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From the Deacon's desk...

Why is the Rosary so powerful?

The month of October brings us the glorious tidings of Mother Mary. The month is dedicated to our Heavenly Mother and the Rosary. St. Louis de Montfort who experienced the power of the Rosary in his life, says. *"Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood".*

Efficacy of the Rosary

St. Louis is so sure of the efficacy of the Rosary, the simplest of all prayers, that he was willing to sign his statement in his blood! Some may ask what is so powerful about the repetitive prayer? The Rosary is a prayer where we repeat the Word of God again and again, and we do believe that the Word has unfathomable power.

"The Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword" (Heb 4:12). Every time we pray the Hail Mary, the divine life of the Word enters us, making the Rosary powerful to win our battles of everyday life.

Mother Mary Won Great Battles

The Battle of Muret was stunningly won by Catholic forces in 1213 because they prayed the Rosary, which was popularised by St. Dominic then, after his visions of the Virgin Mary. From then on, the devotion to the Rosary spread like wild fire among the people.

Mother Mary brought victory to Catholic states at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when Pope Pius V called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary. With Mother Mary's intercession, victory was made possible even though the Ottoman Empire fleet was massive and powerful.

Mother Mary wants to win battles for us on a day-to-day basis. When we pray the Rosary, every battle of life becomes that much easier for us to win. Those of us who have forgotten the Rosary, let's fall in love with it all over again and begin to pray it every day. October is the month to start with and continue lifelong!

■ **Deacon Sylvester Lobo**

MAY FLOWER






Imagine a storyteller who communicated through silence while her listeners contemplated the magnificent story her lips were about to tell. So engaged are her readers that they brave the summer's heat, and maybe, even forego exotic summer destinations to sit at her feet that they might "listen".

Well, the storyteller is none other than Mary, and her listeners, her devotees who make it a point to " be there " and "do that", while countering the heat with the coolness and sweetness that comes to anyone and everyone who has recourse to her. The common oratory is now transformed into a place of living imagination where the surreal becomes real!

The story narrated by Mary's listeners is none other than that of God's Only Begotten Son Born Of Her Womb – JESUS, in His Passion, Death, Resurrection and, to add, the Future Hope He promised to His believers as dictated by the four mysteries. How did history take so long to pin "His- Story" as Number 1 on its hit list? That be a rhetorical question that requires not an answer !

May the devotees of Our Lady enjoy perfect bliss in this world and in the world to come...

Hail O Mary Full of Grace,

Help, again, our human race;

Aid us at our rise and fall,

For you are indeed - The Mother of us all.

• **Sr. Carol Godinho**

COMMISSIONING OF LECTORS AND CANTORS





On 18th July, Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, joyfully celebrated the commissioning of 85 Lectors and Cantors during the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto.

As one of those commissioned, the celebration was a profound reminder that this ministry involves far more than reading at the lectern or leading the congregation in song. Reflecting on Matthew 10:16, "Behold, I am sending you as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves," Fr. Michael reminded us that proclaiming God's Word requires courage, humility and unwavering faith. Like Christ's disciples, we too may face challenges, but are called to remain steadfast and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Following a period of spiritual and practical formation, we renewed our commitment to proclaim God's Word with reverence and love, striving to be authentic witnesses of Christ in both our ministry and daily lives. The commissioning rite was especially moving as Fr. Michael blessed us with holy water while the parish community extended their hands in prayer, entrusting us to God's grace and protection.

The hymn, "I tell you now, go proclaim, I give to you my Spirit's flame..." echoed deeply within us, reminding us that the One who calls us also strengthens and accompanies us.

With grateful hearts, we thank God for this sacred calling and ask for your continued prayers, that we may faithfully proclaim His Word and lead His people closer to Christ through Scripture and sacred music.

• **Yohan DSouza**

CAN WE RECOGNISE JESUS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Seeing ,listening and reaching out with our hearts

What if Jesus walked into our parish today?

Would we recognise Him—not in the church, but in the person living next door, the elderly widow who is always alone, the family struggling behind closed doors, or someone trapped in addiction, abuse or loneliness?

A recent tragedy in our parish involving a widow who suffered abuse at the hands of her alcoholic son has reminded us that suffering can remain hidden behind closed doors. We may never know what someone is going through unless we take the time to notice and listen.

Can we do more as a parish community?

Let us look out for vulnerable people in our neighbourhood — not to interfere or judge, but to care. A simple "How are you?", a visit, a listening ear or a caring gesture may be the first step towards bringing hope to someone who feels forgotten.

We may not have all the answers, but we can **listen with our ears and reach out with our hearts,** connecting people with appropriate pastoral or professional support when needed.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leaves the ninety-nine to seek the one lost sheep. **Are we, as His Church, reaching out to those who have wandered, suffered or become invisible?**

Perhaps Jesus is already walking among us.

Will we recognise Him—and reach out?

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

• **Nora Vaz**



HOW ABOUT.....LEADING FROM BEHIND?



It is said that, "Too many cooks spoil the broth." However this formula may not apply to every situation.

I feel truly privileged to be part of the Sunday School team, especially its core team with Joannarita Fernandes, Amelia D'Costa, Savio Gaspar and our guiding shepherd, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pimenta!

A good amount of selfless service is demanded from everyone who works in the vineyard of the Lord. This is exactly what the Catholic Church calls all its faithful to do - to lead from behind, just like the Good Shepherd, tending to His flock, loving unconditionally, without ever counting the cost!

The catechists, too, while, wearing their hearts on the outer side of their garment each Sunday, strive to enrich young souls thirsting for the Word of God, though not without prior preparation. Kudos to the entire Sunday School family! Thanking all the parents and the children, too, for their relentless zeal and sense of commitment.

A very Happy Teachers' Day to all our teachers in faith! May God bless us all!

The harvest is great and plentiful,

But, oh, the labourers are definitely not a few;

Let the Lord boast of the victory of a committed church,

Let the ones who are committed to such a wondrous work,

Feel the joy of this victory too!

• **Sr. Carol Godinho**

HONORING OUR ROOTS: GRANDPARENTS DAY WITH THE HOMEBOUND



On 18 July 2026, the St. Augustine Community celebrated Grandparents Day with a heartfelt outreach to our homebound elders. Guided by the spirit of love, gratitude, and service, members of the PPC, SCC Coordinators, Animators, and parishioners visited grandparents across all clusters, bringing prayer, companionship, and the warmth of a caring parish family.

Each visit began with a short prayer, followed by meaningful conversations, shared memories, and moments of joy. Though brief, these encounters were deeply touching. The elders welcomed us warmly, offered their blessings and expressed happiness at being remembered and visited. Their smiles and gratitude reminded us of the invaluable role they continue to play in our families and faith community.

As a token of love and appreciation, every grandparent received a bookmark, a rose, and a small gift. These simple gestures conveyed respect, care, and gratitude for the wisdom and values they have passed on through generations. For many, the visit was a comforting reminder that they remain a cherished part of our parish family.

This initiative reflected the spirit of integral ecology by honoring and caring for those who have nurtured us through their faith, wisdom, and sacrifices. It strengthened the bonds within our community and reminded us that our parish is truly one family.

May we continue to honor our grandparents every day through our love, prayers, and presence, carrying forward the faith they have lovingly planted in our hearts.

"Grandparents are the living memory of the family, passing on the precious gifts of faith and wisdom."

• **Rosy Dias**

STILLNESS, STEWARDSHIP AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: A GREEN CELL REFLECTION



On 14th June, 2026 the Salvation Green Cell held its monthly meeting with a peaceful and reflective beginning through a Christian Meditation session led by **Mr. Christopher Mendonca**, a writer on Christian spirituality and the National Coordinator for the School of Meditation of the **World Community for Christian Meditation** (WCCM) in India.

Christopher began by introducing the meaning of Christian meditation and its role in deepening our relationship with God. He then played a guided meditation recording, inviting the group to enter silence. For twenty minutes, members sat with their eyes closed, gently repeating the ancient prayer word "**Maranatha**" ("Come, Lord"). This helped quiet the mind and gently draw their attention back whenever distractions arose. The soft chimes throughout the meditation created a peaceful rhythm that helped everyone remain present in the moment.

Following the session, Christopher shared practical tips on developing a regular meditation practice and encouraged the Green Cell to begin future meetings with a few minutes of silent prayer and reflection.

For the Green Cell, meditation is more than a personal spiritual exercise. By learning to slow down, listen, and become more aware of God's presence, we also become more attentive to His creation. A quiet and prayerful heart helps us appreciate the beauty of nature, respect the environment, and recognise our responsibility to care for our common home. Caring for creation begins by first allowing God to transform our hearts in stillness.

• **Russell Luke Azavedo**

HOLY HALF HOUR ADORATION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional aspect of Christian experience" (*Laudato Si'*, 217).

The 5th of June was celebrated globally as World Environment Day, with the theme "Climate Action", "proposed by the United Nations. The late Pope Francis called our attention to this eleven years ago, through the Encyclical *Laudato Si.* To commemorate this day, Salvation Green Cell conducted a Holy Half hour Adoration Service.

The growing challenge of climate change has become one of the most pressing concerns of our time. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, deforestation, loss of biodiversity and pollution threaten the well-being of humanity and the entire creation. As people of faith, we are called not only to care for the Earth but also to pray for its protection and healing. Combining prayers for climate change with the Holy Half Hour offered a deeply spiritual response to this global crisis.

Passages from the Bible, Reflection and silent Meditative adoration, before the Blessed Sacrament provided the community with an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and intercede for **all His creation.**

Carefully chosen hymns, sung meaningfully by the choir, along with intercessory prayers asking God to guide world leaders and politicians in promoting environmental justice and sustainable development, enhanced the spiritual commitment. It recognised that caring for the environment is not merely a social or political responsibility, but also a spiritual and moral obligation.

• **Corrina Dsouza**

MARY - THE QUIET GREATNESS OF A HEART THAT SAID "YES"



On 8th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-the birth of the gentle and humble Mother whom God chose to play a unique role in His beautiful plan of salvation.

Mary's greatness did not lie in worldly power, wealth or recognition. It lay in the quiet beauty of a heart completely surrendered to God. When the Angel Gabriel brought her a message that would change her life forever, Mary did not know all that lay ahead. Yet, in deep faith and humility, she simply said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." That simple "Yes" changed the course of history.

Mary teaches us that true greatness is found not in making ourselves important, but in making room for God. Her life was one of faith, obedience, courage, silence and unconditional love. From the humble stable of Bethlehem to the sorrowful foot of the Cross at Calvary, she remained steadfast, trusting God even when she could not understand His ways.

