the Lord and overcoming anxiety. Through the Prayers of the Faithful and intercessory prayers in Konkani, the community asked for peace of mind, good health, and the ability for students to recall their studies effectively.

Fr. Michael provided practical “dos and don’ts” alongside encouraging words

on discipline and faith. He reminded the students that exams are not just tests of memory, but opportunities for personal growth. Recognizing the pressure on families, parents were also prayed over to help calm their anxieties.

In a moving conclusion, Fr. Michael and Fr. Joel laid hands on each child, offering a special blessing that symbolized the support of the entire parish community. After a brief message from a Std. 10 student, the service ended with the Benediction hymn. As they left, children received chocolates and bookmarks as tokens of encouragement. This spiritual gathering served as a vital reminder that our students are never alone in their efforts, but are uplifted by faith and family.

• **Clarinda Fernandes**

CCI PRESENTATION AT THE CBCI GENERAL BODY MEETING



I had the opportunity of being present at the CBCI General Body Meeting on 5th February for the presentation of the CCI to the CBCI.

The CCI is the Catholic Council of India and represents all the 174 Diocese and Archdiocese across the country covering the 3 'sui generis' churches, the 14 Regional Catholic Councils, and the various Laity Offices and Commissions recognised by the CBCI. It is often referred to as a 'Church of India in Council'. I am an elected member on the Executive Committee of the CCI.

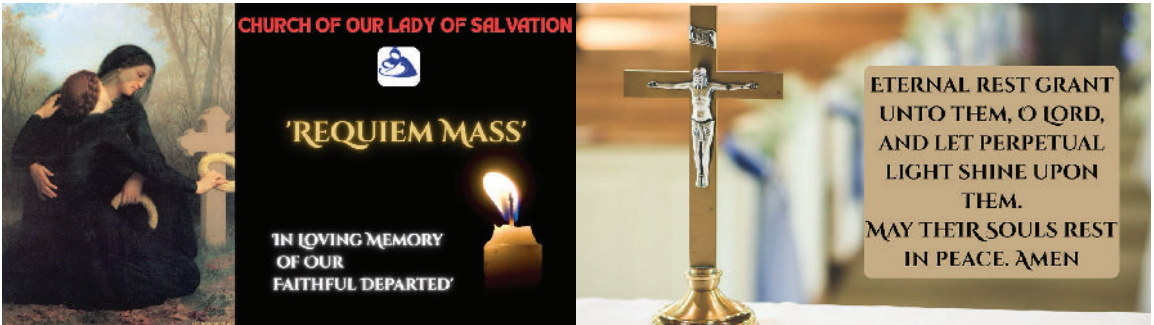
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presented the CCI Statement and the CCI Vice-Presidents Dr. Antose Anthony and Mrs. Clara Fernandes presented the progress of the CCI to the CBCI. I was then called upon to explain the proposed revised statutes of the CCI at this meeting.

I thank Salvation Parish and the Archdiocese of Bombay for giving me this opportunity to become a member of the CCI and Our Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Our Archbishop John Rodrigues, all our bishops, priests and parishioners who have placed their confidence and support in me over the years.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

REQUIEM MASS



The Family Cell of our parish organized a solemn Requiem Mass on 31st October at 6:45 p.m., during which prayers were offered for the souls of the departed members of our families. The Mass brought together parishioners in a spirit of remembrance, faith, and hope, as we entrusted our loved ones to God's loving mercy.

The service began with the recitation of the Rosary, creating a prayerful atmosphere. This was followed by a short prayer led by the head of each zone, accompanied by the senior-most members, youth, and children of their respective zones, symbolizing the unity of generations in prayer. As a sign of reverence and remembrance, Mogra

flowers and lamps were lovingly placed at the foot of the statue of Mother Mary near the altar.

Before the Mass commenced, the names of all the departed souls were displayed on the LED screen, allowing the congregation to personally remember and pray for their loved ones. The serene and reflective atmosphere of the Mass helped everyone recall those who have gone before us, while strengthening our faith that we are all pilgrims on this journey of life. It also renewed our hope that our final destination is eternal life with God in heaven.

• **Cajetan Fernandes**

We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

- St. Padre Pio

SALUTSAV 2026 INAUGURATED WITH A MESSAGE OF MISSION

On January 31, 2026, our much-awaited Church Fete—Salutsav 2026, was inaugurated on the church grounds with a meaningful ceremony. The inauguration beautifully reflected the feast theme, “From Maintenance Mode to Mission Mode,” setting a purposeful tone for the festivities.

