

Reach Out

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Parish Newsletter



From the PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

to our editorial team for their great and gracious throughout his life even to the foot of the cross. initiative and this magnanimous action of yours will yearn a place in heart of God.

dawn of our salvation commenced in and through the birth of our Blessed Virgin Mother. It is of paramount importance for us whenever we celebrate the Marian feast to make it explicit Mary's Christocentric conformation not just merely to avoid protestant misinterpretations that we give Mary the homage that is only due to God, but also help us to deepen our appreciation not only for our spiritual Mother's vocation and mission but for our own.

Normally, celebration of a birthday involves everyday living so that our lives looking up to God with sense of gratitude for the too may become grace-filled and very gift of human life. But in the case of the bliss-centred like Hers. May birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mary we God through the intercession of celebrate something more i.e. we celebrate the our Mother Mary bless each of fact that Mary was born with purpose of being us. the Mother of God according to his humanity.

In Mary, we can sense a living and vibrant faith based on a total surrender and

commitment to the Will of God. She is the greatest among the saints and disciples of it is indeed a sprit-filled privilege to pen few Christ, not just because She is closest to the lines as we are set out to celebrate the nativity of throne of God in heaven but also because of her our blessed virgin Mary. At the outset, I extend very own exemplary life filled with love for God my words of acknowledgment and appreciation and with devotion to her Son by following him

Our Mother Mary showed to each of the Dear disciples of her Son, how a disciple or believer in Brethren It is quite interesting to note that the Christ can ascent up to the peak of spirituality

> and union with God even in this life. Being always attached with Jesus, She became the perfect vasal of Grace and Co-Mediator of our salvation. It is through Her gracefilled existence, God reveals his maternal love. It is through this maternal love she intercedes for the best of saints and for the worstof sinners. As we honour and venerate our Mother Mary by celebrating her nativity, let us implore Her divine assistance cum guidance for our



Yours in Christ - Arul Manickam, O. Praem.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Confessions: Everyday half an hour before mass or on request

Children's Sunday school:

8.00a.m. mass in the Church followed by Catechism for children.

Mass Schedule:

OLVC: Mon to Sat:

6.45a.m (Mass followed by popular devotions)

7.00p.m. (Popular devotions followed by Mass)

Every Sunday:

7.00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine. 8.00a.m. Children's Mass (English -OLVC)

9.30a.m. Mass (English - OLVC) **5.00p.m.** Mass in Konkani (OLVC) 4th Sunday: Mass in Hindi at

4.00p.m.

4th Sunday: Mass in Tamil at 6.00p.m.

Little Flower: Mass on Saturday -

7.30p.m.

Since we are in Lockdown because of the Pandemic.the above mentioned Parish level Eucharistic schedule is suspended until further notice

Intercessory Prayer(Eng): 4th Sunday of the month: 2.00p.m. -

4.00p.m

Night Vigil: 4th Saturday of the month 8 p.m.-10p.m.

Charismatic Prayer:

1st Monday (Tamil) - 3.00pm -5.00pm

Wednesday (English) - 7.30p.m -8.30p.m.

Every Thursday (Konkani) - 5.00p.m - 6.30p.m.

1st Friday Adoration: 6.30p.m

Church Office:

Weekdays:

9.30a.m to 12.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.

Thursday & Sunday Office will remain closed. (In an Emergency contact the Parish Priest)

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To Reach out with the alacrity of our Blessed Mother during the pandemic

Mary Help of Christians Community

home itself is downright scary. The greatest try to imitate her in word and deed. challenge at present that looms over us is the health crisisand it has also brought about an unprecedented socio-economic crisis. Mother Mary invites us to serve the victims of pandemic as she reached out to Elizabeth.

Mary's encounter with Elizabeth at the Visitation shows us the selfless service that she rendered to Elizabeth. It is the lesson that we must emulate in the service of Christian life. As people are losing jobs, many of our brethren are unable to meet their basic needs. and are hesitant to ask for help due to various reasons. Taking into consideration the surging need of our parishioners who have slipped into poverty, OLVC COVID RELIEF PROGRAMME was launched to reach out to the poor and needy.

The programme was initiated under the leadership of the Parish priest and Executive members with the intention that none of our parishioners should go to bed empty stomach. We have been supporting the needy families since the very early stages of this crisis with all your financial help. The plan was initiated and executed in the month of June. The response was overwhelming.On 10th June, 19th July and 9th August Team OLVC tried to reach out to those who were facing crisis for food and other basic necessities.In collaboration with likeminded people who contributed generouslywe were able to distributeration that could suffice them for a month.

