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# From the PASTOR'S DESK

## Born in a manger, His kingship reigns forever.....

King Nero while carrying out his persecution of the Christians peevishly exclaimed, "poverty and kingship can not co-exist, Exuberance and simplicity can never go in hand in hand, Ebullience and gentleness can not blend together in a personality and finally asceticism or austerism are unimaginable concepts. Then how did The king of Jews, a man born in a manger could magnetize the entire nation? how did he manage to gravitate the hearts and minds of the people from their rational nature?"

My dear brothers and sisters, the answer to the question of this persecutor lies in the manger of Nazareth where in our Redeemer chose to be born.

The manger symbolically or metaphorically refers to the unfortunate fate or plight of an individual but our redeemer in His wisdom chose this insignificant reality to express His divine magnanimity and identification with socially and religiously as well as politically excluded ones of His society.

This gracious act of our Redeemer brought silent but valiant defeat of the proud and incorrigible. By this the venom of the vice of this world was removed and virtues of the heavenly realm was imposed and established. By his birth not the subjugation of the human will is propagated but rather the Love of god, neighbor and creation is enhanced.

The manger metaphorically refers to the

physical fact that it is the cheapest way of receiving warmth during the coldest winter and one of the easily and readily available fodder for the cattle. Likewise, God in his infant son makes his warmth felt for everyone who searches him in any of the virtuousness.

God became a king of simplicity so that He is available and comprehensible for all the sincerely seeking souls. His kingdom and dominion endures for ever because of his indispensability to human and their conditions. God in Manger simply and amply makes it clear that he and his heavenly magnanimity is accessible for the faith-filled humanity and it is ungraspable for the arrogant and conceited.

As we are to celebrate the birth of the king and birth of the incoming new year, let us ask the Almighty to fill us with his chicest blessings and guidance so that our being and living may be graced to be rewarded by the infant king of the universe. May our infant King bless us all so that our entry into the new year of 2025 may fill us with heavenly revelations and purity to experience the king of the creation in each one of his creatures.

Merry Christmas and Divine-filled New Year.

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Arul Manickam**



### PARISH SCHEDULE

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# CONFIRMATION RETREAT



**-Rena Fernandes**  
**Confirmant**

Our church confirmation retreat was held from October 11-13 in Karjat. It was a deeply spiritual and memorable experience. We began with a prayer before our journey, and the bus ride was filled with lively conversations and laughter. Upon arrival, we settled into our rooms and participated in the first session, where Father introduced the theme and emphasized the presence of Jesus in every book of the Bible. The day ended with a Rosary session, where we prayed for different nations, fostering awareness of global issues and unity through faith.



The second day started with a serene walk around the retreat site, featuring statues of saints that inspired reflection. Sessions covered the sacrament of Confirmation, its significance, and the gifts it bestows. Confession and Mass provided moments of spiritual growth, while Adoration encouraged self-reflection. We concluded the day with games, blending faith and fun.

On the final day, the enactment of the Way of the Cross allowed us to connect deeply with Christ's suffering. Sessions on humility and repentance provided valuable lessons, ending with counseling, Mass, and a group photo. This retreat was an enriching blend of faith, bonding, and personal growth, leaving us with cherished memories and a stronger spiritual connection.

## FAITH FORMATION



**-Anna Fernandes**  
**Catechist**

In our Faith Formation Class at OLVC we not only stress on just the spiritual journey of the child instead we have a Holistic development.

We take care of their aesthetic, social and moral growth too. We involve our students in various activities and give them opportunity to grow and channelise their talents.

On the occasion of Vianney Sunday our kids created cards for our priests and felicitated them at the Holy Mass. On the occasion of Grandparents day, they prepared cards for parents and grandparents with lovely messages that expressed their love and affection for them. We involve them in drawing and Singing

Competitions, as this helps Children to recognise their potentials and parents to know the talents of their

kids. For Mission Sunday our confirmants and the kids along with their parents of certain classes prepared home made goodies and collected money for the Missions.

We also help our kids by nurturing necessary values in them. For eg our kids in the course of the year maintain a money box where they spare some money from their pocket money for charity during Advent. This collection is to bring a smile on the faces of the very many marginalized in the society. A v.important aspect of our Faith Journey is we train our students to animate the liturgy for the Children's mass on Sunday. Every class gets a turn and care is taken to see that every child is involved right from taking up the readings to the offertory collection. This

involvement of the kids is indeed praiseworthy. A consistent effort is made by the team of Catechists along with the Coordinator to add value to our Faith Journey. This helps us draw more and more kids for this beautiful journey of learning, teaching and sharing.