The opening sequence featured a creative enactment with participants dressed as fishermen, vegetable vendors, carpenters, masons, athletes, and schoolchildren, symbolizing the routines of daily life. These participants entered a mock chapel for a moment of reflection and encounter. They emerged transformed, dressed as priests, doctors, nuns, teachers, and nurses—a powerful depiction of the call to move from routine living toward a life of mission and service.

Following this symbolic presentation, the participants, the clergy team, and

members of the Board of Management proceeded to the stage. Our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto, led a short prayer before officially declaring Salutsav 2026 open.

The evening was engagingly anchored by our host, Elenka Rebello, who kept the audience entertained with lively interactions and exciting spot prizes. A major highlight was “Salvation’s Got Talent,” where children, the youth group, and senior citizens from the Adhata Dadar Unit enthralled the audience with graceful and energetic dance routines. The energy was further elevated by a dynamic performance from Diago’s Dance Troupe, which truly brought the stage to life.

The inaugural evening concluded with a lively DJ night, marking a joyful and spirited beginning to Salutsav 2026.

• **Alfred Nogueira**



SALUTSAV 2026 FEAST DAY EVENING CELEBRATED WITH MUSIC AND JOY

The celebration of our Church Feast Day – Salutsav 2026 on 1st February commenced in the evening with a vibrant and entertaining programme that brought together parishioners in a spirit of joy and fellowship. The event opened with “Salvation’s Got Talent,” showcasing the talents within our parish community.

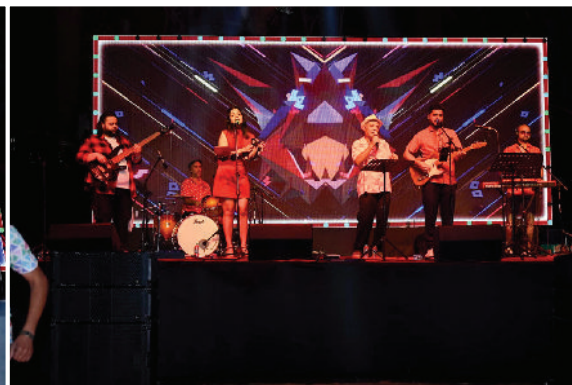
The programme began with a soulful singing performance by our young children’s group, Echonova, whose voices set a joyful tone for the evening. This was followed by a melodious Konkani singing performance by Cantar Korun, which was warmly appreciated by the audience. Adding a unique and entertaining touch, our Women’s Group, Copycats, presented a lively segment featuring songs creatively adapted from English to Hindi, earning enthusiastic applause.

The energy of the evening soared when the live band, The Vindaloos, took over the stage. Their dynamic performance quickly drew parishioners to the dance floor, creating an atmosphere of celebration and togetherness. The evening was engagingly anchored by Elenka, who kept the audience involved throughout with fun interactions and exciting spot prizes.

A significant highlight of the evening was the release of the Salutsav E-Bulletin by Rev. Fr. Joel Pinto and Rev. Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, in the presence of our Board Members. This was followed by the distribution of prizes to the winning teams of Treasure Hunt 2026, acknowledging their enthusiasm and teamwork.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Joel Pinto, bringing a joyful and memorable feast-day celebration to a close.

• **Alfred Nogueira**



SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND



The Salvation Family Cell welcomed our sick and homebound parishioners with love for a special Mass on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. This celebration, marked by prayer, fellowship, and joy, provided an opportunity for those unable to attend parish activities regularly to feel part of the community. During the service, Fr. Michael spoke with some of the attendees, who emotionally shared the challenges and sadness of being confined to their homes.

The Mass was followed by a get-together in the Salvation Parish Hall to acknowledge the tireless efforts of caretakers. Their selfless care for the sick and homebound is a vital service that often goes unnoticed in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

The program began with refreshments served by Family Cell members, followed by the singing of carols and evergreen Hindi hits by some of our homebound guests. A few parishioners courageously shared their reflections, offering touching testimonies of faith, gratitude, and perseverance that served as an inspiration to all. The day concluded with a thoughtful prayer and a hymn, as Family Cell members held hands in unison. Gifts were distributed as a token of appreciation to every family present. This gathering was a beautiful reminder that our sick and homebound members remain an integral part of our parish, always held in our prayers and hearts.

• **Johnston Borges**

THE CHURCH FETE 2026



The Church Fete 2026, held on 31st January and 1st February, was a joyful celebration that brought our parishioners together. We, the youth, organized four game stalls, which were enjoyed by children and adults alike. Alongside the various food and activity stalls, the fete featured a DJ and a rock band, creating a lively and festive atmosphere throughout the weekend. Our gift stall was a major highlight; parishioners collected coupons by winning games and worked together to earn their chosen prizes. The fete truly reflected the spirit of unity, teamwork, and togetherness within our parish.

