

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

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The joy of the Resurrection fills the whole world

As we celebrate Easter could we pause to meditate on the Passion of Christ that preceded the greatest feast in the year that the Church celebrates?

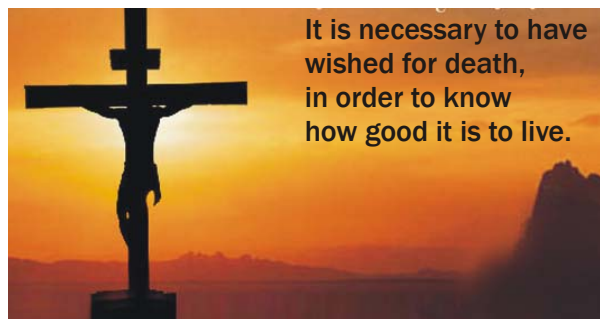
Listen to the words of Jesus to St. Faustina recorded in her diary: "Contemplation of my painful wounds is of great profit to you and it brings me great joy". Also, "there are few souls who contemplate my passion with true feeling. I give great graces to souls who meditate devoutly on my Passion."

What strikes me most as I meditate on the Passion of Jesus is his silence right through. "He was oppressed and treated harshly, but he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep is silent before its shearers, he did not open his mouth". In Rev. 19/13 Jesus is described as "The Word of God". This strikes me very forcefully that in obedience to His Father's will that he dies on the Cross. The Eternal Word was DUMB.

As Jesus was an obedient servant Son, one lesson his Passion teaches us is that we too must practice servant leadership in our homes and especially in our S.C.C.'s. "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever

desires to be first among you, let him be your slave" (Mt 20/26, 27). Wherever dominating leadership is present, such communities can never be vibrant because they will never radiate Christ whom they are supposed to project.

Another incident from the Passion narrative of St. John I find very soothing is from Jn. 18/7, 8) "Then he asked them again, 'whom are you seeking'. And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth'. Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I am He. Therefore if you seek me let these go their way'. This is truly the heart of the Good Shepherd. He cares for his flock. I have tried practicing shepherd leadership as a deacon, especially in the area of preaching and I find it very rewarding. I first pray for the congregation



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I have to speak to, and then for myself taking extra care to refer to material that would nourish the flock best. And I feel satisfied.

After the agony of the Passion we experience the ecstasy of the Resurrection. One of the areas I experience this joy is more and more freedom from stress as I trust completely in Jesus and obey him. Regarding obedience to God's Will, one of the unforgettable pages of St. Faustina's diary is the one dated Feb 4th 1935. There are two lines on the page in the form of a + with the words: "From today on, my own will does not exist. I will do the will of God

everywhere, always and in everything". When she knelt down to cross out her own will, she heard this voice in her soul: "From today do not fear God's judgment, for you will not be judged". Yes, obedience to God's will is the best stress buster.

In conclusion I wish all the priests, religious and parishioners of O.L.P.S. Church, Chembur a very happy Easter and look forward to serving them in the future through the small Christian communities and the proclamation of the Word.

Deacon Lloyd Dias

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of St. Anthony Girls' High School, Chembur

15th Feb, 1932 was the day that St. Anthony's School, Chembur, came into existence. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry manage the school. Started as a co-educational institution, today it is an all-girls school and St. Anthony Girls' High School, Chembur, has just completed its Platinum Jubilee.

To commemorate the occasion, a solemn mass was celebrated by His Lordship Most Rev. Bishop Bosco Penha. The theme of the Jubilee celebrations was "**Imaging Love.....Empowering Lives**". The celebrants were welcomed by a guard of honor accompanied by the primary & secondary school bands. His Lordship then blessed the newly installed shrine of St. Anthony, the patron saint of the school, a memorial to the 75 glorious years of the institution. His Lordship was then led towards the altar by the secondary students in a prayer dance. The choir comprised ex-students and students of the primary and secondary sections.

In his homily, His Lordship spoke about empowering the girl child who is still

discriminated against by society. He applauded the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and teachers of St. Anthony Girls' School, in helping the girl child blossom into a confident, virtuous and diligent person, in keeping with the motto of the school – **Virtue Alone Ennobles**. Bishop Bosco Penha also stressed the need to nurture the all-round development of the girl child to equip her to adjust to any social situation. He spoke of the development of the Emotional Quotient (EQ) of the individual to be equally important as the sharpening of their IQ.