# PRE-BAPTISM CATECHESIS – OCTOBER 2024

The Pre- Baptism course spread over four sessions which was conducted on two weekends i.e. 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th October, 2024 at Our Lady of the Visitation Church, which we have attended was incredibly helpful and provided us with valuable insights. The sessions were led by three couples who shared their life experiences, which helped us to learn many things of family life. Below is brief summary that clarified the process and deepened our understanding.

In the first session : Growing in Love: We learned the importance of loving and forgiving one another in every moment of life. Jesus Christ is the bridegroom who chose the church to be his bride and gave his life for the church. The three C's such as communication, commitment and common values help us to live faithfully and lovingly.

In the second session, we learned how we are initiated into the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and our fundamental vocation is to live our baptismal promises. We also learned that the faith formation of the child begins at the time of conception and there is no end.

In third session through case studies, we realised how children are influenced by parents the way they live witnessing to their children in seven areas of life such as home life, work life, leisure life, community life, church life, spiritual life and the life in the world at large. Parents have to be very careful in front of children because they see and learn from parents. Our home should be a domestic church in the practice of faith and moral values.

In the fourth session we learned how godparents play a significant role in child's life particularly in their spiritual development. Their influence extends beyond the baptism ceremony, as they are expected to remain involved in the child's life and help nurture their moral and spiritual growth over time. Godparents are not standby parents but they are second parents in the overall upbringing.

The integral elements of the sacrament of baptism include the door, lectern, baptismal font and altar and their significance. The symbols used for baptism are Holy water, Holy oil, white garment and candle and its significance was well explained.

Finally, the other couple who attended this session with us was unable to join the fourth session because they welcomed their new baby before due date.

We encourage all the expecting couples to attend this pre-baptism course in the early stage of their pregnancy to avoid any inconvenience.

**- Mr. Antony Pani Ridone and Mrs. Amelia**



## Adieu - Menino Fernandes



Adieu

Mr. Menino Fernandes, Parish Council Member and Sector Leader of Sector 2 , A silent Worker and a Cheerful Friend who left for his heavenly Abode on 7th December 2024. May his soul rest in peace.

# NAVI MUMBAI DEANERY LEVEL BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION.



- **Jennifer Edwin Francis**

**"Let the one who Boasts,  
Boast in the Lord."**

**~ 1 Corinthians 1:31**

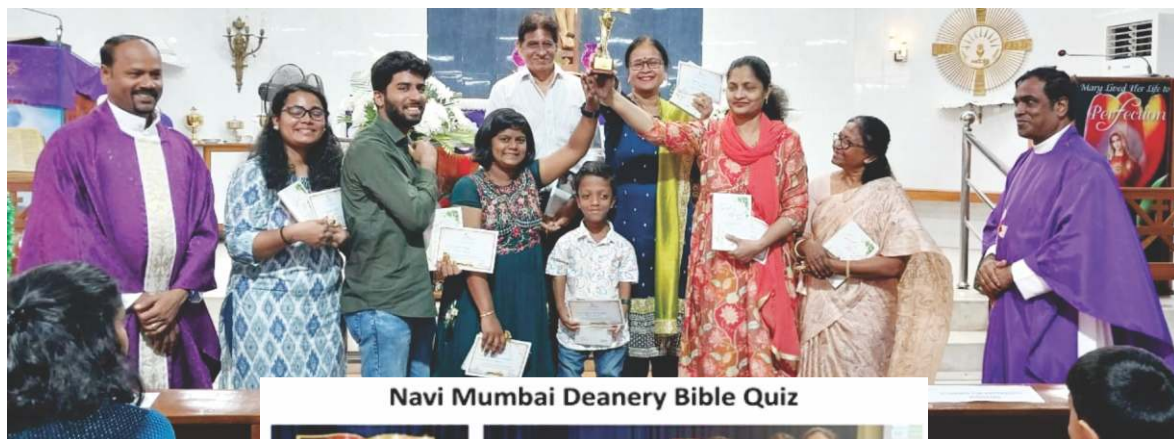
Yes, which father on earth will not be happy, when he realizes that his child loves him, knows who he is and is proud of him. Exactly, we all are the children of our heavenly father and we ought to love, serve and know him completely. This is possible only when we read the word of God from the Holy Bible.