CRIB & QUADRANGLE DÉCOR



The chilly winter nights of December were filled with excitement as preparations for Christmas began across the parish. The church quadrangle and bell tower area were beautifully decorated with stars, wreaths, and snowflakes,

creating a welcoming atmosphere for all. The soft glow of lights added warmth and joy to the surroundings.

The crib was based on the theme “Christmas Through the Eras.” It was creatively designed with a variety of handcrafted props representing different periods, showcasing how the spirit of Christmas has been cherished across generations. Each era portrayed care, effort, and imagination, making it both meaningful and engaging.

Parishioners and visitors admired the decorations and gathered around the crib to witness the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It truly captured the joy and meaning of the Christmas season. The combined efforts of the youth and the PYAT brought life to the entire space, spreading happiness and a strong sense of togetherness throughout the community.

• **Mercy Fernandes**

DEANERY YOUTH DAY



Deanery Youth Day was a vibrant celebration of togetherness, talent, and faith, bringing young people from various parishes together under one roof. The day reflected a powerful spirit of unity, reminding us of the strength found in a shared purpose.

The event began with warm fellowship as youth from different parishes interacted, broke barriers, and formed new friendships. Laughter and shared excitement set a joyful tone for the highlights that followed, particularly the dance performances. Each group brought unique creativity and energy to the stage, showcasing not only their talent but also the teamwork and passion of young hearts.

A significant moment of the day was the keynote address on relationships.

The priest's words were deeply relevant, touching upon our connections with family, friends, and God. He emphasized trust, respect, and communication as the pillars of healthy relationships, encouraging the youth to make mindful choices and place Christ at the center of their lives. This thought-provoking session resonated strongly with everyone present.

Deanery Youth Day was more than just an event—it was an experience that celebrated faith through fellowship and wisdom through dialogue. As the day concluded, it left behind cherished memories and a renewed sense of belonging. Events like these remind us that our youth are not just the future of the Church—they are its vibrant present.

• Riona Dias

AFTERWARD: DEBATE AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



On the evening of 16th November, a lively session of Debate and Youth Fellowship was held at the Our Lady of Salvation Church in the Seva Kendra Hall. The event brought together thoughtful discussion, fun-filled activities, and moments of faith, creating a memorable experience for our youth.

The program began with a debate that instantly energized the atmosphere. Four teams participated, tackling two thought-provoking topics. Our Spiritual Youth Director, Fr. Glasten, guided the session as the moderator, while Deacon Navin served as the judge, offering valuable insights and fair evaluations throughout. The participants were confident and expressive, making the session both competitive and engaging. The exchange of ideas, strong

arguments, and quick rebuttals kept the audience enthusiastic.

Following the debate, the gathering moved into a joyful fellowship session. It began with bonding games that encouraged teamwork and laughter, followed by entertaining activities such as “Guess the Music,” a “MasterChef Game,” and an energetic jam session that filled the hall with music and smiles.

The evening concluded with a prayer and the announcement of the debate winners. Fr. Glasten shared a few inspiring words, reminding everyone that above all activities and achievements, God remains at the center of everything. Special thanks to Fr. Glasten and the PYAT members for organizing such a meaningful and fun event.

“NO COST ITEMS EXCHANGE” – WHATSAPP GROUP

For last three years, Salvation Green Cell (SGC) has conducted “Reuse and Rejuvenate” in December.

A WhatsApp group for Parishioners is created, so that they can be added, and post items they wish to give away for free, throughout the year (clothes, books, electronics, household/kids items)

WhatsApp group rules:

- a) Everything is free. No buying, selling or bartering. Any costs incurred for pick up of items will be borne by the receiver.
- b) If you want to give away items for free, please WhatsApp – item name, clear picture of the item, condition of the item and location of pickup of the item, to Joel Moniz 9920909175 (group admin).
- c) WhatsApp group is for Parishioners of “Our Lady of Salvation Church” only. Pickup of items will be permitted within geographical limits of the Parish.
- d) No spam messages, promotions, or sale of products permitted.
- e) Accurate details of items being offered should be shared, and items should be in usable condition.
- f) Contact the owner of the item directly and coordinate with him/her for pickup.
- g) The owner of the item has right to give away the item to anyone, as per their discretion. The WhatsApp group admin will not be responsible.
- h) Please check the item’s performance or condition before accepting it.
- i) All discussions and deliberations on give and take of items are at the sole discretion of the giver and receiver. SGC is only providing a platform for the same.

