



# Perpetual UEST

"Like a deer that yearns for running streams so my soul longs for you my God."

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## *The 3 - Ring Circus....*

Small children are fascinated by the cartoons on TV. They stare at the screen for a solid 30 minutes and don't so much as twitch or fidget till the programme is over. But in Church! You've guessed it – they are a 3 – ring Circus. Lift up the kneeler, slam it down. Swing on one end of the pew. Flip through the pages of the hymn books. Take out a lolly – pop stick from heaven knows where and tickle the baby. Look pure and innocent and sweet when the baby screams!. The altar is far away and nothing interesting seems to happen there. Ofcourse there are candles and incense and bells and music but kids don't understand it at all (especially the sermon) and are bored.

Aren't some of the adults bored too? Distracted and inattentive? You watch some of them. They examine the nail polish at the tips of their fingers, pat their hair into place, re-arrange their costumes, scrutinise other women in the congregation.

The children say when they are getting dressed for Church on Sunday, "Why? Why do we have to go"?

Let's answer the question for ourselves first, and then for the kids. When we were young we were told to go and people who missed Mass on Sunday for no proper reason went to Hell!! Case dismissed!

Taking part in a Sunday Eucharist goes far beyond covering the basic obligation and touches what is central to our Christian life. Whether I acknowledge it or not, God is central to all human life, to all creation. God is central to my life. Apart from God I can do NOTHING. Without God I literally would not exist. And what better reminder than the Season of Easter? Our God LIVES and because of that fact I can face tomorrow and all the tomorrows in my life.

I think of the basics – God created me, God loves me unconditionally, God wants me to spend all eternity with him, God sent his Son to save me. And this

undeniable fact – God understands my weaknesses, how I feel bogged down by the problems of daily living and forget that it is HE and only HE who can calm my stormy seas.

At Sunday Mass I can praise God, thank him and move forward to receive him in the Eucharist. This is all fine for me and you. But what about the 4 and 5 and 6 year olds who fidget and can't keep still? Theory and basics don't cut ice with them! The 3 – ring Circus is their means of escape. Sometimes, parents with small children at Sunday mass, feel they haven't said a single prayer. But I don't think that's true. Being present at Sunday Mass demands a lot of co-ordinated effort between parents and children and that in itself is a special prayer.

As the little ones get older they may get involved in parish activities. Serving at Mass, ushering, singing in the choir. So it seems that the seed God planted in parents who insisted their children attend Sunday Mass when they were small has grown and borne fruit during their teen years. Sometimes it takes longer for the first green shoot to appear. May be it does in young adulthood when they start raising their own families. Then they realize the importance of attending Sunday Mass by living their faith and nurturing it in their own 3 – ring circus families they possess, something priceless, something valuable that will last forever.

**Claire Goveas**

*From the Editorial Board:*

*In order to give parents and other members of the congregation a chance to pray, could we organize "child-sitting" sessions for each Mass? Young volunteers would be required to entertain the children. Any suggestions? Any volunteers? Send at the parish office. Thank you.*



## *Night Vigil - A Wonderful Experience*

“Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Night Vigil, an opportunity to be with our Lord just for one night – was announced in our parish. Christ said – Be alert, watch and pray. Jesus preferred to pray in a secluded, isolated place, remember the desert after the Baptism at the Jordon and the Garden of Gethsemane. The quiet and stillness of the night is very important for prayer meditation and communication with God the Father.

Oh! how we longed to attend a night vigil session in our very own parish. On hearing the announcement, we seized the opportunity, grabbed a couple of neighbours and headed towards the Church and was surprised to find eager parishioners from Holy Family Church, St. Sebastian Church and even from Sacred Heart Church, Vashi who came for the vigil. Everyone was apparently pleased to find the Church full, accompanied by a mini choir.

The vigil commenced with praise and worship ably led by Sylvan accompanied by feet tapping, spirit filled music and lively action songs. Later Brother Francis D’Souza very powerfully and effectively broke the word of God when he spoke to us on the Book of Amos. He particularly stressed the need of the hour as

prayer, prayer and more prayers. He maintained that this was the time to repent and return to the Lord. The intercessory prayers conducted by Leela taught and enlightened us to pray for our brethren at large.

A 30 minutes coffee break to waken up the snoozers was welcomed with happy smiles and meaningful conversations on the night programme.