In a world often filled with noise, pride and the desire to be noticed, Mary reminds us of the strength found in humility and the peace that comes from trusting God completely.

As we celebrate her birthday, may we ask our Heavenly Mother to teach us to love more deeply, serve more generously and trust more faithfully.

Dear Mother Mary, help us to say "Yes" to God each day, with a humble heart, a willing spirit and unwavering faith. Amen.

• **Barbara Lobo**

NO COST ITEMS EXCHANGE (NCIE) WHATSAPP GROUP


Landline Handset

Over the past three years, I have been inspired by the success of the Salvation Church Green Cell's annual "Reuse and Rejuvenate" initiative held every December. Seeing parishioners generously give away items they no longer needed and witnessing those items finding new homes within our parish community, made me realize that this spirit of sharing should not be limited to just one event each year.

With this thought in mind, I started the No Cost Items Exchange (NCIE) WhatsApp Group in January 2026. My aim was simple: to create a platform where parishioners could freely give away useful items throughout the year, helping others while reducing waste and promoting responsible reuse.

It has been heartening to see parishioners share a wide variety of items, including clothes, shoes, books, electronic gadgets, children's toys, furniture, household items, and much more.

I am delighted to share that the NCIE WhatsApp Group has already grown to 96 parishioners. What started as a simple idea has become a vibrant community initiative that encourages generosity, sustainability and fellowship amongst parishioners.

For me, the true success of this project is the number of useful items that have been reused, the waste that has been avoided, and the connections that have been strengthened within our parish community.

If you would like to give away items, receive useful items, or become a member of the NCIE WhatsApp Group, please feel free to contact me.


Wine Bottle Rack

Mr. Joel Moniz, Administrator – No Cost Items Exchange (NCIE) WhatsApp Group

Mobile: 9920909175

• **Joel Moniz**

WHEN CULTURE BECAME A BRIDGE: SCC ONAM CELEBRATION 2026

The Small Christian Communities (SCC) of Our Lady of Salvation Parish celebrated Onam on Saturday, 29 August 2026, at the Seva Kendra Hall under the theme **"SCC – Building Community, Celebrating Culture.**

The celebration was graced by Bishop Steven Fernandes, priests, religious, invited guests, SCC Coordinators and Animators. Friends from other faiths with roots in Kerala joined the festivities, fostering friendship and interfaith harmony.

A colourful Pookkalam, traditional banana-leaf décor and a selfie point added festive charm. The programme began with a traditional welcome, prayer service and Scripture reading, followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp, symbolising hope and unity.

A prayer dance, traditional walk competition showcasing ethnic attire, and fun-filled games brought energy and joy to the gathering. The Housie game, specially curated for the occasion, added a festive touch and kept everyone engaged. The celebration concluded with a traditional Kerala Sadya served on banana leaves, bringing everyone together in the true spirit of Onam.

Beyond its cultural significance, the celebration strengthened community bonds, nurtured belonging and encouraged the preservation of traditions for future generations. The participation of friends from other faiths highlighted how culture can foster mutual respect, friendship and understanding.

Like the diverse flowers of a Pookkalam forming one beautiful design, every individual and community has a unique place in God's creation. The SCC Onam Celebration 2026 reaffirmed that celebrating culture and embracing diversity help build stronger communities and lasting bridges of friendship.

• **Pascoela Fernandes**

It was a delight to see the SCC, PPC, Animators, religious and BOM members come together as one big family to honor this rich cultural tradition with a beautiful spirit of unity and joy to celebrate Onam. The food, 'Onam Sadya' which translates to a "banquet" or "feast" in Malayalam, was fantastic. I would like to thank the SCC members, & everybody who helped and participated to make this celebration a memorable one. I would also like to thank the Board of management for their support. A special thank you to Fr. Michael for everything he is doing for our parish and parishioners.

• **Adrianne Lee Rebello**



HAPPY ONAM


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SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY NOVENAS



The Nativity Novenas, a nine-day period of spiritual preparation leading up to the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8 September 2026, were held at our parish. Organised by the Sunday School Team, the Novenas centered on the theme "Mary's Yes Is...", inspiring the faithful, particularly children, to emulate Mary's faith, obedience and devotion to God.

Each day explored a distinct dimension of Mary's affirmative response to God's will, providing meaningful opportunities for prayer and reflection. The Novena prayer was recited daily by the congregation, fostering unity and devotion throughout the nine days. The Feast Day Mass, focused on "The Perfect Example of God Over All Things", with special emphasis on environmental stewardship and the Christian responsibility to care for creation.

Throughout the Novenas, parishioners generously contributed essential household commodities. These offerings were collected for distribution to individuals and families in need, reflecting the charitable spirit of the Blessed Mother and fostering compassion within the parish community.

The Sunday School children played an important role in the celebrations. On several evenings, they presented simple yet meaningful skits based on everyday situations, demonstrating how faith can be lived out in ordinary circumstances. These performances supported the catechetical objectives of the Novenas and encouraged deeper devotion among the children.

On the Feast Day, children from Std. 4 portrayed angels, while a child from Std. 8 represented the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special presentation before the congregation.

The 2026 Nativity Novenas successfully brought together prayer, community participation and charitable action, strengthening faith and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

• **Suzanne D'souza**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES PARENTS' AND GRANDPARENTS' DAY





Sunday, 26 July 2026, was a red-letter day in the annals of our Sunday School. In just a week, our children, guided by their teachers, prepared greeting cards for their parents and grandparents. We were amazed by the talent, creativity and innovative skills they displayed despite the demands of schoolwork and other commitments. For them, it was truly a labour of love.

The children were motivated to give their best, as it was a **Card-Making Competition**. More than 200 students from KG to Grade 10 participated enthusiastically. The best card from each class was carefully selected for a prize. It was heartwarming to see how the children expressed their love, gratitude and sincere appreciation for their parents and grandparents. Their thoughts and feelings were reflected not only through photographs, creative designs and paintings, but also through beautiful messages of love, gratitude and praise.

The celebration of Mass that day was also special. The children had submitted photographs showing family members working together to share household responsibilities and help one another, highlighting the importance of family bonding. These photographs were beautifully presented in video clips on the church screens, much to the delight of everyone present. Kudos to our tech-savvy catechists for making this wonderful presentation possible.

Three cheers to our dedicated catechists, supportive parents and, above all, our wonderful children, who will carry with them the sweet memories of a truly beautiful and meaningful day.

• **Mrs. Marina Pinto.**

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION – 6TH SEPTEMBER



A special Teachers' Day celebration was organised to honour and appreciate the dedicated service of the Sunday School teachers. The occasion provided an opportunity to recognise their selfless commitment, patience and valuable contributions to the faith formation and spiritual growth of the children.

The celebration was marked by words of gratitude and appreciation from Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph, who acknowledged the teachers for their continued dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to guide the children on their faith journey. Their efforts in preparing lessons, encouraging participation and creating a joyful learning environment were deeply appreciated.

The teachers play an important role in nurturing Christian values, strengthening the children's relationship with God and helping them understand and practise the teachings of Jesus in their daily lives. Their service extends beyond the classroom, reflecting genuine care and concern for the overall development of each child.

As a token of appreciation and gratitude, gifts were presented to all the Sunday School teachers. The gesture served as a small expression of thanks for their generous service and commitment.

The celebration concluded on a joyful and grateful note, recognising the teachers as an important part of the Sunday School community and thanking them for their continued service in building and strengthening the faith of the children.

• **Joannarita Fernandes**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARIE VIANNEY







The 8 a.m. Children's Mass on the Feast of St. John Marie Vianney, celebrated on 9th August, was a meaningful and joyful occasion for the Sunday School community. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Glasten.

In his homily, he reflected on the inspiring life and virtues of St. John Marie Vianney, highlighting his deep love for God, dedication to his priestly vocation, compassion for others and commitment to serving his parish community.

Before the final blessing, four Sunday School students came forward to express their appreciation for the priests who serve our parish. They spoke about Fr. Michael, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Glasten and Fr. Victor, sharing their experiences of the priests' dedication, guidance and approachable nature. As a gesture of gratitude, the students presented each priest with a potted plant, symbolising the care, love and spiritual growth that the priests nurture within the parish community.

The celebrations concluded on a joyful note with a tribute by the Sunday School students in the form of an action song. Their enthusiastic performance was a fitting expression of gratitude and appreciation for the priests and their selfless service.

The celebration was a beautiful reminder of the important role priests play in guiding, nurturing and strengthening the faith of the parish community, following the example of St. John Marie Vianney.

• **Gaynelle Murzello**

EVERY FAMILY, EVERY HOME – CARING FOR CREATION WITH THE ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY







On 30 August 2026, the St. Augustine Community (Community No 1) of OLSC, Dadar, celebrated its patron saint's feast with joy, faith and commitment to care for God's creation. Guided by the Vatican document *Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family*, the day invited households to see homes as places where love for God, neighbour and nature grow together.

Pope Leo XIV reminds families that caring for creation is not an extra duty, but love for the Creator. Mindful consumption, simple rituals, and respect nurture homes where responsibility and sustainability flourish alongside faith.

The community wove the theme into every part of the feast. The gathering began with prayer and song in the presence of Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Joseph Pimenta, followed by a march-past, games, dancing, and lunch—all marked by warm camaraderie.

Activities matched eco-friendly practices with Scripture. Saying Grace and avoiding food waste echoed the Gospel where disciples gathered leftover bread and fish (Mark 6:43), showing care for creation is rooted in Christian tradition.

Other games highlighted the link between choices made at home and their impact on the environment and vulnerable neighbour.

Each family received a pledge card with simple actions. Potted plants were gives as individual prizes, along with seed packets to nurture at home. Thus, the family became the focal point of integral ecology in practice.

May this feast remind us that our homes can be sanctuaries of integral ecology where faith, family and care for creation work in partnership.

• **Andrew Williams**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – A DAY OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND JOY





On Sunday, 27th September 2026, the SVP Conference of Our Lady of Salvation celebrated the feast of its patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul, with a special 9.30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Joseph Pimenta, our Spiritual Director, was the celebrant. In his homily, he highlighted the charitable work carried out by the SVP members in the parish.

Following the Mass, our adopted SVP families, members, benefactors and parish clergy, totalling 90+, gathered at the Salvation Seva Kendra for a morning of fellowship and celebration. Treasurer Ms. Nora Vaz welcomed everyone, followed by the Vincentian Daily Prayer and the renewal of the members' pledge, led by Fr. Joseph.

Remy kept everyone entertained with her light-hearted humour and lively conversation. The parish youth—Awinio, Reanne, Riona and Calvin—added to the excitement with games and upbeat music. Refreshments helped keep everyone energised.