Sr. Jacinta, the Manager of the school addressed the congregation after communion. His Lordship Bishop Bosco Penha and the Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph were felicitated with floral bouquets.

The celebration concluded with a short video recording which highlighted the contribution made by the Sisters of St. Joseph to the community at large.

A School Teacher



Election of representatives to the new Pastoral Parish Council 2007-2010



The term of the current members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is coming to an end and the new PPC is expected to assume office from June 2007.

It is necessary to spend some time and understand the role and responsibility of a Parish Councillor and the Council. The primary objective of the Council is to act in collaboration with the Parish Priest and his assistants in a manner that the Vision of the Parish is promoted through the active participation of the Community. It therefore becomes imperative that the right persons get elected to the Council.

Given below are some points for guidelines on this subject: -

1. Who can stand as a potential candidate for election to the PPC?
 - * Only those members of Christ's faithful who are in communion with the Church and involved in the Pastoral action of the Parish shall be eligible to be members of the Council. Keeping in mind that one of the effective means of growth of the Parish is through the structure of the SCC, it follows that members would normally emerge from those involved in the animation of neighbourhood communities and / or service in Lay Associations.
 - * Out-going elected members are eligible for re-election, but not for more than two consecutive terms.
2. Criteria that could be used for self-evaluation by potential candidates.
 - * Am I a Catholic who is faithful to the Church?
 - * Will I strive towards the realization of the Vision / Mission Statement?
 - * Do I actively participate in the SCCs? What is my contribution towards the SCC? Has it been significant?

- * Will I take the responsibility to fulfil the needs (material, spirit and human) of my SCC and work towards fulfilling them?
- * Will I co-work with other Associations / SCC to address problems and issues of the Parish Community?
- * Am I willing to attend seminars, training programs and meetings on a regular basis and try to implement what I have learnt?
- * Am I perceived to be an honest and fair individual belonging to a happy family?
- * Am I capable of working in a team without being dominating?

Being on the Parish Council is not an ornamental title devoid of any responsibility. The PPC is meant to be a powerful instrument in making the Church of Christ a truly Participatory Servant Church, as visualized in the Bombay Archdiocesan Synod Document 2001, so that the abundance of Life, which Jesus came to give, is made available to all his people.

(Extracted from the Guidelines for Elections to the Parish Pastoral Council, Archdiocese of Bombay.)

If you would like to stand for election from your area, kindly get in touch with your area core group and even if you do not measure up to the criteria and have every intention of serving the community, you are still welcome.

**SCC Coordinators & Animators
please note that the
15th Steering Committee Meeting
will be held on Tuesday,
17th April 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Meeting Room**



Why First Communion in the Easter season?



First Communion catechesis needs reform, but we need to be wise to know what to reform. Maybe we need to reform our extravagant celebrations and parties, the behaviour of photographers adding to the chaos, the minimal involvement of parents during the preparation programmes, involvement of SCCs, and the proper time of the year for the celebration of First Communion.

Easter as a proper time for First Communion of Adults :

We could begin by asking ourselves when do adults receive First Communion when they have to? All adults, we know, receive first Holy Communion when they are baptized as adults and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. From an ancient tradition in the Church, adults have had a long preparation called the catechumenate, comprising various stages interspersed with communitarian rites and ceremonies, culminating in their being initiated into the life of the Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, all three at the Easter Vigil. This restoration of the catechumenate of old was mandated by Vatican II in 1964. This is how a revised rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults, with adaptation for the initiation of children, came to be published in 1972 by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship. Thus, the First Communion celebration of both Adults and Children needs to be seen in the perspective of Christian initiation.