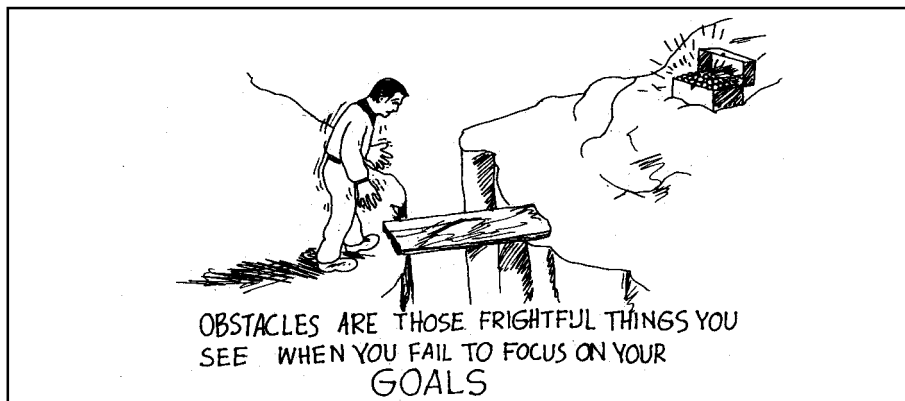
The second half ensured with a lot of action packed catchy tunes to the hymns. This part we enjoyed the most. Every individual was prayed over. The vigil concluded with a meaningful Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Sandeep Borges.

We are eagerly looking forward to our next night vigil. How about sacrificing only one night’s sleep to be with Jesus and experience his love for you and be sure, you will be blessed with the gifts and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We extend our gratitude to Margaret Fernandes (Subash Nagar) and her team of organizers for ushering in the Night Vigil sessions into our parish and hope they continue to do so.

“Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.”

**Margaret Fernandes / Philo Vaz**

*Harmony*





## GOD - Exists

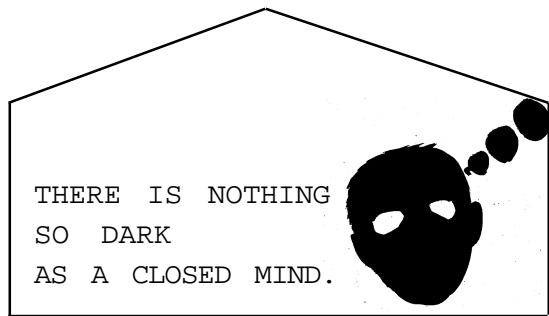
A man went to a barber shop to have his hair and beard cut, as always. He started to have a good conversation with the barber who was attending to him. They talked about many things and various subjects. Suddenly they touched the subject of God.

The barber said "Look, I don't believe that God exists, even if you say so". Why do you say that, asked the man. "Well its so easy, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God does not exist. Tell me, if God existed would there be so many sick people? Would they be abandoned children? If God existed there would be no suffering pain. I can't think of a God who permits all these things." The man stopped for a moment, thinking, but he didn't want to respond so as to provoke an argument. The barber finished his job and the man went out of the shop.

Just after he left the barber shop, he saw a man in the street with long hair and a beard – it seemed like it had been a long time since he had cut his hair and he looked untidy. That first man again entered the barber shop and he said to the barber "Know what – barbers do not exist". "How come they don't exist?" asked the barber. "Well I am here and I am a barber".

"No!" the man exclaimed. "they don't exist because if they did there would be no people with long hair and a beard, like that man in the street."

"Ah, barbers do exist, what happens is that people do not come to me." "Exactly!" - affirmed the man. "That's the point. God does exist, what happens is that people don't go to him and do not look for him – that is why there is so much pain and suffering in the world".



## Simple way to happiness

A boy was born to a couple after many years of marriage. It was a loving family and the boy was the apple of his parents' eyes. One morning when the boy was around two years old, the husband saw a medicine bottle open. He was late for work, so he asked his wife to cap the bottle and keep it in the cupboard. The mother, preoccupied in the kitchen, totally forgot about it. The boy playfully went to the medicine bottle, and fascinated with its colour, drank it all. The child showed signs of poisoning and the mother took him to the hospital where he died later. The mother was stunned. She was terrified to face her husband. When the distraught father came to the hospital, on seeing his dead child, he looked at his wife and uttered just a few words.

### Question:

- 1) What do you think the husband said to his wife?
- 2) What is the implication of this story?

Check with the answers only after you have tried to come up with your own answer.