A particularly touching moment came when the SVP members dedicated Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" to a special child who uses a wheelchair. Everyone rallied around him as he joyfully swayed to the music, creating a beautiful and unforgettable moment of inclusion and happiness.

We thank Fr. Michael, Fr. Victor and Deacon Sylvester for joining us and blessing the celebration. The morning concluded with housie, dancing and a delicious lunch, with spot prizes adding to the excitement. The smiles and laughter at the end reflected the true **Vincentian spirit of faith, compassion, fellowship and joyful service.**

• **Lavina D'Sa**

WHERE CHRIST IS, THERE IS PEACE

The SCC Steering Committee organised a Gandhi Jayanti Prayer Service on 2nd October 2026, with the theme *"Where Christ Is, There Is Peace."*

The service began with the Rosary based on the Beatitudes, offering prayers for peace and harmony in families, communities and the world. This was followed by a peaceful procession with banners and posters promoting unity, nonviolence and communal harmony. Participants sang *"We Shall Overcome Someday,"* reaffirming their commitment to peace.

It was a grace-filled and serene sight to see the Zonal and SCC Coordinators and Animators standing quietly before the congregation, displaying banners bearing messages in Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati languages such as, *"India became truly special when Bapu gave the call for peace and harmony!"* and *"Bapuji had just one dream: Our India to be happy and prosperous."*

The procession was followed by Holy Eucharist, celebrated by our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Pinto, who urged the faithful to practise peace in their daily lives and become instruments of peace in their homes, parish and society. This was followed by Eucharistic Adoration led by the SCC Steering Committee, reflecting on truth, peace and nonviolence as exemplified by Mahatma Gandhi.

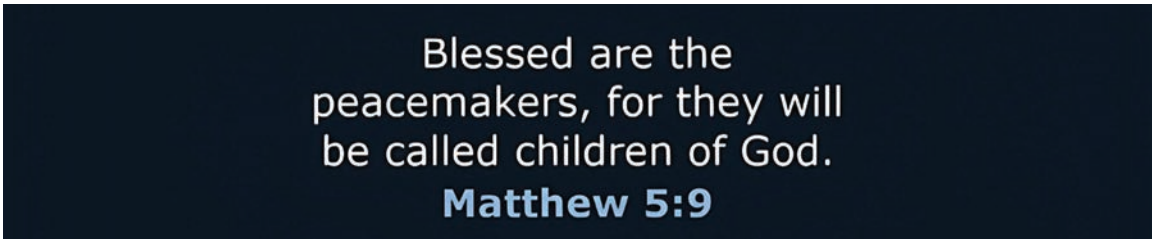
The service concluded with participants placing their prayers and intentions before Christ and taking a pledge to become instruments of peace in their daily lives, carrying forward the message of unity, love and harmony.

• **Pascoela Fernandes**

The celebration served as a beautiful reminder that peace begins within our hearts and flourishes through prayer, love and compassionate actions.

Truly, "Where Christ is, there is Peace."

• **Adrianne Lee Rebello**




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ALTAR SERVERS' SPIRITUAL TRIP





The Altar Servers' visit to St. Andrew's Church, Bandra, on 23rd August 2026 was an enriching day of faith, learning and fellowship.

The day began with a guided tour led by Jared and Fr. Dylan, who shared the rich history of the parish. They spoke about the installation of the statue of Christ the King in 1935, the proclamation of the Dogma and the four altars, including the main altar built of teakwood.

The servers were then shown the original pulpit, shaped like a stone flower with seven sculpted petals. They learnt about its intricate carvings and its original entrance, accessible by stone steps from outside the church. They also saw two paintings preserved from St. Anne's Church: one depicting the Coronation of Mother Mary and the other, the Descent of the Lord. Later, they were shown the monolithic stone cross brought from the ruins of St. Anne's Church.

A highlight of the visit was the church's unique architecture, designed so that during the spring and autumn equinoxes, the sun's rays fall directly on the sanctuary and illuminate the Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m.

The tour was followed by a series of fun games that filled the day with laughter and teamwork. The visit concluded with a group photograph capturing the joy and togetherness of the day.

• **Altar Servers' Animating Team**

FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL – CLM KONKANI LADIES SODALITY





The 4th of July is celebrated as the Feast of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, the patron saint of the Konkani Women's Sodality. St. Elizabeth's unwavering devotion to daily Mass helped her become a model of Christian marriage, a peacemaker and diplomat, and an example of service and charity.

Established in 1943, the Konkani Women's Sodality has been in existence in the parish for 83 years and currently has a strong membership of 171 women. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 6.00 p.m. The Sodality is involved in various spiritual and temporal activities, including the weekly recitation of the Rosary, the Way of the Cross during Lent, home visits to its members, the sale of sweets and charitable contributions to other cells.

The preparations for the annual feast included a Triduum, which culminated in the concelebrated Feast Day Mass on 4th July 2026. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Nelson Saldanha of Holy Cross Church, Parel, and our new Spiritual Director, Fr. Victor Noronha.

This was followed by the cutting of the celebratory cake. Snack boxes and coffee were served to all the members present. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks and a short prayer.

• **Clara Fernandes**

CLM KONKANI LADIES SODALITY FETE



One of the major annual events of the CLM Konkani Ladies Sodality is its fundraising fete, featuring traditional Goan sweets and savoury items. This year, the fete was held on 15th August 2026.

What makes this activity so special is that parishioners do not just come to buy the goodies; they also come to chat, connect and support a cause they care about.

The pop-up stall opened for sales on 14th August 2026, after the 7.00 p.m. evening Mass, and remained open until after the evening Mass on 15th August 2026. Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Victor Noronha, cut the ribbon and officially opened the sale to parishioners.

Fr. Victor led by example and contributed homegrown bimlis and lemongrass from our very own herbal garden. All the goodies on sale were generously donated by the members of the Konkani Ladies Sodality, who contributed their time and effort as well as the items themselves. The tables were cleared in record time, making the fete an absolute sell-out success.

In keeping with the vision and longstanding practice of the CLM Konkani Ladies Sodality, the proceeds from the fete will go towards supporting various charitable initiatives undertaken by the cells and associations of our parish.

• **Clara Fernandes**

WOMEN'S BLESSINGS PARTY – A GATHERING OF GRACE







On 26th September 2026, at 5:15 p.m., a Women's Blessings Party was held in Conference Room No. 1.

The evening began with a warm welcome, creating an atmosphere of friendship, openness and joy. This was followed by a Scripture reading, setting the tone for an evening centred on God's love and blessings.

A particularly touching part of the gathering was when a few women shared their experiences and turning points in life, speaking about moments when they had experienced God's blessings and presence. Their testimonies were a source of encouragement and reminded everyone that God often works in our lives in ways we may not understand.

The gathering then focused on how we can be a blessing to others through our words, kindness, encouragement, prayers and simple acts of love.

The most special activity of the evening was a beautiful blessing exercise in which each woman blessed the lady to her right. It was a heartfelt moment of affirmation and sisterhood, as blessings were spoken from one woman to another.

The gathering continued with a biblical quiz based on the women of the Bible, bringing fun and learning to the evening. This was followed by fellowship and time spent together.

Though simple, it was a unique and deeply meaningful gathering of women. The evening ended with a beautiful realisation of how, as women, we can be a blessing to those around us.

A beautiful reminder to carry with us:

"We are blessed to be a blessing."

• **Pascoela Fernandes**

BCS AGM 2026-26 (31ST JULY 2026)





The BCS, Salvation Unit, Dadar had their AGM on 31st July 2026. Thirty-seven Members attended the AGM. Our Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Pimenta, Parish Priest Fr. Michael Pinto, BCS President Norbert Mendonca, BCS VP Kevin D'Souza & Deanery Councillor Anthony Serrao were present at the AGM. Some of the key highlights of Major Initiatives from the year shared through the Annual Report at the AGM included The Sabha Day Appreciation Awards received by the Unit successively for 2024 and 2025, Visits to the Police and Local Representatives on the festivals, Peaceful Prayer Meet, Free Health Check-up Camp, Academic Excellence Awards, Know Your Candidate Meet in the run up to the BMC Elections, Outdoor Stations of the Cross at DBYS, Karjat and Visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at Karjat, etc. to name a few. The BCS had also taken up the issues concerning the desecration of crosses in our area and has planned to work on systematically documenting the details of various crosses in our parish for future reference. The dignitaries on the Dais as well as the BCS Members present appreciated the efforts of the BCS Managing Committee and the entire unit.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

PREBAP CATECHESIS



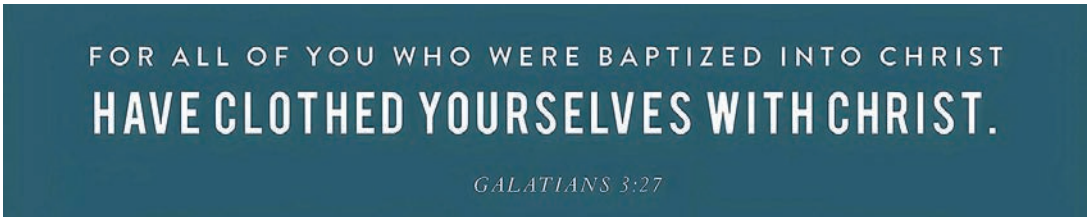
This year 3 PreBap Sessions were conducted till date in February 2026, May 2026 and September 2026.

15 couples enrolled for these sessions. We also had some Godparents and couples enrolling additionally from our parish as well as other parishes. Total number of participants to the PreBap Programme across these 3 sessions was 57.

For the convenience of the participants, the sessions were conducted in hybrid mode, so that all (couples as well as godparents) could participate simultaneously for the sessions.

We thank God for the precious gift of children to these couples and our parish.

- **Benedict & Edina Mascarenhas**



SEASON OF CREATION 2026 – CHERISH LIVING WATER, CHERISH LIFE



Season of Creation

Annually, from 1 September to 4 October, the Christian family comes together to celebrate creation and pray for the urgent need to care for our common home. The Season of Creation gives us an opportunity to rejoice in our role as stewards.

This year's theme, **Living Water**, resonates with the need to see God's life-giving grace flowing across the parched areas of our lives. **Ezekiel's vision calls for hope: "Wherever the river flows, swarms of living creatures will live."**

Inspired by this message amid Mumbai's poor monsoon, the Salvation Green Cell (SGC) at Our Lady of Salvation Church created a contemplative display. Beginning at the baptismal font, where holy water first flows over us, it moved downstream towards fishes, plants, flowers and insects. Reused cloth rescued plastic flowers, painted pebbles, gratitude messages in bottles, rooted sweet potatoes and plants brought it alive. Nothing new was purchased; every element was reused, recycled, upcycled or natural.