Mr. Theo D'sa arranged a Parish Level Quiz Competition on 27th October, 2024 on Synoptic Gospels and Dei Verbum (Vatican II) to select candidates for the Navi Mumbai Deanery level Bible Quiz Competition. It was open for all ages viz: Children below 14 years, youth 14 to 25 years, adult 25 to 45 years, senior adults 45 years and above. The following candidates were selected to represent our Parish- Chris Harry Bino, Brumencia Fernando, Neil Pinto, Jennifer Francis, Regina Fernandes & Eskalene Francis.

On 1st December, 2024 the Navi Mumbai

Deanery Level Bible Quiz contest was organized and hosted by Rev. Fr. Paramchand of SFX Church, Koperkhairane which was held in Don Bosco School. 11 Parishes in Navi Mumbai participated, 6 candidates in each group. The quiz master Mr. Frazier Martins, India's No.1 Speedquizzing host, conducted the quiz competition. There were different quiz rounds- Alphabetical, Numerical, Rearranging the sentences, Buzzer rounds. It was an exciting and thrilling competition as each and every group was equally good. In the 1st and 2nd round, OLVC stood 3rd, finally to our great excitement we could reach to the 2nd position in the 3rd and 4th round.

We thank our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Arul Manickam and Rev. Fr. Prem for giving us this great opportunity to widen our scope on biblical knowledge. We owe our love and gratitude to Mr. Theo D'sa our coordinator for making us feel relaxed and peaceful throughout. He was always calm and supportive and asked us to pray to the Holy Spirit. We also thank Rosary Chettiar, all the standbys and family members who came to cheer, encourage and boost us up!



**Navi Mumbai Deanery Bible Quiz**



**CONGRAGULATIONS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE WINNERS**

1) Chris Harry Bino 2) Brumencia Fernando 3) Neil Pinto  
4) Regina Fernandes 5) Jennifer Francis 6) Eskalene Francis



# LOVE, HOPE & ETERNAL LIFE: THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



- **Sandhya Noel Andrews**  
**St Andrew Community**

As a little kid, I helped my mother decorate the tree while the timeless melody of "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head" played softly in the background.

"Why didn't Jesus have a bed, Ma?" I asked.

She said, "While you were born in a warm hospital, Jesus, the King of Kings, chose a different path. He could have been born in a

palace surrounded by luxury, but He chose humility!

I imagined the holy family, weary and cold, seeking shelter. The newborn baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lay peacefully in a manger, surrounded by the gentle glow of starlight.

As I grew, I understood the depth of His love. He came not to be served, but to serve.

He taught us love, compassion, and sacrifice. The cross, a symbol of His ultimate sacrifice, became the true reason for the season. And a reminder of the true spirit of Christmas – love, hope, and eternal life.



## BORN IN A MANGER, CROWNED FOR ETERNITY

- **Br Melton Suares**

In a small, quiet village, a humble farmer named Elias owned a barn known for its warmth and light. One cold winter night, he found a weary couple seeking shelter. With no room elsewhere, he offered them the barn. That night, under the glow of a lone lantern, a child was born. The boy's cry broke the stillness, and the animals instinctively gathered, as if bowing to their new King.

Years later, Elias heard of a man who healed the sick, raised the dead, and preached a kingdom not of gold or armies, but of love and forgiveness. To his astonishment, it was the boy born in his barn. Though He wore no crown of jewels, He bore

the weight of humanity's sins and opened the gates of eternal life.

This is the story of Christ, born in a manger not by accident, but by divine design. His humble birth reminds us that greatness begins in humility, and His reign, unlike earthly kings, is everlasting and universal. Let this Christmas renew our faith in His eternal kingship and inspire us to welcome Him into the "barns" of our own hearts.



# BEYOND THE TINSEL AND LIGHTS: DISCOVERING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



**-Valentina Sequeira**

Christmas decorations light up every shop window as soon as December arrives, and people rush to buy the best holiday decor. Homes are cleaned, expensive lights are put up, and parties and gala dances fill the calendar. Amidst all the shopping, decorating, and preparing sweets, the true essence of Christmas often gets lost—the birth of Jesus Christ. Instead of reflecting on the Saviour's arrival, we hear “Jingle Bells” everywhere and think of Santa Claus. While there's no harm in celebrating Santa, it's important not to forget the birthday boy, baby Jesus.