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**Answer:** The husband just said "I love you, Darling". The husband is indeed a genius in human relationships. The child is dead he can never be brought back to life. There is no point in finding fault with the mother. What his wife needed at that moment was consolation and sympathy. That is what he gives her. Love is keeping the courage, without uttering a single word of complaint, when inside we feel like dying. If everyone can look at life with this kind of perspective, there would be fewer problems in the world. Let us remove all our anger, selfishness and fault-finding habits from our life. We waste our time asking who is responsible or whom to blame - whether in a relationship, in a job, or with the people we know. Sometimes all we need to do is to hold a hand together. This will make the journey of life much better.

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# YOUTHINK

..... *May be we were born under a lucky star.*

*But hard work and determination made it shine.*

## SUMMER CAMP 2004

The last moment I remember being with the youth of the Parish in last Nov. "YOUTHINK Fest". Well all of us did enjoy the Fest but the thrill just stayed for about a month and then all of us were back on toes... studies, work interviews... But lately when we all got together after a real long time, can we sit quietly without doing anything? Yeah, we thought about getting together first by organising a Summer Camp for the children on holidays. There were 62 children who joined the camp this May. Here they would learn to interact and build up their friendships mingle with children of different ages.

The children were divided into four groups along with a youth member as a team guardian. Each day was filled with games, snacks, competitions and prizes. Groups danced to the "Maahi Ve", a fashion show was put up and some talented children put up individual performances. We called the mothers to honour them on Mothers' Day.

## PICNIC

Now came the turn of the youth to enjoy. A one-day

picnic for around 27 youth members was coordinated. We went to the Lagoon Water Park in Dahisar on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2004. It was fun learning a little more of each other.

## BREAKFAST SUNDAY

After all that fun it was time for some hard work and contribution to society and yet another quantum leap of growth in our lives, we embarked on "Breakfast Sunday". The "Youthink" again came together as a family with our little knowledge and work experience to go and completely SELL OUT almost everything we prepared. We went out of stock with some dishes that we had to run and make more. **It was more than a success.** We were able to take home a lot more than just happy smiles. We will write again about all that we have learnt so far in the last 10 months.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of our parish. By sending your children and the youth to come together, you have helped us bring new life into the church and the society.*

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## What R YOUTHINK

Working with this group right from last Nov has made me realise that family does not only end within the four corners of my house.

-- **Delvin**

What now? We held the Breakfast Sunday. And yo! We made it! People appreciated our work and enquired about the next breakfast. But yes, our work did not go in vain. We thought, that if we are entrusted with an opportunity by the responsables, won't we make the best of it ourselves & make the Church proud! -- **Samantha**

It was a good experience for me to work with the youth of our Parish in preparing breakfast. There was unbelievable support from parishioners, and the team work was excellent. We now are aware that we are accepted and can work as a team and organise even better events in future. -- **Russell**

Working with the youth group was a great experience because I got the chance to meet new friends. It was not just standing behind the counter and selling breakfast but meeting a lot of new parishioners and I felt proud about my self that I could do something as a youngster. - **a Youth.**

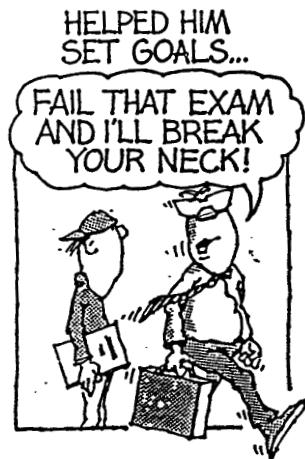
The Parish gets another reason to be proud of the youth group after their performance at the breakfast Sunday. -- **Kevin.**

I joined in as a new member in the youth group and regretted "why am I late?" It just started as a small journey to end a small job - summer camp in 10 days but then, it became a turning point in my life, meeting new friends, organising things and taking up responsibilities to be responsible in future. Then the picnic organised for the youth made me know more people. The Breakfast Sunday effort made me look worthy in my own eyes. We were here at 5.30 am in the morning and I was so excited that I was able to go on for the whole programe till 11.00 am without feeling sleepy. The breakfast Sunday was like another picnic. -- **Yesudas.**

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*Lessons for a life time....*







## *Community Fund - A Christian Response*

For quite some time, in the Archdiocese, there has been talk of launching a new 'Fund'. The idea was discussed at the level of the College of Deans, of the Priests' Council and at Clergy Meetings, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The idea has thus been allowed to gradually ripen. It is felt that now is the time to speak of it to the Catholic public as a whole.