With tea lights symbolising hope and healing, SGC members prayed at the display and experienced the reviving flow of Living Water in that calm, contemplative space.

Fr. Luke Rodrigues, Head of the Archdiocesan Office for Environment, blessed the display and urged everyone to conserve, recycle, minimise wastage and avoid pollution. "Cherish Water, because in that, you are truly cherishing Life."

The display invites parishioners to reflect on Mumbai's water abundance and flooding, and to begin a journey of ecological conversion. Celebrations continue with a special liturgy on 20 September.

• **Andrew Williams**

23 COMMUNITIES, ONE SPIRIT OF SERVICE: SMALL ACTS, MEANINGFUL MORNINGS

They say that food is one thing that should never be denied to someone who asks for it. With this value at heart, the Steering Committee, comprising the Coordinators of the Small Christian Communities (SCCs) and their members, has been dedicating its mornings to helping the Church distribute breakfast to the poor, the marginalised and those for whom food itself is a luxury.

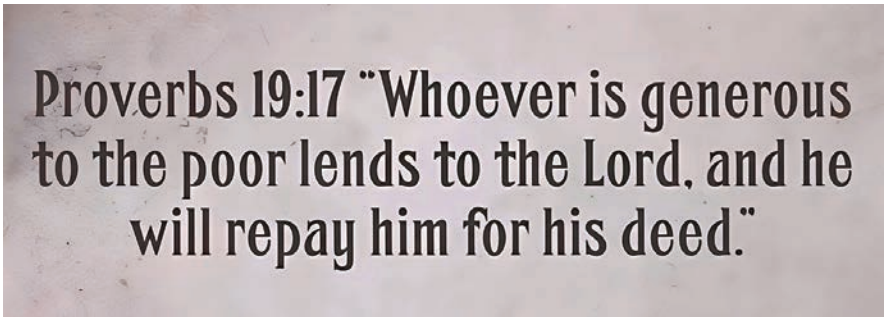
What began in mid-June with the Parish SCC Coordinator, the Zonal Coordinators and Fr. Michael has now progressed through a cycle of 23 communities, with each community taking its turn to serve and beginning the day by offering its time to those in need.

Yet, the beauty of these mornings lies in the little things: the cheerful "Good mornings", the relieved faces, the broad smiles and the brief moments of interaction. There is a quiet joy in knowing that these acts of service have brought a little happiness to someone's morning. What may seem like a simple task becomes an opportunity to connect with others.

Jesus reminds us, "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35). Perhaps these mornings give a simple meaning to those words. It is not about recognition, but about the fulfilment that comes from being able to serve.

Through these simple acts, we are reminded of how Jesus reached out, gave freely and cared for His people. Different communities, different mornings, but one shared purpose: to serve with love, compassion and a willing heart.

• **Russell Luke Azavedo**



STAFF PICNIC 2026 – A DAY OF JOY AND FELLOWSHIP





"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" proved true as a well-deserved picnic for our dedicated Church staff and housekeeping team was organized on Sunday, 26th April 2026 to Uttan.

The day began at the Parish Hall, where our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Pinto, led a short prayer, seeking God's blessings for a safe and joyful trip. With cheerful spirits, the group embarked on a lively journey.

Upon arrival, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast, followed by a day of fun and relaxation. The group enjoyed pool games, lively dances, tasty starters and a sumptuous lunch. Later, some played cricket while others relaxed in the peaceful surroundings. The outing ended with evening tea and hot bhajias, leaving everyone with happy memories.

The picnic was a wonderful opportunity for bonding, relaxation, and appreciation of the hard work and dedication of our Church staff.

Staff comments:

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"To the Board, thank you for the fantastic staff picnic. It was a real treat to step away from the daily routine and enjoy each other's company. (Valarie – Medical Centre).

• **Alfred Nogueira**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS - 20TH JULY





The Family Cell celebrated all the grandparents and parents in our parish through a week-long series of events. The celebrations began with a special prayer service titled "Celebrating the Hands That Raised Us". The congregation sang and prayed together, reflected on the struggles of parenting, and thanked the Lord while asking Him to bless every grandparent, parent and child.

The church was filled with parishioners who gathered in prayer with deep reverence. The prayerful atmosphere, accompanied by reflective videos and beautiful hymns, drew everyone into a spirit of silence, devotion and thanksgiving.

One of the Family Cell members shared a moving experience of the struggles



parents face in keeping their families united in love and prayer. One family was presented before the Blessed Sacrament, giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of a complete family comprising spouses, children, parents and parents-in-law.

The prayer service brought parishioners together as one family, united in love and prayer.

• **Clarinda Fernandes**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS - 21ST JULY



The second day was dedicated to praying for all the widows and widowers. As they shared their experiences of managing life without their spouses, one widow spoke about the strength she drew from attending the Holy Eucharist, praying and working for the Lord. We reflected on the Word of God and listened to heartfelt testimonies. The inspiring sharing by a widow and a widower touched many hearts and offered encouragement to all present.

The church was illuminated as 65 of them gathered, each holding a lighted candle. In a moving moment of unity, the congregation raised their hands in prayer, invoking God's blessings upon all the widows and widowers. The service concluded with the widows and widowers gathering in front of the altar, each holding a candle, while the rest of the congregation raised their right hands and prayed for them.

It was a memorable evening for the widows and widowers, who prayed for their departed spouses and expressed gratitude for the love and support they had received.

• **Veronica Miranda**

FAITH-FILLED FELLOWSHIP WITH SINGLES - 22ND JULY







The third day brought singles together in fellowship. Singles from different age groups shared their life experiences and their faith in leading Christ-centred lives.

A meaningful prayer service was held, remembering the challenges that singles face in their daily lives. After praying in the church, all the singles were invited to the hall for a time of fellowship. Around 40 singles came together as one faith-filled community. Through personal sharing and reflections on their life journeys, participants encouraged one another and strengthened their trust in God's loving plan for their lives.

We thank the Lord for bringing these singles together and for blessing the gathering with their presence and active participation. We are also grateful for the wonderful participation of our parishioners. The fellowship concluded with refreshments, bringing everyone together as one loving family.

• **Yvette D'souza**

REQUIEM MASS FOR DEPARTED SOULS OF PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS - 24TH JULY



The fourth day featured a Requiem Mass offered for all the intentions placed in the Requiem Mass intentions box at the entrance of the church. The Family Cell was blessed to organise a deeply prayerful Requiem Mass for the departed souls of our beloved parents and grandparents.

The church was filled with parishioners who gathered in faith and reverence to remember their loved ones. The prayer intentions placed in the box were solemnly carried in procession by a couple from the Family Cell and offered to the Lord as a symbol of our love, gratitude and hope in His eternal mercy.

The reflective videos, heartfelt hymns sung by the congregation and solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist created a beautiful atmosphere of prayer and remembrance. Together, we entrusted the souls of our departed parents and grandparents to the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father, praying that they may rest in His everlasting peace.

May the cherished memories of our departed loved ones continue to inspire us to live lives of faith, love and gratitude.

• **Cheryl Rodrigues**



PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED WITH HOLY EUCHARIST IN HINDI FOR MIGRANTS - 26TH JULY



On Sunday, 26th July, the Family Cell joyfully celebrated Parents' Day with a special Holy Eucharist in Hindi at 4:00 p.m. for our migrant brothers and sisters. The celebration was a beautiful expression of faith, gratitude and unity, as families gathered to thank God for the precious gift of parents.

The Holy Mass was celebrated prayerfully, bringing the faithful together in an atmosphere of devotion and thanksgiving. It was heartening to see the church filled with families worshipping together in their own language, strengthening their faith and singing hymns accompanied by music. The celebration fostered a sense of belonging within our parish community.

After Mass, the Family Cell continued the celebrations with the migrant community in the Parish Hall, where everyone gathered for a warm time of fellowship. They sang songs, danced to the music and eagerly participated in the Personality Ramp Walk. The evening was filled with laughter, joy and togetherness as parents with their children and siblings with their families enthusiastically took part in fun-filled games.

Everyone was delighted by the creative housie game specially organised for the occasion. Excitement filled the hall as the winners received gifts and prizes. Customised take-home gifts added a special touch, making the celebration even more memorable.

• **Sr. Asha Almeida**

ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY LADIES' TEAM VISITS ST. JOSEPH'S HOME AND NURSERY, AGRIPADA TO CELEBRATE THE GIRL CHILD



A 9-member ladies' team of St. Augustine Community spent a delightful evening with 24 girls at St. Joseph's Home and Nursery, Agripada, on 10th October 2026.

They began with an ice-breaker: a fun name-guessing game both by the ladies and the eager girls. The girls outdid the ladies with their quick thinking, guessing most names correctly with just a few prompts. Lively games of Simon Says, Chinese Whispers and Four Corners followed, filling the room with laughter and excitement. The girls also showcased their singing and dancing talents.

A refreshing break with cake, vada pav and cold drinks was followed by more dancing. Gift hampers containing personal utility items and chocolates were distributed as tokens of love. Before leaving, everyone sang a special birthday song for two of the girls whose birthday was the following day.

The team was deeply moved when the grateful children presented them with a handmade Thank-you card and sang with all their hearts - *We Thank you We Do* and *Showers of Blessings !!!*

During their interaction they discovered that the girls aspired to become doctors, nurses, engineers, pilots and more. They were encouraged to pursue their dreams with confidence.

The team admired Sr. Violet's gentle, caring nature and the respect she commands. It was truly an evening of joy, laughter and meaningful connections.

The ladies returned with fond memories and hearts eager for more opportunities to share love and happiness with these wonderful girls.

• **Nora Vaz**

THE PRAESIDIUM FUNCTION OF THE LEGION OF MARY







The Praesidium Function of the Legion of Mary was held on 23rd September 2026. This annual get-together for Seniors and Juniors usually happens around the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. It is always a beautiful time of unity and fellowship.

Our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pimenta, graced the occasion. We began the function with the Legion prayers and the Holy Rosary. After that, everyone received a warm welcome.

A special part of the evening was listening to members share their stories from the heart. They spoke about how they were first invited to join the Legion. It was deeply moving to hear how Mama Mary's guidance has positively impacted our lives. We also had our mandatory "Legion Talk." It helped us learn a little more about the Legion Army and how to walk with Mary in today's world. As our Mother of Hope, she helps us take up challenges together instead of walking alone.

The evening was a huge success thanks to the joint efforts of every member. We enjoyed tasty homemade snacks, lively music, and challenging games with exciting prizes. Dinner was an absolute joy, featuring a sumptuous biryani and delicious dessert.