No matter whether rain or sun, nothing shoulddampen our spirit from helping the

victims of COVID. It's the need of the hour to look after our less fortunate brethren During this coronavirus COVID-19 because reaching out to others and being at pandemic our nation and the whole world is their service, requires courage and love for reeling under grip of the deadly virus. We are poor and needy, God wants us to be good at the very heart of this battle.... There is an visitors to them, to bring to them His love, Let eerie silence all around. To step out of our ua listen to our blessed Mother's invite and

Care For Creation -The Laudato Si Song

Let's praise the Lord with all the creations! Let's nurture our mother earth. Let's heal her lacerations. Let's help her to unwind.

Darkness and despair loom over, As corona triumphantly hover! The raid of ravenous locust strikes a chord. As the fauna lament unto the Lord!

The profit we obtain in deformation of terrains, And extermination of her off springs for selfish gains, She laments and moans in terrible pain, And her torments are never in vain....

In ire she shrieks out aloud! And surges out fire and burst out thunderclouds! The waves roar and lap up the shore! The tremors shook and rustle us therefore!

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- Annie Gomez Mary Help of Christian Community



Rosary - The Spiritual Medicine

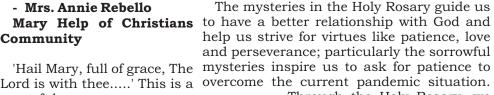


- Mrs. Annie Rebello Community

powerful prayer that can change

our life, strengthen us, bring us peace in this time of fear and uncertainty of the future.

Mary, our true spiritual mother, has an immeasurable love for all of us and always desires what is best for us. Meditating on the mysteries while praying the Holy Rosary reassures that we are never alone in this life. When we ask our Heavenly mother for help, she will surely intercede for us to her son and comfort us.



Through the Holy Rosary, we also invite the Holy Spirit to help us grow in faith, hope and love. Rosary is the 'Spiritual Medicine' we all need during these days of crisis. With each Hail Mary, let's call out Jesus' name with heartfelt love "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus..." and be healed and protected!

Mary, Consoler of the afflicted, pray for us and lead us to Jesus and help us face the challenges posed by the corona



Situationleads to God

Situation good or bad, Situation high or Low. Situation strong or weak, Situation big or small.

O what a journey that started In a stable so small Back to the temples With the offering to the Lord.

Situation unexplained. Situation demand. In a wedding that Changed water to wine Back to obedience Following the Lord.

Situation grieved, Situation enlightened. The way to Calvary In the arms to rest

Situation scary, Situation accepted, In the room Filled by the Holy Spirit

Pray..... Believe..... The journey will begin.....



- Mrs.Jacqueline Guedes

JUST for LAUGH

Be a Priest



After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a Priest when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit down and listen."

MARY – The Path Setter



- Lisa John Fernandes St. Lawrence Community

of consolation, can understand you completely and help you." St. John Paul II

Mary, mother of God and our mother, most loving and graceful, who sacrificed and surrendered her life to do the will of God and support her son, is always near with a smile to show us the way.

Children's suffering becomes mother's suffering and we see this pain in the eyes of Mary, when she

stands at the foot of the cross, weeping and gazing at her son's face. Mary's most admirable strength of perseverance during "She, who is the mother of her life journey inspires and teaches us to sorrows and also the mother persevere and not lose our hope.

Mary invites you and me to partake and

contemplate the passion of her Son Jesus. She assures her strong support, protection and love for us through her son, Jesus. She says, "You are not alone, a Mother is behind you in your suffering, as I stood at the foot of the cross with my Son, so I am there with you too, embracing you in your suffering and interceding you to my Son, for my son is yours and He Loves Y011."



MARY — Woman and Mother

- Gretta Castelino

Jewish laws, they had the right to stone and many who may not be in the position to ask announcing the birth of Christ. But. Mary's things for us too. pure trust and obedience to God, and her

commitment made her the Mother of Jesus. The pandemic has taught us to trust and obey God. In all circumstances. We pray to Mother Mary to intercede to her son to drive away this Pandemic. Let us continue praying so that our prayers will save the lives of many people in the world.

In the incident of the wedding at

Cana, when the wine ran out Mary realized the gravity of the situation and entrusted her Mary was 16 years old when Archangel son to do the needful. She could have easily Gabriel appeared and said "You will bear a ignored the existing crisis or she would have Son named Immanuel (God is with Us) redirected it to someone else. We are called to because He will save His people". According to be of service like Mary because there are kill the guilty or they could blaspheme her for for our help and the Lord will take care of

When Mary stood at the foot of the cross.

Jesus told John to take care of His mother. In that moment, Mary did not protest or say it was unjust. She submitted to his will. Mary teaches us that great sacrifices will truly keep us close to God. She not only believed, she also lived a life of obedience, and this shows her love for her son Jesus and her love for humankind.



The Parish Feast Mass Celebrated during Lockdown



LEGIONARIES REPORT

- Donny David OLVC Legion of Mary.