**I. Rationale for this Fund** — our Vision : Over the last few years, in the Archdiocese of Bombay, our focus has been on the Parish as a community, a family of families, based on the model community described in the Acts of the Apostles: "All believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another" (Acts 2:44). Further, "the group of believers was of one mind and heart. No one said that any of his belongings was his own, but they all shared with one another everything they had; there was no one in the group who was in need" (Acts 4:32). Our vision for a Parish is one in which no one should feel unwanted or left out. Rather, everyone should feel a sense of belonging as part of a family. Members share their resources to enable everyone to have the basic necessities of life and face emergencies.

In the past, our parishes have tried in various ways to cater to the needs of the poor parishioners. There was the Church Support System where people made a voluntary contribution to the parish. The positive aspect of this system was that people were encouraged to give. Negatively, the contribution was the same whether someone earning Rs.5,000/- a month or someone earning Rs.50,000/- the same contribution! Further, since the amount collected was small, it sufficed only to maintain the parish institution. There wasn't much left to be set aside for community growth and welfare.

Rather than Church Support, what is needed is a "Community Fund". The goal is to create an awareness that we are the parish and so we need to give both for our good and the good of all. While we give according to our means, there is a basic uniformity, i.e. all give at least 1% of one's gross income.

**II. The Synod Recommendation** : One of the topics discussed at the 2001 Bombay Synod was the need of generating funds for the welfare of the community in each parish with a view that the poor could be cared for, so that no one would go to bed hungry at night, no child would be deprived of education because the parents could not afford the fees and no one would die for lack of basic medical aid.

Hence, it was suggested that every earning parishioner, even the smallest wage earner, contributes 1% of his/her gross salary. The Bible lays down a 10% tithe and

several Christian bodies - including some of our charismatic communities - are following this practice of tithing themselves; but the Synod settled on a 1% contribution. (Of course, those who would like to be more generous are most welcome!) If a person is needy, he/she may receive back much more than his/her contribution; but every one has the satisfaction of contributing towards the welfare of the community according to one's capacity. No one is merely a recipient, a beggar.

As Christians many of us have this deep desire to help and reach out to the poor and needy brothers and sisters of our parish, keeping in mind the mission and command of Our Lord Jesus Christ — "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto Me". The Community Fund is seen as one of the possible answers to this desire. Through this Fund, we systematically cater to the deserving in our community so that no one will be in need.

**III. Method of Collection** : How are the funds to be collected? Each parish will work out its own system but a simple yet effective way is through an envelope system, which will carry the name, address, zone and community of the contributor as well as the months for which he/she is contributing. This envelope could be dropped into a box kept in the Church and marked "Community Fund". It is expected that every parishioner contributes conscientiously : A help towards this end may be a family card where the contribution is recorded.

**IV. Disbursement of Funds** : There are various ways of disbursing or allocating the funds. One suggestion is as follows :

50% for medical and education of the needy in the parish. The SVP would also draw from this to carry on their activities, though they may still like to carry on their own home-to-home collection, which is entirely voluntary and should not be done to the detriment of the Community Fund which surely takes precedence over the SVP drive for funds.

15% for Zonal/Sector activities i.e. Parents', Teachers', Children's, Senior Citizens' Day celebrations. Zonal Anniversary Mass etc. There would not be need of any other collections for this purpose.

20% for Church maintenance and Parish related activities, e.g. sending someone for training in catechetics, liturgy, etc.

15 % for Parish Reserve Fund — for emergencies.

**V. Questions that may arise :**

**Q.1 : Why force people to contribute? Leave it free to them to contribute.**



Our emphasis is on the parish as a community where every parishioner puts in his/her contribution of talents and resources for the growth of the community. It is our Christian obligation to reach out to our brothers and sister and help satisfy their needs, The Community Fund encourages parishioners to do what Jesus did - care for the poor, the weak and the helpless.

**Q.2: Do not people contribute at other times e.g. Sunday Masses and other collections for the Parish?**

The Sunday Mass collection will remain your FREE LOVE OFFERING. You may or may not give. (Incidentally the 1st and 2nd Sunday collection goes to Archbishop's House for the needs of the Archdiocese - especially the new and needy parishes). The contributions to the other archdiocesan collections are also free i.e. Collections for Vianney Sunday, Mission Sunday, Lenten Alms, Hunger and Disease Campaign. On these occasions, one gives out of one's generosity.