This spirit-filled gathering came to a close with our concluding prayers and a blessing from Rev. Fr. Joseph.

With energy flowing and so much bonhomie in the room, it was truly an evening well spent.

• **Lalita Valles**

CLM MEN'S KONKANI SODALITY CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY



The CLM Men's Konkani Sodality celebrated the Feast of the Queenship of Mary with great devotion at Our Lady of Salvation Church on 30th August 2026. The celebration began with the 6 p.m. Holy Eucharistic Mass, preceded by Triduum Novena Masses in Konkani from 27th to 29th August.

The Konkani feast Mass was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Cardoz of Holy Cross Church, Juhu Koliwada, and concelebrated by the Sodality's Spiritual Director, Fr. Victor Noronha. In his message, Fr. Anthony Cardoz praised the congregation, comparing the faithful to the twinkling stars in heaven and highlighting their love and devotion to Our Lady. Two new members took their commitment vows, while the existing members renewed their vows.

After Mass, the members gathered at the rear of the church for the veneration of Our Lady and a group photograph with the priests. They then proceeded in a procession, carrying the statue of Our Lady to Seva Kendra Hall for the evening get-together.

The programme began with the felicitation of the priests, followed by games, exciting prizes and melodious solo performances by members. The celebration concluded with a prayer to Our Lady, followed by a delicious dinner catered by Diamond Caterers. It was a joyful occasion marked by faith, fellowship and unity.

• **Allan Rebello**

52 YEARS OF FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE

The Helmet of Salvation English Prayer Group celebrated its 52nd year of ministry on 18th July 2026 with a day of prayer and spiritual formation.

After the Praise and Worship session led by Sandra Peres, Bro. Ralph D'Souza gave a teaching on two of the gifts of the Holy Spirit — healing and deliverance. He explained how these gifts are intended to restore people physically, emotionally and spiritually, emphasising the need for discernment and discretion in their use.

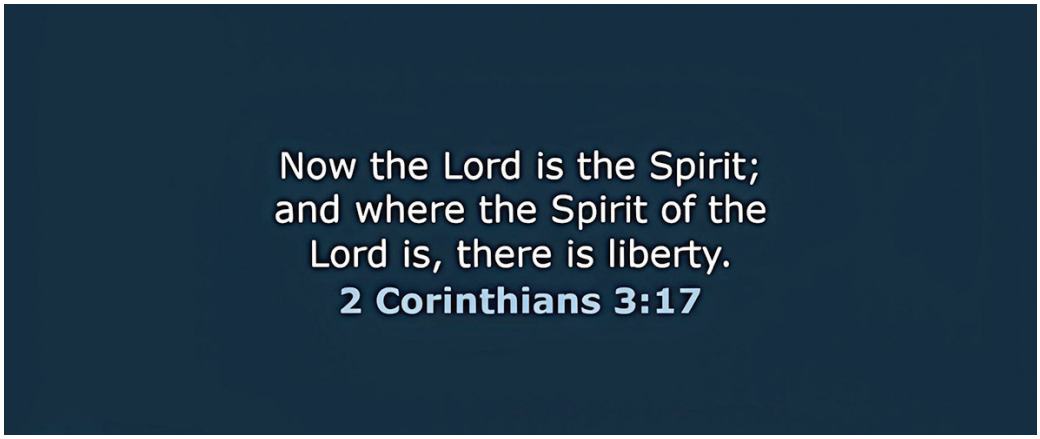
A healing service was held, benefiting those present not only by helping them learn and understand the best practices in the ministry of these two gifts, but also by offering them an opportunity to experience freedom from the bondages of sickness and fear through the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The afternoon was devoted to a fellowship lunch, team-building exercises and singing spiritual songs in different languages.

The day concluded with a Thanksgiving Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Michael Dcunha, Spiritual Director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Mumbai.

The Helmet of Salvation Prayer Group thanks Fr. Michael Pinto, the Parish Team and the BOM for the encouragement and support it has received over the years.

• **Core Team**
Helmet of Salvation Prayer Group



MARIAN NIGHTS 2026 – AN EVENING OF FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP



A much-awaited event, Marian Nights once again brought our parish community together during the Nativity Novenas for four evenings of fun, laughter and fellowship. Held on the 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th of September, the celebrations added a lively touch to the evenings after Mass, giving parishioners of all ages an opportunity to unwind, connect and enjoy.

The event featured a variety of exciting game stalls, which saw enthusiastic participation from children, youth and parents alike. The cheerful atmosphere, friendly competition and shared laughter made each evening special. Complementing the games was a food stall offering a delicious spread of sweet and savoury treats, along with a variety of munchies for everyone to enjoy.

Marian Nights was yet another beautiful reminder of the joy that comes from coming together as a parish family. The enthusiasm of the participants and the collective efforts of everyone involved made this year's celebrations a memorable one, filled with laughter, community spirit and cherished moments.

• **Angia Fernandes**

PARENTS' DAY: A LOVE WE WILL NEVER FORGET











We, the youth, came together to celebrate Parents' Day on 25th and 26th July with the beautiful theme, "I Will Never Forget You." The programme was held across all four zones of the parish, at the Parish Hall and Seva Kendra Hall, bringing parents together for celebrations filled with love, laughter and gratitude.

The theme, "I Will Never Forget You", reminded us of the countless sacrifices, prayers and unconditional support our parents offer us every day. We played an active role in making the celebration special by decorating the venues, creating a stunning backdrop and a heartfelt video message, and preparing dance and skit performances. We also hosted the celebrations dedicated to our beloved parents.



The fun continued with exciting games and spot prizes, followed by a lively jam session in which our parents participated wholeheartedly, singing, laughing and enjoying themselves. Most importantly, the celebrations strengthened the bond between us and our parents, reminding us that their love and sacrifices are memories we will cherish forever.

• **Joyce Joseph**

ANIMATORS' PICNIC – A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP









After a busy and tiring few days of Summer Club, the animators finally had a chance to relax, unwind and enjoy some quality time together. On 4th June, we set out for a one-day picnic at Farm Regency Resort, accompanied by the PYATs.

The day was filled with laughter, fun and plenty of memorable moments. From enjoying the pool and water slides to taking pictures, playing games and simply spending time together, everyone had a wonderful time. The picnic gave us an opportunity to step away from our responsibilities and strengthen the bonds we share as a team.

The PYATs also enjoyed their own special moments, adding even more energy and joy to the day. The beautiful surroundings and relaxed atmosphere helped everyone connect, share stories and create new memories.

As the day came to an end, we returned with tired bodies but happy hearts. More than just a picnic, it was a beautiful day of togetherness, friendship, bonding and fellowship—a reminder that the strength of our ministry also comes from the joy of being together.

• **Elroy Fernandes**

SUMMER RUSH 2026






Summer Rush, a summer camp organised by the youth of our parish for children, was an exciting and unforgettable experience for both the children and the animators. The day was filled with fun, laughter, games, dancing, creative activities and countless joyful moments. From the children's excitement and enthusiasm to the animators' energy and dedication, the camp was a beautiful experience for everyone involved.

Beyond the games and sessions, Summer Rush was about building friendships, sharing happiness and creating memories that will be cherished for years to come. The animators also had an opportunity to bond with one another, learn new things and relive their childhood through the children's excitement and laughter.

Although the camp came to an end, the friendships, laughter and countless memories made along the way will always hold a special place in our hearts. Summer Rush was truly a beautiful journey of joy, togetherness and unforgettable experiences!

• **Riona Dias**

YOUTH TAIZÉ PRAYER



On 21st August, a Taizé Prayer service was organized by Fr. Glasten and the PYAT, exclusively for the youth. The service was set in a peaceful atmosphere, lit by soft candlelight with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. It was inspiring to see many youths coming together in unity to find solace and reflect on their thoughts.

Centred around taizé chants, Scripture readings and silent mediation, it created a space of deep spiritual intimacy between ourselves and Jesus. The repetitive and prayerful chants allowed everyone to forget about their stressful lives and open their hearts to God's presence.

As part of the prayer, everyone was invited to write a small petition expressing their worries, anxieties or personal intentions and offer it before the Blessed Sacrament. Coming into the service with many jumbled thoughts in my mind, I left with a profound sense of inner peace and a renewed faith in God. The experience reminded us to surrender all our worries and trust God to show us the right way.

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped decorate the Altar, the choir and special thanks to Fr. Glasten for leading the Taizé Prayer with such devoted faith and hope in Jesus.

• **Mercy Fernandes**

YOUTH TREK 2026







The youth trek to Peb Fort, organised by Fr. Glasten and the PYAT, was an amazing and fun-filled adventure that left us with countless beautiful memories. Surrounded by lush greenery, scenic landscapes and the beauty of nature, the trek was a refreshing break from our everyday routines.

From the very beginning, the excitement and energy were contagious. The journey was filled with laughter, fun conversations, lively smiles and moments of encouragement. Although the trek was tiring at times, the enthusiasm and energy of everyone made it all the more enjoyable. Every step brought new experiences, funny moments and opportunities to bond with one another.

More than just an adventurous outing, the trek was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships, build connections and enjoy the spirit of togetherness.

Overall, it was an amazing experience filled with adventure, laughter and memories that we will cherish for a long time.

• **Riona Dias**

"START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY; THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE; AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE."



This line is attributed to **St. Francis of Assisi.**

The 4th of October, is a significant day in the life of every Franciscan as it marks the 800th death anniversary of their patron, St. Francis of Assisi.

On this day, the Sisters of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Prabhadevi; Sr. Conceicao Pereira, Sr. Sunita Bunch, Sr. Asha Almeida and Sr. Carol Godinho renewed their commitment to the Lord, three at the 6:30am mass at Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, and one at St. Joseph Convent, Goregaon, where was also witnessed the Perpetual Commitment of three Sisters in formation. Sr. Priya Bramhane, who is in the process of formation, had renewed her vows on the 8th of September with her fellow batch mates. The VOWS of CHASTITY, POVERTY and OBEDIENCE, far from weakening the consecrated, serve as a great source of strength that sustains them all through the day.

Beginning each day and ending it, with prayer, and offering every moment of each day in prayer, walking in the footsteps of St. Francis, the Sisters live a life dedicated to God.

As we thank the Lord for their presence and joyous service in our parish, let us pray that they continue to say "Yes" to God in every circumstance.

A life dedicated and consecrated to God, Commands a zealous and a courageous "yes'; He or she that is called, thus, in Grace, Will stay in Grace -and be completely blessed!