The Church would not have laid such stress on initiating adult Christians and giving the First Communion at Easter without due reason. If coming to the Eucharist is to be invited to eat the body and drink the blood of the Risen Lord, then it stands to reason that the first time an initiate participates in this meal is at Easter. Of all the gatherings of Christians throughout the liturgical year, it is the celebration of the Paschal Triduum

that recalls the profound mystery of the Lord's supper as the "sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery" and the sharing in the life of the Risen One. No other occasion in the liturgical year can so forcefully bring out this dimension of the Eucharist, and our participation in it. Indeed the mystery of Easter is so great that the Church invites us to celebrate the Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter as one "Great Sunday".

The Easter season as most appropriate for the First Communion of Children :

If that is the case for adults, then it must be the same for children being brought to the table of the Lord for the first time. For them too, First Communion becomes an occasion when the Lord gives them access to the table of His Body and Blood, giving them a share in the Paschal mystery of his death and Resurrection. That is why the Church reminds us these fifty days are a "time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy."

When the First Communion is given to children on any Sunday of Easter, there is an added advantage of focusing on Easter symbols in the very celebration of the First Eucharist. The readings for the First Communion Mass will naturally be those of a Sunday in Easter. The Paschal candle will already be installed in a prominent place in the Sanctuary and therefore can be easily incorporated in the celebration, with the candle in the children's hands representing in miniature form the call for the children to witness to the light of Christ. The water blessed on Easter night can also be incorporated effectively in the celebration of the First Eucharist helping the children understand that the Eucharist is their ongoing strength to keep them free from the stain of sin. And most of all, they will have

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the possibility of letting the children come with their First Communion clothes for the masses on all the remaining Sundays of Easter (as required for the adult neophytes baptized at Easter) thus helping them to grasp that their First Eucharist is not just a one-day celebration, but the beginning of a life-long access to the weekly table of the Lord.

Another spiritual advantage the Church foresees in scheduling First Communion for the Easter season is that the celebration of First Confession by these children is automatically slated for the season of Lent, the forty days that precede Easter.

In conclusion, let me reiterate that the Church proposes the Easter season as the most appropriate time for First Communion of children. Obviously, this will mean that we need to make adjustments in whatever else we were doing as a matter of tradition. The Church is a mother, and she invites us to give our best to our children who are being initiated into her faith. I am confident that all who understand the Church's wisdom, will not leave a stone unturned in the reform of the First Communion Catechesis.

Fr. Aniceto Pereira
Director, DCC.

Youth on Life, Love & Sex

A book by Dr. Jeanette Pinto with a "foreword" by Bishop Agnelo Gracias.

Love has its place both within marriage as well as outside of it. Sex, per se, has no meaning except in the context of the marriage bond. But what the media portrays and glorifies is just the opposite, leaving young people in doubt as to what is right and what is not, causing them to commit blunders that often bring their life to ruin. Our youngsters have a lot of questions but don't know who to turn to. This book is a timely answer to all the misconceptions our young people harbor. It offers clarifications concerning every doubt and fantasy a young boy and girl is likely to entertain with regard to life, love and sex, and that includes pre-marital sex, contraception, the choice of a life partner and a lot else.

The book is priced attractively at Rs. 50.

A report on Women's Day – March 8th, 2007

International Women's day was celebrated by OLPS Parish on Thursday, March 8th, 2007. There was a panel discussion on the theme "The Power of the Media on Women". The moderator for the discussion was Dr. Elaine Charles, a well-known educationist. The speakers and their topics were:

- Dr. Joan Dias spoke on the positive effects of the print media while Ms. Hemangi Naik spoke on its negative effects.
- Mr. B. Ramanna presented the positive effects of the electronic media while Ms. Sylvia Coutinho covered the negative effects.

The whole discussion was every efficiently handled and moderated by Dr. Charles who also added a

touch of humor to the discussion.

The Panel discussion was then followed by the release of a book authored by Dr. Jeanette Pinto, a parishioner of OLPS. Mr. L. Ladislaus presented the subject content of the book; it was released by Dr. Charles. Then Dr. Pinto shared what had inspired her to write the book.

The evening's program ended with Fr. Paul Julius saying a few words and thanking the distinguished speakers and Principals of schools and others in the audience. Mr. Derek D'souza crisply compered the program.

Dr. Jeanette Pinto.





Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

In the Archdiocese of Mumbai, we have a committee known as the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Committee (PEACE). Fr. Erasto Fernandes is the promoter of Perpetual Adoration in Mumbai and this committee comes under the jurisdiction of Bishop Bosco Penha.