**Q.3: Is this a new venture or is there an experience we can go by ?**

As of now, a few parishes have already initiated this process. The first initiative was taken by Infant Jesus Church, Dombivli in the year 1992. Dombivli is a poor parish, but the results have been very satisfying. Other parishes too have tried this out, and met with a lot of success. One of our suburban parishes, for example, with only 46% of its parishioners contributing, was able to collect more than 25 lakhs last year! The parish is thereby able to cater not only to its own needs but also the needs of other parishes: it has adopted a rule that any application for help from any parish in its deanery will receive a donation of Rs.5000/-. Any application for aid from a parish outside the deanery will receive Rs.3000/-. Thus, as a result of even a partial contribution towards the Community Fund, out of its super-abundance, this parish is able to help not only parishioners but people of other parishes too!

We like to insist that no one is forced. Much less is there a question of anyone being denied the Sacraments or Christian burial because he/she has not contributed to the Fund. It is not a question of a person being forced; rather it is a 'self-obligation' flowing from a person's realisation of belonging to a Community. When all the parishioners take the Community Fund seriously, it will be a blessing for the parish community - and, we may add, to the contributor. We remember the words of Paul: "Thin sowing means thin reaping. If we sow bountifully, we will reap in abundance" (2Cor.9:6). Indeed, the Lord has given us that beautiful promise: "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk.6:38).

**BISHOP AGNELO GRACIAS**

*Poet's Corner*

Beauty of the face or form,  
is found just everywhere  
Beauty of the self within,  
is beauty true and rare

The real beauty grows within years  
of all good deeds, the fruit :

What use is beauty of the face?  
such beauty dies with youth

There's beauty in a helping hand  
that feels another's need

There's beauty in a gentle smile  
or in any kindly deed.

Such beauty is quite shortly lived  
that pretty makes the face

But real beauty lives just on  
much past our youthful days.

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*When things wrong,  
dont think,  
that all your work has been in vain.  
Perhaps it is all for the best,  
so smile and try again.  
Draw wisdom from your old mistakes,  
and courage from your pain.  
Then some day you will say -  
"Thank God, I dared to try again."*

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**YOUR DAILY PRAYER**  
Make me worthy Lord  
to serve my fellowmen  
throughout the world  
who live and die in poverty & hunger.

Give them through my hands  
this day their daily bread  
and by my understanding love  
give them peace and joy.

*Yvonne Freitas*

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## *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

Resurrection / Life two faces of the same coin. For the Christian life will reach its full value only in the Resurrection otherwise we are merely existing.

"I came that you may have life and have it in abundance." Jn 10/10

This is not about eternal life later only. It's also about the here and now. Most of us think of external life as life after death. When you are in Christ, eternity has begun (Ps. 27:13). "I know that I shall see the goodness in the land of the living," and Ps. 23:6 "surely the Lord's goodness and mercy of the Lord shall follow me all the days of my life." Jn. 17:3 "and this is eternal life, that they may know You (the Father) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." So, where do we get this realization, this faith? Here below, not when we go up yonder. This here is eternal life itself at its inception, enjoy it!

Life is God's gift, it is precious, it's for living to the full. If you are not enjoying its fullness, you need to ask yourself why. May be we need to probe a little into what is missing in us, for that life not to be flourishing in us now.

In Lk. 10:21-27 we read of a certain lawyer who put Jesus to the test saying, " what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus puts a question in return, "What is written in the Law?" He answers, "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself," To justify himself further, he asks "and who is my neighbour?" To which, Jesus relates the Parable of the Good Samaritan, that we are all familiar with. But the punch line is v. 37 "go ye and do likewise."

We fulfill the Law only when we serve and love God, love our neighbour, serve our neighbour, only then are we serving God. "As long as you did it to the least of my brethren you did it to



me. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating. This is the law; it flies on two wings-love of God and love of neighbour. We love God with our heart, yes and our soul, but what about strength? How many Christians are straining their

muscles in God's service? And how much of our mind is exercising God's Word?

But we are quick to point out that we are a New Testament people. We are not under the Law of Moses, but under Grace. When Christ appeared to the Twelve on the shore (Jn 21:15) he asked Peter thrice "Do you love me more than these? Feed my lambs, feed my sheep. The only true love Jesus accepts and recognizes is our here and now service in His Kingdom. We are already in this kingdom. Do we not say "Christ our King" "Jesus is Lord"

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. "By this will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another?" You must read Jn. 13 to feel the pathos behind his command. The fate of His Church would depend precariously on their caring / sharing love for each other. This was the glue that would keep them from breaking up and going their separate ways.