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, serves the Church on a voluntary basis.

born in Dublin, Ireland, on June 7, 1889 formed the first presidium of the Legion of Mary on September 7, 1921. From that date until his death, November 7, 1980, he guided heroic dedication.

presidium, our parish has two presidiums: 1) Our Lady of visitation (English) & 2) Our Lady of good council (Tamil).

We hold a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. At OLVC we hold the meeting every Monday at 7:30pm. Ordinary, simple people with whom you would not associate the idea of very great accomplishment showing a degree of spirit which seemed to be limitless. Mary is so much part of God's idea that without her we do not grasp His idea. She is, as the church sings, at the beginning of God's way with us. side with His Son in the plan of Redemption.

Redemption, and it finds Mary at the foot of member of the Mystical Body of Christ. the Cross, offering up her Divine Son on her role on Calvary she merited the right to dispense all graces purchased by the sacrifice of her Son.

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual

and social welfare of each individual. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. The Legion must, as a first association of Catholics who, with the principle, set out to establish a contact of some sort with every soul everywhere. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, Prison cell, Sick, both in their homes and in hospitals. Founder of the Legion of Mary, Frank Duff Every year on 11th Feb, Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, OLVC celebrates mass for the sick and home bound. Legionaries with faith and courage, make arrangements for the desired sick to attend the mass. Our commitment, the world-wide extension of the Legion with even during this pandemic continued, from June we collaborated enquiring and praying The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a for the health and wellbeing of the parishioners, by means of messages and mobile calls. There are certain other parochial works for senior legionaries such as Altar Society work, Mass serving, etc.

Seeing and serving Christ in the sick and marginalised is another vital part of the legionary apostolate. While not engaging in the giving of material relief, legionaries will often find opportunities to do works of service for the needy.

Today the Legion is organized in nearly all the dioceses throughout the world. The purpose of this association of Catholics is to And she accompanies us every step of that make its members better Catholics and to way. The Heavenly Father placed her side by raise the spiritual level of the entire community through direct contact with and Incarnation reaches its climax in the Act of interest in every member and potential

Currently between active and auxiliary behalf of the redeemed human race, and in members there are over 10 million members worldwide making it the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, in over 160 countries.



MARIA, Spei Mater - MARY, The Mother of Hope

I write this piece in the time when two feasts woman we run to, almost instinctively like a span of 25 days.

- 1. The Assumption of Our Lady
- 2. The Nativity of Our Lady

one, because we invoke this title whenever we to be the way to Jesus. And the reason? Her recite the "Litany of Loreto" or more Faith built on Trust in God which allows her commonly known as "Litany of Our Lady". to Hope. In this time of despair and misery, in

The pandemic which has stricken the world from East to West, has not just taken away lives but also jobs, livelihoods, peace of mind etc. In a word, an Affliction, so we need a comforter.

But as Christians, an Easter people, we are a people of Hope. St. Thomas Aquinas defines hope as "...a future good, difficult but possible to attain...by means of Divine Assistance...on whose help it leans". Now, this may seem difficult to understand, so we need an example. The Example par Excellence is the

of Our Lady are going to be celebrated within children run to their mothers in times of trouble; MARY, The Mother of Hope.

When we think of Mary, we think of her majestic portraits. We forget she is a person When I sat to pen this article, given the who lived on this earth and underwent context, I found it difficult to get a suitable almost every possible hardship imaginable, title. A Marian title was obviously a given. The the climax of which was to witness her Son, first one that came to my mind was crucified. YET, she did not Despair. She "Comforter of the Afflicted". We know this hoped in the Lord. Mary is always considered

> what way can we learn from Mary? The answer is Prayer. The one thing Mary does and encourages us to do, is to pray. Look up every apparition, Lourdes, Fatima etc. In this time of the Pandemic, our passage through Faith in God, to Trust in Him and Hope, is Prayer. Pray with our Blessed Mother.

> "If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope." - St. John Paul II

The Servant of The Word



MARY - Who Shows The Way

O Lady so blessed. O Lady so divine, All praise and thanksgiving To you so pure.

You guide me You warn me You secure me And bring pleasure forever

Your trust Your believe Your acceptance Your pain Gave us strength to be firm With us you walk

With me you stand So spiritfilled So powerful So humble

O Lady so blessed. O Lady so divine, All praise and thanksgiving To you so pure.