What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Our society today is facing a serious crisis and our faith too is in a great crisis. How can we get out of this mess? Only God can redirect the course of world history to the path of peace. So where do we find God? He is present at Mass or in the Tabernacle in a way that is unique, with His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He is available to everyone at any moment of the day or night. Is it not wonderful that we should have our God so close to us?

It should be clear in our mind that prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is not just another kind of prayer that is geared towards working miracles or obtaining favours. It is an extension of the Eucharistic celebration of the Holy Mass.

Bishop Penha stressed that it is his number one priority in the Archdiocese to encourage people to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. He said that families should be encouraged to visit the chapel and spend at least one hour a week. He also said that since the Blessed Sacrament is exposed throughout the day, you cannot leave the Blessed Sacrament without anyone being there to adore him. **Our Lord is so good and humble that even though there is no one to give Him company, he waits for us to come and spend time with Him.**

The late Pope John Paul II said "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration.. May your adoration never cease."

The value of the time spent before the Blessed Sacrament is beyond all that we can imagine.

This time that you spend with Jesus is more precious than any other time. Mother Theresa has said, "The best act that we can perform at present, is to spend at least one hour each week before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. You cannot be like Jesus unless you spend time with Jesus. You cannot see Jesus in others unless you see Him in the sacrament of love."

How does one spend time before the Blessed Sacrament?

Most of us prefer reciting a Novena or saying the Divine Mercy prayers. While there is nothing wrong in this, the whole purpose of having the Blessed Sacrament exposed seems to be defeated. When we come to pray, our main focus should be on listening to what the Lord has to say to us, and not just babble all the time.

If we visit after attending the Eucharist celebration, just recalling the day's readings would be one good way of spending our prayer time in the chapel. Through each reading the Lord gives us a message, reminding us of His love, of his desire to reach out to every human person, and of making us the channels of His peace.

We could spend our prayer time reviewing our day's activities before the Lord. We could begin by saying, "Lord is there anything you wish to say to me today - about the way I behave at home, in my work place, in my neighborhood, in class, in the market place, in the company of my friends?"

Maybe we are confused about an important decision to be taken (choice of job, life partner, purchase of a home, etc.) or problems in relationships, health and finances. Place them before the Lord.

When we are genuinely open to listen, the Lord will certainly direct us. Once the Lord straightens things in our life, we in turn will become channels of peace and blessings for so many others around us.

When we love someone, we want to spend much time with them. Can we say that we love Jesus if we do not take the time to visit Him in the Blessed

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Sacrament? It is by His continual presence there that he shows us how much he loves us. By being present in His Presence, we can show our love for Him. Jesus needs generous souls to love Him and console Him for the many sins committed in the world. The hour that you will spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is very precious to Him and makes reparation for innumerable sins. He needs this gift of the hour to save souls.

Jesus gives us 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week. Out of those 168 hours, He is inviting us to spend

only one single hour with Him. One hour just for Him – will you say 'Yes' to His invitation? Brothers and sisters, Jesus is asking you for just an hour but in return He wants to give you so much joy, peace and an outpouring of grace to transform you. God is inviting you to volunteer your time so that the miracle of perpetual adoration can take place in our parish, in our groups and associations and home. Do respond to the invitation.

Cecilia Sequeira

Kuch Kuch Ho Raha Hai..... S.C.C Happenings

(December 2006 to February 2007)

Here is a brief report of all the happenings in our 22 SCCs for the period of December 2006 to February 2007:



- Holy Hour in the Church for the month of Dec., Jan. & Feb. was conducted by the appointed SCCs on the First Friday of every month.
- In December, all our SCCs were busy preparing for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our youth went around the entire 22 communities carol singing from Dec. 15th to 22nd. The communities welcomed the youth in large numbers.
- A crib competition was held for all the SCCs of our parish. 3 SCCs won the contest. The community that won the 1st prize had a live crib depicting the Nativity scene.
- The youth group visited Bal Anand – a home for the abandoned children and brought in the joy of Christmas by their carol singing.
- A number of communities had their Christmas get-togethers. In addition to this, there were Christmas parties organized for the Sunday school, the Altar servers & the less fortunate children of our parish.
- In January some SCCs had New Year Celebrations. The Presentation of the Creed was conducted for the confirmandis in most of the SCCs wherein the essence of the creed was explained.