Every man, woman and child born, has been blessed with at least one talent. Find out what is yours and begin to use it in the service of others. In the natural order what you don't use, you lose. But Rom 11/29 says "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." Some are blessed with time rather than money; spend time reaching out, a listening ear, a healing touch. Others are blessed over and above their needs financially. Give some of that surplus to relieve another's need, and give as **to the Lord**. Every gift, whether time or money spent is for the Lord.

It will turn your life around and Jn. 10:10 will be translated into a reality, rather than remain just a Biblical Verse ..... Shalom.

**Ena Carvalho**





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## *Sand -n- Stone*

A story is told of two friends who were walking through the desert. At some point during the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other on the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand "today my best friend slapped me on the face".

They kept on walking until they found a shelter where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mud and started to drown, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE".

The friend who had earlier slapped and had now saved his best friend, asked him "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now you write on a stone. Why?"

The other friend replied "when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it. But when some one does something good for us, we must engrave it on stone where no wind can ever erase it".

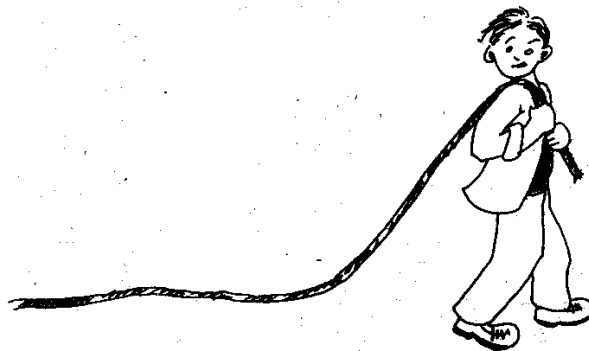
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## *Changing the World*

I was a revolutionary when I was young and my prayer to God was "Lord give me the energy to change the world"

As I approached middle age, I realized that my life has gone without changing a single soul. I changed my prayer to "Lord give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me – just my family and my friends and I will be content".


Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my prayer is "Lord give me the grace to change myself". If I had only prayed for this right from the start, I would not have wasted my life.



LEADERSHIP IS LIKE A MOVING STRING,  
YOU CAN NOT MOVE IT BY PUSHING FROM BEHIND,  
WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET AHEAD AND PULL.

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## *Inspirational Gems for a Happy Life.*

- For every minute we are angry, we lose sixty seconds of happiness.
- There is no cure for birth and death. Enjoy the interval ie. LIFE.
- Those who believe that money can do everything, may do everything for money.
- The one who loses honour is left with nothing.
- When you handle yourself, use your head, when you handle others, use your heart.
- Shadows mean that there is a light shining somewhere nearby.
- Those who do their best, rise above the rest.
- If you keep the weakness of the other in mind, they soon become a part of your mind.
- There is never a wrong time to do the right thing.
- The first principle of true teaching is that nothing can be taught.
- Only the one who is not moving has never to ask the way.
- If you wish success in life, make perseverance your friend, experience your counsellor, caution your brother and hope your guardian.
- You cannot have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time.
- Successful people do not relax in chairs, they relax at work.
- Think about who you speak to, but do not speak what you think.
- Digging for faith is better than jumping to conclusion.
- Every sunrise is a message of God and sunset his signature.
- Discussion is an exchange of knowledge, argument is an exchange of ignorance.
- An expert is one who knows more and more about less & less.
- Happiness is in the journey not in the destination.
- We think rational but we act emotional.

## *Kuch Kuch Ho Raha Hai*

### **Small Christian Communities: Update** ( March to May 2004)

Despite the leniency of reporting while at Summer Vacations all the 22 Small Christian Communities of our Parish had some activities in their communities besides their regular monthly meetings.

\* As usual Holy Hour in the Church was conducted by different SCCs every First Friday of the Month. Community Breakfast Sunday was also organized by different SCCs in the months of March & April.

\* During March & April (the Lenten Season), almost all the communities organized & conducted the Way of the Cross in their areas. One of the communities for the first time conducted the Novena of Divine Mercy, by taking the image of Divine Mercy to all the 40 families in their community for 40 days during Lent. Further the Easter Community Masses in all communities concluded with Games & Dinner.

\* Regular visits were made by the community members to the sick & old of the parish.