For it is in giving that we receive.

- St. Francis of Assisi

COMMUNITY 18 EVENING CELEBRATION: AN EVENING TO REMEMBER



St. Paul's Community Feast was celebrated on 28th June with celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 pm, followed by a get-together in the Parish Hall.

The evening commenced with a warm welcome from Judith, who graciously acknowledged the presence of all community members. She then invited Joanita, our dedicated community animator for several years, to share a few words. We were honoured by the presence of our community priest, Fr. Joseph Pimenta, who shared his thoughts and blessings with the gathering.

Musical entertainment added a vibrant touch to the evening, with Andre and Mervyn on vocals and Richard delighting everyone with his trumpet performance. Aislyn took over as DJ for the night, getting everyone on their feet—especially during the energetic St. Paul's March—with an upbeat

mix of retro and catchy tunes. Louella also took the mic for a sing-along session, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Light refreshments were served as community members mingled, catching up over music and lively conversations. To further liven up the atmosphere, ice-breaker games were organized, including a fun and community-themed version of Bombing the Buildings and the ever-popular Housie. Laughter and cheer echoed through the venue as everyone enthusiastically participated.

The evening concluded with a delicious dinner and a heartfelt vote of thanks by Natasha, who acknowledged the hard work and dedication of PPC member Terence and SCC Leo in making the event a memorable success.

• Sharon Vallis

BAPTISM (September 2025- January 2026)

Sr.No.	D.O.Birth	Name	Parents Name
1	07th September 2025	Eusebio Jerome Lemos	Elvis & Aurelia
2	21st September 2025	Callum Raphael D'souza	Craig & Darlene
3	05th October 2025	Ivan Fernandes	Stanley & Aloysia
4	2th October 2025	Jovi Henriques	Jude & Vaishnavi
5	14th December 2025	Rachael D'souza	Godwin & Esperance
6	14th December 2025	Nelisha Pereira	Neil & Alisha
7	21st December 2025	Xelia D'souza	Lance & Alinda
8	04th January 2026	Issac D'souza	Rosario & Rachel
9	18th January 2026	Krehl Fernandes	Dwayne & Rozeta
10	31st January 2026	Tyanna Vilyna Fernandes	Nestor & Thaleena

MARRIAGE (October 2025 - January 2026)

Sr.No	D.O.M	Name of Bridegroom	Name of Bride
1	25th October 2025	Keith Dalton Machado	Shweta Shigwan
2	05th November 2025	Jacob Jacques	Tanya D'costa
3	09th November 2025	Rahul Shinde	Elaine Fernandes
4	13th December 2025	Gregorio Glen Macklin Rodrigues	Archangela Silvia Fernandes
5	14th December 2025	Leander Peter	Chriselle Desiree Philbert
6	18th December 2025	Patrick D'souza	Kareen Thelma Pinto
7	20th December 2025	Luis Mendes	Althea Ferry Fernandes
8	20th December 2025	Terence Peter Lobo	Keisha Marileise Yvette Vaz
9	27th December 2025	Glen Pereira	Cliona D'souza
10	11th January 2026	Alestairs Varghese	Shara Jade Phoebe Pimenta
11	31st January 2026	Nestor Savio Fernande	Thaleena Dama Devi Jogeedoo

BURIAL (September 2025- January 2026)

Sr.No.	Date of Death	Deceased Members	Age
1	9/2/2025	Brian Savio Gonsalves	69
2	9/29/2025	Josephine Gonsalves	68
3	10/1/2025	Effie Theresa Rebello	90
4	10/2/2025	Augustine Francis Fernandes	70
5	10/5/2025	Jackin Peter D'Souza	87
6	10/18/2025	Emilia Jerome Fernandes	58
7	10/22/2025	Simon Estros Machado	80
8	10/23/2025	Judith M Mendonsa	82
9	11/14/2025	Rita Bernard San Francis	94
10	11/16/2025	Gloria Agnelo Gonsalves	83
11	11/18/2025	Bonifacio Peter Alvares	81
12	11/21/2005	Francis Benjamin Fernanes	74
13	12/7/2025	Irene Rebello	78
14	12/11/2025	Bridget Philomena Carvalho	78
15	12/12/2025	Calvin Apolinarius Rodrigues	69
16	12/13/2025	Peter Constancio Trinidad	71
17	12/13/2025	Faustina Ricardo Fernandes	75
18	12/17/2025	John Pascoal Fernandes	99
19	12/23/2025	Ivy Joseph Machado	77
20	1/19/2026	Polly John Fernandes	81
21	1/31/2026	Kunal Kishore Rumde	31

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