- A community celebrated Republic Day with flag hoisting on 26th January. One of the S.C.Cs contacted the ward officer of their area to see to the cleanliness of the road & look into water contamination. Also aid was given to the sick people in the slum colony of one SCC.
- In February every SCC made people aware of their duty to vote for the right candidate to the BMC. One community sent their 11 confirmandis to visit the slum people in their area to make them aware of their duty to vote for the right candidate and on the Election Day they went round again to see that the voters went to the polling booth. As a result there was an increase of 50% of voters in that constituency. For this civic work, they received the Merit Certificate from the community.
- A Gospel sharing session on "life to Bible" on the topic of 'Salty Witness' was conducted in three S.C.Cs. One community sponsored a Sevadaan Special School child for the whole year. Home-to-home Way of the Cross is being conducted by one community during Lent.
- Some communities also visited the sick & aged in their area. Besides home-to-home visitation by the Parish Clergy, the priests in charge of their respective SCCs also took part in the community meetings.

Wilson U. Patrao



What I learnt for keeps in school

When I reminisce about my school days, I recall the fervor with which my teachers imparted knowledge to us and the abundance of books we studied – all in pursuit of ‘education’ which was necessary for our future. But each time I reflected on what I had gained, it added up to very little.

As Psychologist Skinner’s has said: “Education is that which stays with us after what we learnt in school is long forgotten” – This brings home to me that ‘real learning’, thanks to my teachers, is going beyond the syllabus. It was this education that I retained and which stays with me throughout my adult life.

This gem of an advice was given by our math’s teacher. “A father gifted his young son a calf on condition that he carried it on his shoulders and ran up and down a hillock everyday. The boy kept his promise. As he grew to manhood the calf grew to be a hefty bull. Yet the man had no difficulty in carrying it up the hill”. The lesson was striking. I addressed problems as they happened and this prepared me to face bigger challenges as I progressed in life. It was my first lesson in self-development.

We had to choose a second language. I opted for Latin. For years, I struggled with declensions and vocabulary and at the end forgot it all. But, there was a redeeming feature. Our Latin master used to din into our ears his favourite phrase – ‘pray and work, re-enforcing it with the saying: “God helps those who help themselves.” And ‘pray & work’ is what I did, whether I learnt a new skill or undertook an important assignment. The rewards followed.

Our English teacher was fond of quoting the eight Beatitudes from the “Sermon on the Mount” to practice analysis. His favourite one was, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.” Analysis is forgotten but this beatitude has stuck in my memory. Forgiveness not only obtains forgiveness but also reaps love, fellowship and healing.

This testimony would be incomplete if what I acquired from my art & crafts teacher was not included. Quoting Chesterfield, “Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well,” he related the story of a young juggler who had dedicated his life to God by joining a Monastery. After the daily group spiritual exercises, he would sleep alone in the oratory with his juggling equipment and performed with perfect skill before our Lord’s statue while the other monks went about their appointed duties.

His superior was curious to know what the young monk was upto. He was astonished by what he saw. He felt it was profanity and was about to scold the young monk when he saw the Lord come down from his throne and wipe the sweat from the monk’s face. The story went deep into my tender mind. It taught me to develop and use my talents, whatever they are, giving the task in hand my all.

Vincent Rocha

Editor: If only our parishioners used their God-given talents in their S.C.C’s., we would have a vibrant parish.



Importance Of Marriage Preparation

Marriage is not a second class vocation. It is as important, as holy as the vocation to the priesthood. To become a priest a preparation of at least 10-12 years is a must. How much time should young people spend in preparing for this life-long vocation of marriage?

The early preparation starts in class 9 when our teen-agers learn about their sexuality and their relationship to the opposite sex, especially from their parents. In the years that follow they learn more about the meaning of marriage as a committed vocation observing the relationship between their parents, and from what they see of other married couples.

However it is only when young people decide to get married that they are expected to prepare seriously for such a life-long commitment. The Church expects them to start this preparation at least 3 months in advance.