• **Sr. Carol Godinho (FHIC)**

WELCOMING THE MIGRANTS: CELEBRATING THE 112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS







"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

Our parish joyfully celebrated the 112th World Day of Migrants, welcoming our migrant brothers and sisters as one family of faith. The special Hindi Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto and Rev. Fr. Arvind Kerketta. The celebration featured a traditional entrance procession and the symbolic washing of the priests' hands, reflecting humility, service, and unity.

During the Mass, Fr. Michael invited us to reflect on how migrants' experiences enrich our lives, reminding us to recognise their simplicity, courage, resilience, hard work, and faith. The offertory procession was a beautiful highlight, as our migrant brothers and sisters presented the offerings of bread and wine through a joyful dance, celebrating their culture, faith, and gratitude to God.

Following the Mass, the fellowship programme included games, dancing, snacks, and gifts for our migrant brothers and sisters.

We thank Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto, the BOM, Alfred, Sr. Sunita, Sr. Cosu, Sr. Irene of Worli Parish, and all who contributed to making the celebration a success.

As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:40, *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

May we continue to welcome with open hearts, serve with willing hands, and love without boundaries, remembering that in God's family, no one is a stranger and everyone has a place at His table.

• **Maria Cajetan Fernandes**

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PPC, SCC'S, BOM AND HEADS OF CELLS & ASSOCIATIONS





Ongoing orientation and training helps organisations meet their members' evolving needs and expectations. This is equally true for Church Institutions. As part of the parish's commitment to forming lay leaders, an Orientation Programme was organised for members of the BOM and PPC, Heads and Assistant Heads of Cells and Associations, and the Steering Committee of the SCCs.

180 parishioners participated in this event, which commenced with a swearing-in ceremony at the 9.30am Mass. The Orientation Programme was held in the Seva Kendra Hall. Fr. K.T. Emanuel was the Resource Person who conducted it.

The programme began with the Opening Prayer, Word of God and a Prayer of Commitment to Our Lady. Fr. Victor Noronha, who was newly appointed to our parish was then felicitated. Fr. Michael Pinto shared the Theme for our Parish this year, which is "WORD FED, SPIRIT LED".

Fr. K.T. Emanuel elaborated on the Theme in great detail, emphasising that we need to be 'Nourished by the Word of God and Led by His Spirit' on a continuous basis in order to serve effectively in ministry. He encouraged everyone to work together in unity, humility, and mutual respect; to allow the Holy Spirit to guide parish decisions, attitudes, and activities; and to be examples and witnesses of Christ within and beyond the faith community. Those present greatly appreciated his reflections.

The programme concluded with a fellowship lunch and a shared resolve to put the insights gained into action for the betterment of the parish and the wider community.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

COMMISSIONING/RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



Eucharistic Ministers, or more appropriately "**Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**", is used to denote lay persons who assists the priest (who is the Ordinary Minister) in administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. They also take the sacrament of Holy Communion to those who are ill, or otherwise unable to attend Mass (homebound).

Members of the EMHC Group need to be specifically appointed by the Hierarchy of the Church and are recommissioned on a yearly basis. This year the Commissioning of new EMHC and the Recommissioning of existing EMHC was held on Saturday, 10th October 2026 at the 7.00pm Mass. Nine new parishioners were commissioned as EMHC in addition to the existing members. The Eucharist and commissioning/ recommissioning ceremony was presided over by our Parish Priest Fr. Michael Pinto, who is also the Spiritual Director of the EMHC. Deacon Sylvester Lobo concelebrated at this Eucharist. This was followed by a short fellowship programme in Conference Room No.3. All the EMHC were presented with a token of appreciation by the Church.

We now have 39 EMHC as part of the team, which also includes the four sisters from the Convent (FHIC), namely Sr. Kosu, Sr. Asha, Sr. Sunita and Sr. Priya as well as Br. Bala from the Montfort Brothers.

We thank God for the opportunity to be of service to the parish and we seek the invocations of Our Lady of Salvation so that we may carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us in a worthy manner.

• **Benedict Mascarenhas**

AN EVENING WHEN DREAMS CAME TRUE



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart remarked: *"Music, even in situations of the greatest horror, should never be painful to the ear but should flatter and charm it, and thereby always remain music".* True to these words by the greatest classical composer that ever lived, our parishioners presented classic performances of classical, semi-classical and light classical music at **The Annual Parish Talent Contest** on **20th September 2026** at the Seva Kendra Hall.

This event was hosted by the 112-year-institution, **St. Joseph's Choral Society** that lends its talent and time to sing regularly at the 9.30 a.m. mass on Sunday and various occasions. The contest provided a platform for parishioners to develop confidence and share their passion for music.

The judges: Wyomia Goveya, Kevin D'Souza and Sydney Pereira; accomplished musicians, and choir conductors emphasized the importance of a classical music foundation as the basis for furthering musical development. In her critique, Ms. Govea assured the contestants that the four Ds – desire, discipline, determination and dedication were crucial to ensuring success.

The use of acoustic instruments, live accompaniment, mastery of breath control and vocal resonance were key factors in determining the pieces performed that evening. The young, the middle-aged and even a senior citizen were thrilled to display their musical talent on stage. A soulful rendition of *I know that my Redeemer liveth* from Handel's *Messiah,* Bach/Gounod's *Ave Maria,* Eric Whitacre's *The Seal Lullaby,* songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals and numerous other impressive vocal and instrumental compositions made the contest an evening to remember.

• **Lystra Murzello**

PRIZE AND TROPHY WINNERS

Vocal Upto 8 Years	
1	Kieron Valles
2	Chrysann Fernandes
Vocal 8-12 years	
1	Jayden Fernandes
2	Zivon D'Souza
3	Stanzyn Fernandes
Instrumental 8-12	
1	Jayden Fernandes
Vocal 12-16 Years	
1	Agnelo D'Souza
2	Rylan Thomas Carvalho
3	Travis Valles
Instrumental 12-16 Years	
1	Rylan Thomas Carvalho
2	Derrick D'Souza
3	Travis Valles
Vocal 16-20 Years	
1	Yohann Fernandes
	Leon Samuel Kujur

Vocal 20-30 Years	
1	Trevin D'Souza
2	Aston D'Cunha
3	Justin D'Souza
Vocal 30 Years and above	
1	Elizabeth Dias
2	Martin D'Sylva
Duets Vocal-Open	
1	Keith Fernandes & Rayna Fernandes
2	Giselle Pires & Savio Coelho
3	Aston Dcunha & Sarah Rose D'Souza
Groups Vocal (Open)	
1	Aston Dcunha Giselle Pires Sarah Rose D'Souza Savio Coelho
2	Aislyn Murzello Amanda Pereira Jairo D'Costa Jason Mendes Keith Fernandes Rayna Fernandes Richila Fernandes Trevin D'Souza

TROPHY AND AWARD WINNERS

Fabian Fernandes Memorial Trophy	Agnelo D'Souza
Alec Mendoza Memorial Trophy	Aston D'Cunha
Donald Mendonca Memorial Trophy	Elizabeth Dias
The Paula Nazareth Memorial Award	
Dr .Celestine Olivera Memorial Trophy	Keith Fernandes & Rayna Fernandes
Michael D'Souza Memorial Trophy	Aston Dcunha Giselle Pires Sarah Rose D'Souza Savio Coelho

A DAY OF JOYFUL THANKSGIVING - (AGERA)



The Salvation Green Cell, in collaboration with the Small Christian Communities (SCCs), celebrated Thanksgiving Day (Agera) at Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar West on the 4th of Oct. Reflecting the Synod's call for greater participation and integration, the Migrants Group actively collaborated to celebrate a vibrant expression of unity in diversity.

Before the 9:30 a.m. mass, Parishioners gathered around the Heritage Cross outside the Church. Fresh vegetables, Fruits, Fish, Sweets and Paddy Rice stalks were arranged as offerings, symbolizing the abundance of creation and God's blessings throughout the year. Parish Priest Fr. Michael Pinto led the gathering in prayer and blessed the offerings.

Members dressed in traditional attire, carried the offerings in a solemn procession to the Altar. Migrant women in colourful, coordinated saris carried aarti thalis, followed by the altar servers and priests, depicting the Parish's rich cultural diversity.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Ashwin Castellino, who delivered an inspiring homily on the importance of thanksgiving and recognizing God's presence in every blessing. A special moment of cultural harmony unfolded when Fr. Ashwin sang the doxology in Marathi, while members of the Migrants Group performed the traditional aarti.

After Mass, the celebrations continued with joyful fellowship. The Migrants Group danced to the lively beats of the mandar, soon joined by Priests and Parishioners. Fruits and delicious sannas were shared as love offerings, strengthening bonds of friendship and community.

The celebration beautifully reflected the parish's commitment to synodality, inclusiveness and gratitude for God's abundant blessings.

• **Alfred Nogueira**

MORE THAN JUST PETS: A PAW-SOME PARISH BLESSING OF PETS

SGC honours St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Pets



On Sunday, 4th October, the Salvation Green Cell organised the parish's first Blessing of Pets to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and mark the end of the Season of Creation. The occasion commemorated the 800th Anniversary of the feast of St. Francis, patron saint of Ecology.

The event welcomed **more than 40 animals**, as pet parents arrived with their beloved "fur babies", including one hard shelled friend! Led by Deacon Sylvester, the service included readings from Genesis (1:24–31) and Matthew (6:25–30), reminding everyone of God's creation and care for all living creatures. Prayers were offered for the pets present and those who had passed away, followed by blessings with holy water.

Deacon Sylvester described the experience as a "first-of-its-kind" and recalled the joyful togetherness of pets and their families.

The programme continued with spot prizes across different pet categories and heartwarming stories from pet parents, including one about a dog that found his family again, after they had moved away.

Crispin Pereira, pet parent to Jack, a golden retriever, appreciated the helpful volunteers and meaningful celebration. Gwyneth and Richard, pet parents to Bambi, their indie cat, said they felt "truly blessed" to participate in this unique parish event.

The gathering ended with a vote of thanks and photographs at the youth-prepared photo booth. Pet parents left with happy memories and prayer cards, carrying forward a reminder to care for animals and all Creation.

• **Russell Luke Azavedo**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: A STEP TOWARDS STRONGER FAMILIES



The Family Cell of Our Lady of Salvation Church organised a meaningful **Mental Health Awareness Programme on 11 October**, addressing an important need in today's fast-paced and digitally connected world.

The session was led by **Mr. Freddy Pereira**, who shared valuable insights into the mental and emotional well-being of married and unmarried couples, children, and youth. He highlighted the challenges faced by families and the growing impact of social media on relationships, emotional health, and overall well-being.