So, how do we celebrate Christmas you may ask? As we clean our homes, let's

also cleanse our hearts of jealousy, anger, and hatred. Only then can we welcome Jesus into both our homes and our hearts. When carolling, let's sing carols that tell the story of Jesus' birth, not just the ones about Santa. Christmas is incomplete without Santa Claus, but we should also remember his roots as St. Nicholas, a generous bishop who helped the poor. Can we learn from his example and help the poor this festive season?



Of course we can have all the lights and decorations but let's also reflect on their true meaning. The candy cane represents the shepherd's staff, the red color symbolizes God's love, the star reminds us of the Star of Bethlehem and the candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Let's keep Christ at the centre of the festivities and share love and goodwill with those in need.

## IN A MANGER, A KING WAS BORN

**- Rena John Fernandes  
Confirmant**

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” - Luke 2:11.

The birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, took place in a humble stable among cattle, with a manger as His cradle. This profound moment reminds us that true kingship is rooted in humility. Born to a lowly carpenter's family, Jesus embodied simplicity, yet He carried the weight of humanity's sins and rose triumphantly on the third day.

Though born in a modest setting, Jesus reigns as the King of the universe, fulfilling

His divine purpose. His birth brought shepherds and wise men alike to worship Him, signifying that both the humble and the mighty are united in adoration. This moment also marked the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, affirming God's eternal plan.



Jesus' birth symbolizes humility, service, and greatness grounded in love and sacrifice. It reminds us that true power is found in **c o m p a s s i o n** and selflessness. Today, His reign extends not only over Israel but also over the hearts of His faithful followers. The story of His birth continues to inspire hope, faith, and a call to live with purpose and humility, honoring the eternal King.



# BORN IN A MANGER, HIS KINGSHIP REIGNS FOREVER

**-Michael Arasu**  
**St. Joseph Community**

Jesus, who was born in a humble manger, transformed the whole world with just three years of public life, is the real leader and king.

A real leader never follows the same path which all walk through but he creates a new path, breaks the tradition, spreads his values with love.

Jesus broke the traditions with love, kindness, understanding and forgiveness and transformed the human ugly hearts when a woman, who was caught in adultery, was brought before him to be stoned. When the people called him messiah and son of God, he humbled himself and washed the feet of his disciples and broke the traditions and arrogance of leadership and kingship and stood as an example for service and humility to be the real leader and king.

If one commits mistakes, he has to be

punished but Jesus broke the law and sacrificed himself for our sins and brought salvation by his blood and death. It is all purely because of Jesus' obedience to the Will of God, the Father.

*"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name"*

**-Philippians: 2:8-9**

That's why His Kingship is still ruling the whole world and will rule for ever and ever. Let us be always obedient to the Will of God, the Father and spread love and kindness.



## REPORT ON MISSION SUNDAY



**-Edén Fernandes**  
**Confirmant**

The Mission Sunday was a vibrant and heartwarming event that brought the community together while fostering teamwork and creativity. The planning phase involved several meetings to organize item types, pricing, quantities, and stall management. A visit to the church basement the day before ensured a seamless setup and refined strategies to attract customers.

On the event day, preparations began early, with volunteers setting up stalls adorned with banners and eye-catching displays. After the 8 AM Mass, Father blessed the stalls, officially marking the event's commencement. The stalls offered a variety of

items, including homemade food, desserts, rosaries, artwork, and Tupperware, catering to diverse tastes.

The day was filled with engaging activities such as a raffle draw, youth group games, and a tattoo station. The highlight was a spirited dance performance that unveiled the Parish Youth Day theme, Soulplay. Spot prizes and interactive moments kept the excitement alive throughout the event.

The Mission Sunday proved to be more than just a financial success. It cultivated valuable skills in teamwork, money management, and customer interaction among participants. Most importantly, it strengthened the parish's sense of community, leaving parishioners and friends with cherished memories of a joyful and meaningful gathering.