In practice what do we see? Couples, more than one year in advance prepare for the social celebration of their wedding - the booking of the hall, the music system, the caterers, the invitation cards, the wedding suit and bridal gown. They seem to spare time for all this but the spiritual preparation is done in a mighty hurry. It is becoming more and more common for parents to inform the parish priest that their son or daughter is arriving a few days before the wedding!

Reason: They are out of the country and cannot get leave. Even if they are here, they are so busy, or their work is so important that they cannot spare much time. So they are unable to register for the prescribed course. They can only attend a one day crash course. We ask – “Do they take a crash course to become a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, a teacher?” Why? Their future career, job and livelihood depend on how



well they qualify. If they are careless about what they learn, their future could be disastrous. Could we not say the same about marriage? Could it not sooner or later crash or, to say the least, be beset with problems?

Little do couples realize that giving as much time as possible to their spiritual preparation would ensure a stable relationship in their marriage.

This preparation entails attending the weekend course where they learn more about themselves and about their partner, the spirituality of a Christian marriage and its demands. Secondly, the reading of books on the roles of husband and wife, father and mother. And very important, time to be spent in prayer, alone and together. Finally a retreat and a general confession would be advisable.

Is all this too much to ask for a committed, happy, fruitful relationship? Fruitful for the family and for society as a whole?

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Transformation of the Killer of Sister Rani Maria

Amazing indeed is the report in Satyadeepam about the transformation of Samandar Singh, killer of Sr Rani Maria in Indore, MP. Sr. Rani was brutally murdered while traveling in a bus to Indore on February 25, 1995. Fellow passengers and the staff in the bus did not dare to prevent the brutal murder of the helpless social worker who was stabbed over 30 times and dragged out of the bus by Samandar Singh. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

What could have been otherwise a sentence of capital punishment was reduced to life imprisonment. This is in accordance with the Catholic Church stand on capital punishment - that no person has the right to take the life of another. The subsequent events leading to the repentance and transformation of Samandar Singh is yet another example in support of the Church stand in opposing capital punishment.

It is a miracle that during his imprisonment Samandar Singh was transformed from being a brutal killer to a person seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. While he was in prison, Sr. Rani Maria's sister tied a rakhi on him in 2002. The parents and brother of Sr. Rani later visited him in prison and conveyed to him that they had forgiven him. Other members of her family, the Provincial of the Clarist Congregation and Swamy Sadanand also met with him. He was moved and this resulted in metanoia – a radical change of heart. The parents and siblings of Sr. Maria then appealed to the State Government to pardon him and release him from prison. The Governor was

approached after the Government expressed its inability to do so. The comment made by the Governor is noteworthy –“You Christians alone are capable of such great forgiveness. It is indeed a great example. You can go with the assurance that I will do all that I can to get him released.” He was released from prison in August 2006. Swami Sadanand CMI, a priest working in MP has also been instrumental in bringing about a change of heart in Samandar Singh.

Recently Samandar Singh had gone to Kerala to visit the ailing parents of Sr Rani to ask for forgiveness and to seek reconciliation. He also met the Archbishop Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil for his blessing which was granted.

Like Saul of early Christianity who persecuted the Christians and later became Paul, Samandar Singh has now taken for himself the name of Paul! Such is the great transformation of a brutal murderer. It is a miracle worked through the soul of Sr. Rani Maria.

The Christian spirit of forgiveness had gained fame once again. Noble indeed are the parents and siblings of Sr Rani Maria, members of her Congregation and Swami Sadanand. They deserve appreciation for showing the Christian spirit of forgiveness in their grief. Undoubtedly, the soul of Sr Rani Maria had already forgiven her killer and must have been praying for him. A miracle took place and Heaven is rejoicing at the return of a sinner!