Special emphasis was placed on understanding adolescents and young people, recognising their struggles, and communicating with them with patience, empathy, and understanding. Participants were encouraged to maintain open communication and create a supportive environment where children and young people feel comfortable expressing their concerns without fear of judgement. The importance of responsible social media use and maintaining a healthy balance between the digital world and real-life relationships was also highlighted.

With the guidance of the Spiritual Director, the Family Cell organised this special session in response to requests from parishioners, recognising that mental health awareness is truly the need of the hour.

The programme concluded with refreshments and fellowship, allowing participants to interact and reflect on the insights shared.

The key takeaway was simple yet powerful: **a listening ear, an open heart, and a supportive family environment can make a significant difference in someone's life.** Through this initiative, the Family Cell hopes to inspire families to strengthen their relationships and build a compassionate parish community where everyone feels heard, valued, and supported.

• **Maria Cajetan Fernandes**

BIBLE SHARING AND A VISIT TO PRANAM MARIA MUSEUM (COMMUNITY 20)







On 20th August, our Community held a Bible-sharing session conducted by Allen Menezes. He addressed the doubts and questions participants had about the chapter discussed. Everyone enjoyed the evening, including a six-year-old child who was so delighted that they asked for another such session.

On 4th October, Community No. 20 came together for a visit to the Pranam Maria Museum in Bandra West. It felt like stepping into a quiet, sacred timeline. What stood out most were the 252 intricately detailed, life-sized statues, which looked remarkably real. The accompanying audio effects made the experience even more lifelike, almost as though the statues were speaking.

One of the most beautiful sights was a glowing, illuminated white statue of Mother Mary. We were all in awe and stood there praying the Hail Mary together.

After the visit, we gathered for snacks and coffee, sharing our thoughts and reflecting on the experience. Everyone who joined the visit was delighted and deeply satisfied with the experience.

• **Adrianne Lee Rebello**

THE BLUEBAG PROJECT AT DADAR WEST, SARASWATI NIWAS



From the germ of an idea shared on 18th January 2026, the BlueBag project was launched on 30th January 2026, as a community engagement initiative within the Dadar Saraswati community on Gokhale Road North, Dadar, Rohini Fernandes, in spearheading this project has truly brought the community together.

After obtaining the necessary permissions from building authorities, Rohini brought together friends, colleagues, neighbours and environmentally conscious citizens. By March, with 15 families on board, the project went live.

Families registered through a Google Form and received personalised Blue Bags, each bearing a unique QR code linked to their building, flat and mobile number. Every Wednesday, a reminder is sent for Thursday's collection, with a group poll determining the number of bags to be collected.

At the collection centre, bags are scanned and weighed, with the weight reflected on registered users' phones within 24 hours.

The icing on the cake? Participants receive ₹4 per kg of waste collected! The material is then sorted into 35 categories, enabling scientific recycling and minimising waste sent to dumps.

What can go into your Blue Bag? Please clean items before disposal.

- **Paper:** Paper scraps, envelopes, delivery bags, packaging and boxes, including medicine and cosmetics boxes.
- **Plastic:** Grocery bags, food packaging, takeaway containers and bottles used for water, medicines, cosmetics and stationery.
- **Glass:** Bottles and glasses, wrapped in newspaper and sealed in a plastic bag.
- **E-waste:** Batteries, wires, chargers, adaptors, remotes and electrical appliances.

Come, join the BlueBag movement to make a difference. Contact : Rohini Fernandes - 9870369357/ Rebecca Pereira - 9820284094

- **Rohini Fernandes**
- **Rebecca Pereira**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. PAUL – COMMUNITY NO. 18

On 29th June 2026, St. Paul Community No. 18 joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Paul with hearts filled with gratitude, faith and togetherness. The celebration brought community members together as one family in Christ, strengthening the bonds of love, unity and fellowship.

The feast began with a special Holy Mass, during which prayers were offered for the well-being, peace and happiness of all families in the community. It was a meaningful opportunity to thank God for His countless blessings and seek His continued guidance and protection. The celebration also reminded us of the life and teachings of St. Paul, whose unwavering faith, dedication and commitment to spreading God's Word continue to inspire us in our Christian journey.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, snack boxes were distributed to the community members present. This simple yet thoughtful gesture added warmth and joy to the occasion, reflecting the spirit of sharing, caring and togetherness.

The celebration served as a reminder that a strong Christian community is built not only through prayer but also through love, kindness and fellowship. It encouraged everyone to remain united in faith and continue supporting and caring for one another.

May the intercession of St. Paul inspire every member of Community No. 18 to grow in faith, strengthen relationships and serve others with compassion, humility and love.

• **Leo Rodrigues**



A GESTURE OF LOVE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS



On July 2026, St. Paul Community No. 18 undertook a heartfelt initiative to reach out to homebound parents and grandparents, reminding them that they are cherished, valued and always remembered as an important part of our community family.

As a gesture of love, gratitude and appreciation, special mugs were distributed to our elderly members. Though simple, these thoughtful gifts conveyed affection, care and togetherness, bringing warmth and happiness to those who may not always be able to participate in community gatherings and celebrations.

Our parents and grandparents are the pillars of our families and the foundation of our faith. Through their wisdom, sacrifices, prayers and unconditional love, they have nurtured generations and passed on values that continue to guide us in our daily lives.

This initiative served as a reminder of our Christian responsibility to honour, respect and care for our elders, especially those who are homebound or facing the challenges of ageing. It also reflected the true spirit of a compassionate Christian community, where no member is forgotten or left behind.

Through such meaningful gestures, Community No. 18 continues to strengthen the bonds of love, faith and unity, ensuring that our elders feel connected to their parish family.

May God bless our dear parents and grandparents with good health, peace, comfort and happiness. May we continue to cherish their presence and surround them with love, kindness and prayer.

• **Leo Rodrigues**

NOVENA TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL – COMMUNITY NO. 22



Community No. 22 celebrated the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel with prayer, devotion and fellowship. The novena was held at various locations, with each day dedicated to special intentions for the needs of the community.

The intentions included prayers for those affected by water scarcity, teachers, the girl child, and children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

As part of the Teachers' Day observance, flowers were presented to the teachers who teach the children of our community as a gesture of appreciation and gratitude for their dedication, guidance and valuable contribution to the children's education.

The novena concluded with the Feast Mass of St. Michael the Archangel in the church, followed by a get-together near Velankanni Chapel.

The celebration brought community members together in faith and fellowship. The gathering featured prayer, games, music, housie and spot prizes, making the occasion joyful and memorable.

We thank God for blessing our community and express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, effort and support towards making the novena and feast celebration a success.

• **Velma Fernandes**

PARENTS' DAY ACTIVITY

For Parents' Day, Community No. 22 organised a small yet meaningful get-together for the children of the community. The activity was open to all children, irrespective of their religion, and they were encouraged to invite their friends, making it a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together and have fun.

The activity began with a card-making session, during which the children created handmade cards for their parents and loved ones. Card paper was provided, and while children were encouraged to bring their own stationery, additional craft materials were arranged for those who needed them, ensuring that everyone could participate.

The highlight of the day was a flower-making workshop conducted by a parent from the community. The children learnt how to make different varieties of flowers using colourful pipe cleaners. With a little guidance and plenty of imagination, each child created something unique and beautiful.

At the end of the activity, the children took their handmade cards and flowers home to gift to their parents, grandparents or other special people in their lives. The gathering concluded with snacks, photographs and happy memories.

It was a simple yet heartwarming celebration that brought the children together through creativity, friendship and the joy of making something special for their loved ones.

• **Elroy Fernandes**

WORKS OF MERCY – DIVINE MERCY CELL

The Divine Mercy Cell of Our Lady of Salvation Church, Dadar, faithfully lives out the message of Divine Mercy through prayer, compassion and service to those in need.

The Divine Mercy Group gathers every month on the fourth Friday to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with devotion, seeking God's mercy and grace for all.

Putting faith into action, the group reaches out to the less fortunate through various works of mercy. Food is provided to underprivileged construction workers, while food and snacks are distributed monthly to patients and their attendants at Tata Memorial Hospital. Umbrellas and plastic sheets are given to those in need, including women living on the pavements near the hospital, offering them some protection from the sun and rain. Bedsheets are also distributed to the poor, while tiffins are provided to homebound individuals, bringing nourishment and comfort to those unable to leave their homes.

Through these humble yet meaningful acts of kindness, the Divine Mercy Cell truly puts **mercy into action**, bringing hope, comfort and dignity to those in need. The group strives to be a living witness to Christ's merciful love, reminding us that even the smallest act of kindness can make a difference in someone's life.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." — Matthew 5:7

• **Osburg D'Souza**

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM – INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026



The Independence Day celebration, organised by the SCC Steering Committee in collaboration with the Confirmation students, was a heartfelt tribute to our nation.

The programme commenced with an introduction, followed by a ceremonial procession led by the national flag and accompanied by a band. The significance of *Vande Mataram* was explained before everyone joined in singing the patriotic song. This was followed by a prayer in Marathi and a soulful rendition of *Namo Ai Meri Maa*.

The chief guests, Mrs. Lassie Gonsalves and Mr. Ashwin D'Silva, shared inspiring messages on the significance of Independence Day while answering the compere's question, "Are we really free?"

The highlight of the programme was the flag hoisting by the chief guests, followed by the National Anthem.

The celebration came alive with a vibrant Tricolour Umbrella Dance performed by the ladies. The Confirmation students captivated the audience with their energetic dance performances to patriotic songs. Their spirited dancing and cartwheels, undeterred by the rain, were truly heartwarming and reflected their enthusiasm and dedication.

Adding to the patriotic fervour, young people dressed as personnel of the Army, Navy and Air Force paid tribute to the brave men and women who safeguard our nation. A pledge was read aloud, with parishioners joining in a collective commitment to uphold the values of freedom and unity.

The gathering concluded with patriotic songs, including *Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon* and *Hum Honge Kamyab* (*Let Us Overcome*).

Despite the rain, the celebration beautifully united generations in gratitude, pride and love for our motherland.

• **Pascoela Fernandes**

JOURNEY CELEBRATING CREATION – BECOMING LIVING WATER







Our Lady of Salvation Church celebrated the Special Liturgy for the Season of Creation across all masses on 20th September 2026.

Prior to the 20th, the church's visual and communication elements focused on *Living Water*, highlighting water's spiritual and literal significance in refreshing, all it touches, as does our Lord Jesus Christ. Across all five masses over that weekend, the special liturgy brought alive this message.