- Ethan Fernandes. Sector 20 Our lady of immaculate conception



ALPHA YOUTH SERIES



-Ruben J Nadar

meaningful conversations.

online Alpha youth series at the mid of part of what He is doing! Wehope, more and lockdown. They met every Sunday evening on more youth join alpha and cherish its fruits.

zoom. Alpha is really easy; it is really fun and really simple and this could be the beginning Alpha is a 9-week series that of someone's relationship with Jesus. In 1 makes it easy for youth to Thessalonians 2:8, Saint Paul writes to create a space where they people in Thessalonica, "Because we loved are excited to engage in you so much, we were delighted to share with conversations about life, faith you not only the gospel of God, but our lives and God. Youth are engaged as well." Our hope and prayer at Alpha is that in deeper discussions to spark when people come to faith, their newfound belief would rest on God's power, not just on persuasive words or human wisdom. A team of 14 youth started this wonderful Thankfully, God uses imperfect people to be a



THE NEW NORMAL



- Anna Fernandes Catechists

sudden take a 360 degree dear parents. turn. Over these few months

we are getting used to "The New Normal". Competition for our Std 10th Sunday school nuances.

would come to a standstill. Human beings, competition. God bless each one of you. God's special creation had to choose a different Paradigm to face the challenges of life and progress. Education, an important catalyst empowers us and this Lockdown compelled us to stride new pathways in the Virtual World. We, as Catechists equipped ourselves with various digital tools. Nothing could dampen our spirits. Our

Sundayschool Classes bestowed upon us a new title of A Virtual Educator and our Sunday school students within the confines The Year 2020 gave a new of their homes took on as Virtual Learners. dimension to our existence. This wonderful virtual interaction was None of us would have ever possible because of the support of parents thought that life would all of a and we are indeed grateful to each one of you,

On Parents' day we had an E Card Most importantly, the New Normal hooked us Children. You will surely enjoy the prize to the digital world. Children, Teachers winning Cards. On Vianney Sunday, our Parents too had no choice other than children were given another opportunity to submitting themselves to the digital show their technical skills and their reverence for our Priests. Thank you dear The Lockdown compelled us to observe children for your contributions and hearty 'House Arrest', but this did not mean that Life congratulations to the winners of the E card

> The winners of the competition are 1st Prize - Rochelle Richard Fernandes 2nd Prize - Johanna Atrev 3rd Prize – Christine A consolation prize for Ancel Nazareth

Hearty congratulations my dear students,

PARENTS' DAY - CARD COMPETITION





TO MY LOVELY PARENTS
YOU TWO ARE THE BEST
I AM LUCKY BECAUSE I'VE GOT THE MOST
ADORABLE PARENTS IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
I LOVE YOU MUMMA AND DADDA ♥♥
AND A VERY HAPPY PARENTS DAY

DEAR HOH AND DAD

Wishing you a very Happy Parents Day..... from Rochelle and Royden..









VIANNEY DAY GREETINGS FOR PRIESTS









FAREWELL to Fr. **SUNIL TIRKEY**, O Praem and Fr. **ROCQUE**, O Praem Best wishes to both of you for your Ministry.

And a **WARM WELCOME** to Our New Parish Priest Fr. **ARUL MANICKAM**, O Praem and his Assistant Fr. **ANTHONY MOSES**, O Praem

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

10-20

21 - 30

1.. Sara Joseph

1.Reneta Kuttan

2. Christine Lewis 3. Encita DSilva

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OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURC



Sara Joseph



Christine Lewis



Encita D'silva



Reneta Kuttan

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

BELOW 10

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1 . Angelina Rebello 2. Allan Panicker 3. Renelle patel

21 - 30

1. Flavita Fernandes

2. Brenda Fernando 3. Teresa Pascal

31 & ABOVE

2. Annie Rebello 3. Annie Gomes

11- 20

1. Leander Viegas

2 Glenis Nazareth 3. Austin Nadar

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

SOLO (BELOW 10)

1. Precious Rosario

2. Pearl Rosario

SOLO (11-20)

1. Leander Viegas

2. Janesse Lobo

3. Teena Thomas

DUET (PARENT & CHILD) 1. Lilian Viegas & Leander Viegas 2. Viginta Lobo & Janesse Lobo

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OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL

Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Allan Panicker

Age:7

Topic: Nature





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Renelle patel

Age: 10
Topic: Nature





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Angelina Rebello

Age : 10

Topic: Nature



PAINTING COMPETITION



OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Austin Nadar

Age : 16

Topic: Gifts of the holy Spirit





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL Youth Group

presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Glenis Nazareth

Age : 19

Topic: Gifts of the holy Spirit





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL

Youth Group

presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: leander viegas

Age: 16

Topic: Gifts of the holy Spirit



PAINTING COMPETITION



OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL

Youth Group

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Flavita Fernandes

Age : 25

Topic: parable of the sower





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL

Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Annie Furtado

Age : 43

Topic : Genesis - creation

story





OUR LADY OF VISITATION CHURCH, NERUL

Youth Group presents

The Fusion of Talents



Name: Annie Rebello

Age : 37

Topic: Genesis-Creation story



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