# THE AUXILIARY RALLY

The much awaited annual event “The Auxiliary Rally” of the Legion of Mary was held on the 9th of November 2024 at OLVC, in the conference room at 4.45 pm. In attendance were the ‘Active’ and ‘Auxiliary’ members of OUR LADY OF VISITATION ( Eng.), OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL (Tamil ) and MARY QUEEN OF ANGELES (JUNIOR) Praesidia . Active members of the Legion of Mary organize this annual rally to showcase their gratitude towards the Auxiliary legionaries for their powerful prayers and reverence to Mother Mary which help the Active members to carry out their mission. It is an occasion where the auxiliary members get to interact with each other and also with the Active members.

The Program began with the opening prayer followed by the Rosary. Later in the course of the evening the ‘Catena Legions’

and the ‘Concluding prayers’ were recited by all. Rev Fr. Arul was there to support us for which we are ever so grateful. He enlightened us with important points for reflection as to why Mother Mary should be honored. We were then given an insight of the importance of the Auxiliary members to The Legion of Mary.

To lighten up the evening a couple of popular games were played where everyone participated, enjoyed and prizes were presented to the winners. The festivities ended with the serving of Tea and snacks.

We legionaries thank Mother Mary for once again bringing all legionaries together to praise and celebrate her.

We humbly invite seniors and juniors of our parish to come and join the Legion of Mary.

AVE MARIA.





# WOMEN CELL

**- Joycie Fernandez**  
**Women's Cell Member**

Taking into consideration the rising cases of psychological issues affecting most of us OLVC Women's Cell took the initiative to seek help from the expert in the field. A renowned practising psychiatrist cum Councillor cum corporate resource person Dr. Kavita Vaidya was kind enough to cover all the burning issues affecting the youth parents and elders. The drop box suggestions by Dr. Vaidya was very beneficial.

On 8th Dec. Dr. Kavita electrified the audience as soon as she was on the stage.

She covered topics like mental health, mindfulness, Psychotherapy and wide range of connected topics. She also dwelled upon

topics like childrens' problem, fast food, mobile addiction, screen time addiction, violence etc. Also importance of having proper sleep, meditation exercises etc. she spoke about creating happiness hormones in the fast changing world.

Vaidya's session taught the audience that psychiatry is not only for people with mental imbalance but a scientific approach to our mental well-being.

She answered all the questions to satisfaction of the audience and also volunteered to attend specific issues in her consulting room.

Women Cell sincerely thank Fr. Arul for encouraging and supporting us. We also thank Fr. Prem and all who stood by us.



## OLVC KONKANI GROUP

**- Carmine Rodrigues**

The OLVC konkani group had visited OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH VELANKANNI CHURCH at Uttan on 15th November 2024. It was a delightful and wonderful experience to all of us.

Our journey began at 7.00am towards the shrine, Nerul, Ulwe and Vashi Parishioners accompanied, along with us. Two bus were arranged. We reached by 9.30am had a good breakfast. thereafter we had a Thanksgiving mass celebrated by the Priest Rev. Fr. Louis Kazaria. He is a parish priest of Pali Lourdes Church. After mass we went to visit the Lourdes Church. It was really heart touching and we all were blessed by Mamma Mary. After visiting Lourdes church we came back to our lady of good health Velankanni Church

Uttan. Lunch was arranged.

We had some games, winners were given prizes. We all had a good time with East Indian food. We enjoyed a lot. It was a fun-filled experience to all. A big thanks to Wilma who had taken the initiative to arrange everything meticulously.

God bless all of us. Merry Christmas to all.



# MARY HELP OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY - ROSARY



## - Avita Fernandes

During the month of October, we, the families of Mary Help of Christians Community comprising sectors 38 to 42A celebrated the 'Month of the Rosary' with great enthusiasm. Each evening we gathered with much love and devotion, at a different home, to pray the rosary to honour our loving Mother. It was indeed a sight to behold the different altars done up for Mama Mary in each home. It was truly heartening to see our elderly attend the rosaries almost daily. Not forgetting the little ones who brought so much joy to everyone. Over the years, we have built a tradition of singing the 'Hail



Mary' in Hindi during the fifth decade. Within a few days, the tiny tots had picked up the hymn so well, and joined in singing the same with much gusto. It was also so lovely to join in singing the litany in different versions and the hymns sung in different languages, English, Konkani, Marathi, Tamil and Malayalam; and everyone joined in, showing our unity in diversity. All of us looked forward to the little goodies that were served after the rosary, some homemade some store bought. All of this exhibits the love and devotion we hold for our dear Mother Mary. On the final day of the month, we joined the parish community at the grotto. Thank you Mama Mary for all the blessings received and we look forward to welcoming you again next year.

# ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY - ROSARY



## - Gency Villavarayen

*"A Month of Prayer and Unity: Community-Wide Rosary Initiative"*

Our St. Joseph community had gathered together to embark on a beautiful spiritual journey – a whole month rosary recitation in the month of October in each family's home. This initiative aims to bring our community closer together, foster a deeper devotion to prayer, and seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Every year for the entire month, we come together as an extended family and as a community to recite the rosary, seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother. We've witnessed families growing stronger, neighbours becoming close friends, and our community becoming a more compassionate and supportive place.

Many of us have

experienced personal transformations as a result of this initiative. We've seen an increase in faith, hope, and love, and a deeper sense of connection to our community and to God.

The children, who were initially hesitant, now look forward to our daily rosary recitation. They've become more attentive, respectful, and compassionate towards one another. We too as parents starting reciting our daily rosary and noticed a profound transformation in our homes. Reciting the rosary has become a cherished family

tradition, one that brings us peace, joy, and a deeper connection to our faith. I've witnessed the power of prayer and I'm so grateful to be a part of this initiative.

*"Thank you to our community coordinator and animators for coming together to make this initiative possible. May our prayers continue to bring us closer to God and to one another."*

Ave Maria...pray for us.





# ST JUDE COMMUNITY - ROSARY



**- Rita Suresh**

October is the most awaited month for our St. Jude Community. It's the Rosary month of our Mama Mary and novena of our patron Saint Jude. This year too we met daily for Rosary and Novena. We had prayers, hymns, Gospel readings not only in English, but, different languages like Konkani and Tamil.

The youngsters too chipped in wonderfully for the readings or litany...hymns in different languages Hindi too.

Each day the hosts had beautifully decorated the statues of our Mama Mary and St. Jude. It was really nice to meet, pray and enjoy very yummy snacks.

The feast day mass was celebrated in OLVC. Thereafter we had a small get together. We had a fun time playing some games and there were some dance performances by our enthusiastic young ones.

Tasty snacks were served in between the games...we ended with a good meal together and prayers to thank Jesus since everything went on so well and smoothly.



## Senior citizen's pilgrimage to Mount Mary's Basilica

**- Lourdes Ramachandran**  
**Senior citizen group**

September 16, 2024, was a momentous day for the senior citizens of Our Lady of Visitation Church, Seawoods. The parish's Senior Citizens' Association organized a pilgrimage to Mount Mary Basilica, Bandra, a revered shrine in Mumbai, to celebrate the Mass for the sick and aged.

### **\*A Journey of Faith\***

At 8:00 am, 35 enthusiastic members, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Prem, embarked on their spiritual journey. Fr. Prem led us in prayer for a safe journey, blessing each member. The group then prayed the Rosary together, fostering a spirit of devotion.

### **\*A Birthday Surprise\***

En route, the group delightedly celebrated Edith Rozario's birthday with song and cake, spreading joy and camaraderie.

### **\*A Spiritual Experience\***

We attended the 10:30 am Mass where Bishop Dominic Savio was the main celebrant. He was joined by Fr. Aniceto

Pereira, Fr. Prem, and several other priests. Bishop Savio's inspiring sermon emphasized the importance of faith and community.

### **\*Receiving God's Blessings\***

During Holy Communion, priests personally distributed the sacrament to the congregation. After Mass, the group offered candles and pray for their intentions, seeking Mother Mary's intercession.

### **\*Fellowship and Gratitude\***

Over snacks and drinks in the canteen, the group shared stories and laughter. As they departed, they felt grateful for the experience, thanking the Holy Trinity for blessing each member and Mother Mary for her constant guidance.

### **\*A Testimony to Faith\***

This pilgrimage showcased the parish's commitment to its senior citizens, providing a platform for spiritual growth, community bonding, and joy. The Senior Citizens' Association's efforts ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience, reflecting the parish's values of care and compassion.

# FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

## BAPTISM - BORN IN CHRIST

Sr	Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Address
1	29.09.2024	Samaira	John Bosco	Gracy Usha	703, Aakash Ganga, Sec.23, Nerul(E)
2	06.10.2024	Jinora Regilda	Ralph Coelho	Steffi Olinda	Sai Shraddha, NL-4-8-56, Sec.11, Nerul(E)
3	23.11.2024	Thea Rose	Boney Joseph	Priya Boney	Ekta Apt.,E-1, 38-C-10, Sec. 10, Nerul(W)
4	23.11.2024	Clive Raylan	Larson Rodney	Cosma Rodney	A-403, Signature Elite, Plot No.44, Sec.17, Ulwe.
5	08.12.2024	Ayaansh Triton	Kevin D'Souza	Sabita Aranha	604, Neel Sidhi Gloria, Plot No.150/151, Ulwe

## MARRIAGE - UNITED IN CHRIST

Sr	Date	Bridegroom Name	Brides Name
1	19.11.2024	Akash Jaiwar	Luann Lilly
2	22.11.2024	Elifeo D'Costa	Rajlaxmi Shukla
3	30.11.2024	Alister Jeyraj Patrick	Sayali Sonawane
4	01.12.2024	Sahaya Lawrence Albuck	Mary Joshita

## BURIAL - RESTING IN CHRIST

Sr	Name	Date of Expiry/Burial	Age
1	Irene Mendonca	04.09.2024	76 years
2	Jacob George Arackal	09.09.2024	73 years
3	Benny Fernandes	10.10.2024	78 years
4	Sagaya Mary Nadar	14.10.2024	49 years
5	Vanisrathi M. Ahilan Nadar	02.11.2024	50 years
6	Manuel Piedade Fernandes	14.11.2024	70 years
7	*Conrad Pinto	28.11.2024	72 years
8	Menino S. Fernandes	07.12.2024	53 years
9	Arola Marshal Remedios	08.12.2024	64 years
10	K.M. Mathen	12.12.2024	95 years
	*Cremated at Chembur		

# ST. JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY'S - ACTIVITIES

## THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

During the month of October, the St. John Bosco community came together to honor Our Lady by praying the Rosary. Each evening, the statue of Our Lady was lovingly passed from home to home, bringing families and neighbours together in prayer and devotion.

The evenings weren't just about prayer; they also became a time to strengthen the bonds within our community. After the Rosary, members gathered for a simple social time, fostering fellowship and unity among everyone present.

A special highlight was the community get-together on Sunday, October 27th, hosted by Mrs. Sandra Mendes at her home. The evening was filled with joy and laughter, featuring fun games, soulful singing, and a fellowship dinner that brought everyone closer.

Through the intercession of Mama Mary, we continue to pray for our Lord Jesus to keep our community united, vibrant, and full of grace.

## ANNUAL PICNIC TO LOVE RESORT, KARJAT

On Sunday, 8th December, the St. John Bosco community gathered for their much-anticipated annual picnic at Love Resort in Karjat. The day was brimming with fun, laughter, and camaraderie as members came together to celebrate the spirit of community.

From engaging games to a delicious lunch and melodious songs, the day offered something for everyone to enjoy. It was a perfect opportunity for members to strengthen bonds and create cherished memories.

The vibrant energy and enthusiastic participation of the community members made the event truly special. St. John Bosco is blessed to have such an active and spirited group of individuals who make every gathering memorable.

- **Maxima Serrao**



## Advent Wreath Prayer 2024

Hope

Peace

Joy

### St. Joseph Community

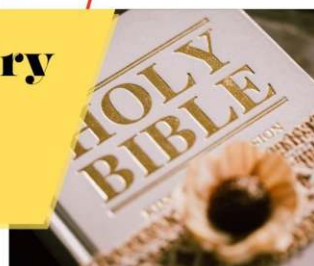
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#### Required Documents

- Baptism Certificate (unmarried) or Church Marriage Certificate (married)
- Passport Size Photo (1)
- Recommendation Letter from the Parish Priest
- A Personal Testimony on a sheet of paper - Share 'Why you wish to do this course?'
- Application Form (Provided during the interview)



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June 2025

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### St. Francis Xavier Community Feast

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Parish Vision: That every parishioner works & grows towards a participative servant church in the Mission of Jesus



*Merry Christmas*  
Happy New Year 2025

Wishes From The Parish Team