Specially, the 09:30 am mass was celebrated as the **Season of Creation Mass** by Fr. Joseph Pimenta. In his homily, he reflected on Ezekiel 47, where life returns wherever water flows from the temple. He reminded us that without this life-giving gift, it is the poor who suffer most—the farmer dependent on rain, the family reliant on a well, or the child needing clean water to thrive. He concluded: **"Never let us forget the gift of water. May Christ, our Living Water, heal the Earth, renew our hearts, and quench every thirst. Amen."**

The mass concluded with the Special Prayer for Creation, recited in unison, followed by a Pledge Card distributed to families, encouraging meaningful actions at home to demonstrate their commitment to caring for Creation.

From the Living Water display installed on 7th September to the special liturgy and this final celebration, the Season of Creation has been a beautiful journey of hope, optimism and deliverance.

May the flow of Living Water never end—renewing our hearts and ministries, nurturing our communities, and giving life to all creation.

• **Andrew Williams**

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SALVATION, DADAR (C.C.O.)

JUNE 2026 TO OCTOBER 2026

EVENTS /SOCIAL VISITS.

- On 15th July 2026, CCO organised a special programme for domestic workers, where Neem saplings were distributed to 18 women. The saplings were handed over by Fr. Michael. Mrs. Sunita Borkar explained the various benefits and importance of the Neem tree. They were encouraged to plant them in their respective buildings and take care of them.
- Guru Purnima was celebrated on 28th July 2026, with great joy and gratitude. A team visited to extend warm Guru Purnima greetings to the teachers of Dr. Antonio D'Silva School, Salvation School, and Convent School as a token of appreciation and respect. Flowers and sweets were presented to the teachers.
- In the month of August 2026, CCO led a helping hand to Milagrin Fernandes. A banyan tree had uprooted, damaging her house roof. We coordinated with the BMC and concerned police authorities in fixing back the roof. Also, tiffin service was provided to her for some time.
- On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan on 28th August 2026, CCO organised a special celebration for all the workers of the church to promote unity, love, and a spirit of togetherness among them. Rakhi's were tied and sweets were distributed as a gesture of love and togetherness.
- On 5th September 2026, Salvation Community Centre organised a special Teachers' Day celebration for retired teachers from the Parish. 15 retired teachers participated in the programme. Various fun games and activities were organised for them, creating a joyful and memorable atmosphere. They also shared their experiences and memories from their teaching careers, making the programme meaningful and inspiring for everyone present.
- On 8th September 2026, Girl Child Day was celebrated at Convent School by CCO. On this special occasion, the girls were felicitated with gifts and bouquets. They actively participated in the programme and made the celebration joyful and meaningful. Sr. Asha expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Michael for his constant support and contribution. Visited the ailing girl patients at Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel.
- CCO organised a special Ganesh Chaturthi celebration in the Parish Hall on 17th September 2026. The staff of Salvation Church, along with some members of the school staff, were invited to participate in the celebration. It was a very joyful and meaningful gathering that brought the church and school staff together in a spirit

of unity, respect, and togetherness. The programme included songs, greetings, and fellowship, with enthusiastic participation from all present. Modak's were distributed to everyone as part of the celebration.

- CCO visited the house of Daisy Fernandes in September 2026. There was a short circuit in the house. Visited the family, verified the condition of the house and reported to the church authorities who considering her case provided a rented place to her for time being.
- On 1st October 2026, CCO organised International Senior Citizens' Day. Around 89 senior citizens participated in the programme. Fr. Michael led the prayer and participated in the cake-cutting ceremony. Various fun games and activities were organised for the senior citizens, making it a beautiful and memorable celebration. At the end takeaway gifts were distributed to all the participants as a token of appreciation. It was a celebration well appreciated by the senior citizens.

• Darshana Souz

HOPE AND LIFE RECOLLECTION

The English cum Konkani Recollection was held on Wednesday, 26th August 2026, at Our Lady of Salvation Church Parish. It was conducted by Rev. Fr. Anthony D'Souza, SVD, on the inspiring theme:

"Otmea mohjea, Sorvesporachi stuti kor! Jiv aso-sor Sorvesporachi vakhan 'nni kortolom."

"Praise the Lord, my soul! I will praise Him as long as I live."

Fr. Tony's reflection invited us to trust in God and remain deeply rooted in Christ. Reflecting on Jeremiah 17:7–8, he reminded us that those who trust in the Lord, are like trees planted beside water—firmly rooted and able to flourish even in times of dryness, suffering and uncertainty. People may leave us, but God never abandons us. Through Colossians 2:6–7, we were encouraged to remain rooted and built up in Christ, strengthened in faith and overflowing with thanksgiving. Whatever we plant with God's grace, can flourish, and we should trust Him even when we cannot see the way ahead. Fr. Tony also reminded us that we should seek God, rather than merely seek miracles. For miracles and blessings are present every moment, when we recognise His loving presence.

Finally, reflecting on Ephesians 3:16–18, we were called to be rooted in Agape love—selfless, unconditional and sacrificial love, that seeks the good of others. The Recollection left us with a beautiful message: Stay rooted in Christ, rooted in love, trust Him through every season, and live with grateful hearts. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Michael Pinto, our Parish Priest, for graciously permitting and sponsoring this Recollection. His generous support was deeply appreciated by all who attended.

• Marie Susan Rebello

WORD FED, SPIRIT LEAD – THE PATHWAY TO GOOD CHRISTIAN LIVING



"Word Fed, Spirit Lead" may be easy on the tongue, but living it requires commitment. Thus, Fr. Jude Ferreira, Coordinator of the Ministry of Word Programme, was invited by Fr. Michael Pinto on July 9, to share his reflections on the same theme.

Via the Parable of the Bones, Fr. Jude humorously described four kinds of people: the Wishing Bone, who only wish to act; the Finger Bone, who point out others' faults; the Jaw Bone, who only talk; and the Back Bone, who stand up, speak and act. Christians are called to live by God's Word and practise it, becoming examples to others.

He reminded elders and parents to pray for children and young people, the future of the Church, who are increasingly distracted by consumerism and media.

In relationships and marriages, even amid conflicts over property and possessions, forgiveness is possible through prayer and by seeking God's grace.

Feeding our minds and hearts with Scripture helps us recognise God's warnings and guidance in moments of quiet. He encouraged the faithful to view confession as an opportunity to recognise spiritual progress and find time for personal and family prayer.

Reflections were supported by 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12 and John 8:31–32, affirming that God's Word teaches, transforms, guides and sets us free through the Holy Spirit.

Thus, being Word Fed and Spirit Lead enables us to live as true Christian examples. Heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Jude for this meaningful reflection.

• **Andrew Williams**

SINGLES MINISTRY - FAMILY CELL







A session for singles was organised by the Parish Family Cell in the Parish Hall on 10th October 2026. The meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Michael Pinto. This was followed by a reading from the Gospel in which Jesus was at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This passage was particularly apt, considering that the session was organised for singles. The key learning was that being single is also a vocation.

The highlight of the gathering was a game of Biblical Housie which the members thoroughly enjoyed. It was a creative way to remember the Word of God while playing the game. Prizes were awarded to the winners of Jaldi Three, Jaldi Five and Full House.

Snacks, coffee and ice cream were served to the members. The key takeaways from the session included coming together in faith, sharing the joys and challenges of loneliness, strengthening bonds and caring for family members.

Many members were happy to share their experiences of being single at different stages of their lives. Everyone looks forward to having more such interactive sessions in the future.

• **Anna Fernandes**

COPA SALVACIÓN 2026







This year in August, the Sports Council revived the spirit of sports with a game our parish has always been well known for FOOTBALL – the 'Copa Salvación 2026' tournament was held on the 23rd of August 2026 at the Our Lady of Salvation School turf.

Sixteen football teams signed up, with eight members per team, bringing a large number of sportsmen onto the field that day. To name a few teams, we had the Vuvuzelas and Youngsters FC. We also had two women's teams, the Gladiators and the She Wolves. The team line-up featured a mix of veterans and budding young talent. The games saw national and international players sharing the same field that day. The winners of the tournament were Polly Boys and the runners-up were the Black Panthers.

It was indeed a spectacle to watch the teams play in the spirit of the sport and hear the cheering from the stands as family members joined in to shout for a goal.

The presence of our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Pinto and the Board of Management at the prize distribution ceremony was most encouraging.

A message from a parishioner read: "We take a moment to thank Fr. Glasten Gonsalves and his entire team for putting together such a wonderful football tournament! Appreciate all the effort, time and energy that went into making it happen."

With the success of Copa Salvación 2026, we look forward to reporting on our next tournament.

Sports Council Member

• **Ms. Reanne D'sa**

BAPTISM (May 2026 - September 2026)			
Sr.No.	**D.O. Baptism**	**Name**	**Parents Name**
1	04th May 2026	Aparna Bhushan	Anil & Malan
2	07th June 2026	Trinity Rodrigues	Donald & Ramija
3	05th July 2026	Leah Elise Lobo	Lesnin & Erika
4	19th July 2026	Kenneth Joseph Dsouza	Carlson & Rita
5	16th August 2026	Azriel Dias	Bernraf & Charlotte
6	23rd August 2026	Ethan Dsouza	Walter & Priscilia
7	06th September 2026	Andrew Menezes	Leron & Leanne
8	20th September 2026	Elora Fernandes	Savio & Nikita
9	27th September 2026	Thea Nazareth	Rajiv & Vibhuti
10	27th September 2026	Sofia Nazareth	Rajiv & Vibhuti

MARRIAGE (May 2026 - September 2026)			
Sr.No.	**D.O. Marriage**	**Name of Bridegroom**	**Name of Bride**
1	10th May 2026	Francis D'rose	Eunis Dona Fernando
2	13th June 2026	Clive De Souza	Nikita Melinda Dcosta

DEATHS (May 2026 - September 2026)			
Sr No	**Date**	**Name of Deceased**	**Age**
1	11th May 2026	Cecilia Bernard Paes	77
2	15th May 2026	Helan Fernandes	62
3	15th May 2026	Papi Erikc Valladares	72
4	25th May 2026	Esperance Fernandes	82
5	01st June 2026	Tunis D'Monte	84
6	03rd June 2026	Joanita Joaquim Fernandes	78
7	04th June 2026	Philomina Irene George Pais	79
8	15th June 2026	Isabel Joseph D'Souza	75
9	19th June 2026	Nicholas Vincent Braganza	69
10	26th June 2026	Connie Fernandes	72
11	01st July 2026	Geeta Ganvey Fernandes	69
12	08th July 2026	Ann Philomena Dias	73
13	09th July 2026	Michael Joseph Correa	73
14	13th July 2026	Augustine Avelino Fernandes	70
15	17th July 2026	Leena Francis D'Souza	80
16	21st July 2026	Celina Willaim Almeida	92
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