\* From 22nd March - 3rd April, we celebrated Bible Week. In the first week different priests prepared the people on various themes. The next week each SCC worked out a reflection on different topics and prepared a poster. The Daughters of St. Paul (Sisters) visited every family in the parish inviting them to participate in the Bible week. On the final day 3 communities and the youth prepared a skit on the parables of Jesus suited for today's parish situation. The sisters also held an exhibition on biblical themes, places, times and content.

\* May devotions were held with the statue of Our Lady taken to all the families of the communities along with a candle-lit procession. This month-long devotion concluded with mass & a mini get-together.

\* From May 7th to 18th, the Youth organised a Summer Camp for the children that concluded with Mothers' Day celebration.

#### **Forthcoming Events :**

\* All the 22 Small Christian Communities will be involved in preparation for the Parish Feast, which is on 27<sup>th</sup> of June. The nine-day novena begins on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June where all the Communities will take part in organizing the days' service, decoration of the altar and picture of Our Lady and a Cultural Programme on the Feast Day.

\* We will also have Lunch for Senior Citizens as usual and a Youth Social during this week.

**Wilson U. Patrao**



## *Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast*

We are celebrating our Parish Feast on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, preceded by a nine day Novena beginning on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Given below are the Communities responsible for organizing the days' service, decoration of the altar and picture of Our Lady. Daily services at 7.00 pm except Sunday, which will be as usual at 6.30 pm.

### **FRIDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Harmony**  
Madhugiri  
Atur Park, Maitri Park  
Fairlawns  
Bharat Tirth  
Panorama  
Sunder Apts.  
Maska Chawl  
Dreamland  
Gulab Baug  
Chadwa Apartments  
**Borla Society**  
**Divine Providence**  
Swastik,  
Shivpuri, Apurva,  
Sindhi Society  
Chembur Naka  
**OLPS Seva Sangam**  
Tembe Nagar  
Saibaba Nagar

### **SATURDAY – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Crusaders**  
Cross Roads  
Gaothan, 15th Road  
Kamlesh Bhavan  
Manohar Villa  
Postal Colony  
BARC, Sarvodaya  
Gama Grandeur  
**Our Lady of Victories**  
Twinkle Star, Seema Society  
Greenfields, Sachatma  
Uttam Society, Mumbadevi  
Sai Nagar, Sainidhi

### **SUNDAY – 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Good Shepherd**  
Building 1 - 15

### **The Archangels**

Building 16 - 27, 29, 30

### **The Madonna**

Building 36 - 46

### **The Disciples**

Building 31 - 35, 47 - 56, 28  
Saraswati Colony

### **MONDAY – 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

#### **Emmanuel**

11th & 12th Road  
Marian Mansion, Ed-el

#### **Shellites**

Shell Colony  
Sahakar Nagar  
Thakarappa

### **TUESDAY – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

#### **Jeevan Prakash**

13th Road, 2nd, 3rd & 21<sup>st</sup> Road  
Station Road, Khandari Colony  
N.G. Acharya Marg  
**Perpetual Resort**

### **WEDNESDAY – 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

Assisi Nagar, Gautam Nagar  
Nimoni Baug, Lokhande Marg  
Sri Nagar

#### **Morning Star**

Marathi Group  
Siddharth Colony

### **THURSDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

#### **STARS**

St. Anthony's Rd (South)  
R.B.I. Quarters  
**Dilkush**  
14th Road

Emma Towers, Anchorage  
16th Road, 17th Road  
18th Road, 19th Road

### **FRIDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

#### **Ave Maria**

Convent View  
Waman Apartments  
Sangam Apartments  
New Borla  
Lotus

#### **Sangam**

Ghatla, Moti Baug  
Duke's, Amar Nagar  
Khardeo Nagar  
**St. Anthony**  
Amir Baug

### **SATURDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

#### **Torchbearers**

St. Anthony's Road (North)  
Central Avenue  
5th Road

#### **St. Francis Xavier**

R.C. Barracks  
Old Barracks

### **SUNDAY – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Youth of the Parish &  
The Choir

For liturgy assistance,  
contact Celia Nazareth 2521 0672



*Fr. Rector, Parish Clergy and  
the Redemptorist community  
wish all our parishioners of  
OLPS Chembur.*

*A Happy Feast*



*Concelebrated Feast Mass will be at 6.30pm  
followed by a Cultural Programme at Sevadaan.*

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