George Kurian



Easter Zonal Masses

Monday, 9th April, 2007

1. Crusaders Cross Roads, Gaothan, 15 th Road, Kamlesh Bhavan, Manohar Villa, Postal Colony, BARC & Sarvodaya, Gama Grandeur.	Joanita D'Souza
2. Ave Maria Lotus / Convent View Waman Apts., New Borla Sangam Apts.	Rodin Rodrigues
3. OLPS Tamil Seva Sangam Tembe Nagar & Saibaba Nagar	Edwin Anthony

Tuesday, 10th April, 2007

1. St. Francis of Assisi Assisi Nagar, Gautam Nagar, Limboni Baug	Elizabeth Joseph
2. Torch Bearers St. Anthony Road (N) & Central Avenue & 5 th Road	Theresa Fernandes
3. Shri Nagar Lokhande Marg	Bonny Sequeira
4. Jeevan Prakash 13 th , 2 nd , 3 rd & 21 st Roads, Khandari Colony, N.G. Acharya Marg.	Yvonne Miranda
5. Stars St. Anthony Road (S) & RBI	Sheila Pereira
6. Divine Providence Swastik, Naka, Shivpuri, Apurva, Sindhi Society.	Wincy

Wednesday, 11th April, 2007

1. Good Shepherd (A) Bldg. 1 – 15	Margaret Fernandes
2. The Archangels (B) Bldg. 16-27, 29 & 30	Camillo Fernandes
3. The Madonna (C) Bldg. 36 – 46	Anthony Pinto
4. Disciples (D) Bldg. No. 31 – 35, Bldg. No. 47-56, 283 & Saraswati Colony	Annie Mascarenhas
5. St. Anthony	Lynette Sanctis

Thursday, 12th April, 2007

1. Our Lady of Victories Twinkle Star, Seema Society, Greenfields, Uttam Society, Sai Nagar, Sachatma, Mumbadevi, Sai Nidhi.	Gracinda
2. Harmony Madhugiri, Atur Park, Fairlawns, Maitri Park, Bharat Tirth, Sunder Apts., Panorama, Dreamland, Gulab Baug, Chadwa Apts., Maska Chawl & Borla Society	Margaret Fernandes
3. Perpetual Resort	Michael D'Souza
4. Emmanuel Edel, 11 th & 12 th Roads, Marian Mansion.	Maria Steed

Friday, 13th April, 2007

1. Shellites Shell Colony, Sahakar Nagar, Thakarappa	Geraldine Monteiro
2. Morning Star Marathi Group	Karlas Kasbe
3. Sangam Ghatla, Moti Baug, Dukes, Amar Nagar & Khardeo Nagar	Chitra Paulson

On a lighter note...

A six-year-old boy told his father he wanted to marry the little girl across the street. The father, being modern and well-schooled in handling children, hid his smile behind his hand.

"That's a serious step," he said. "Have you thought it out completely?"

"Yes," his young son answered. "We can spend one week in my room and the next in hers. It's right across the street, so I can run home if I get scared of the dark."

"How about transportation?" the father asked.

"I have my wagon, and we both have our tricycles," the little boy answered.

The boy had an answer to every question the father raised.

Finally, in exasperation, his dad asked, "What about babies? When you're married, you're liable to have babies, you know."

"We've thought about that, too," the little boy replied.

"We're not going to have babies. Every time she lays an egg, I'm going to step on it!"



Holy Week Programme

Sunday, 1st April (Palm Sunday)

7.15 a.m. Blessing of palms in the School Quadrangle

Monday, 2nd April to Wednesday, 4th April

6.00 p.m. Confessions.

Thursday, 5th April (Maundy Thursday)

5.00 p.m. **In the Church** - Eucharist for children, the sick and the aged.

7.00 p.m. **Playground** - Solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper, followed by procession to the Altar of Repose.

Vigil in the Church

- 8.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Marathi
- 9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Tamil
- 9.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Konkani
- 10.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Malayalam
- 10.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. English
- 11.00 p.m. - Midnight (All in silence)

Friday, 6th April (Good Friday)

Day of Fast & Abstinence

Way of the Cross in the Church

- 6.30 a.m. English
- 7.30 a.m. Konkani
- 8.30 a.m. Marathi
- 8.30 a.m. Malayalam (outside the Church)
- 9.30 a.m. Tamil
- 6.00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of Christ (Playground)

Saturday, 7th April (Holy Saturday)

8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil followed by the Eucharist (Playground)

Sunday, 8th April (Easter Sunday)

Masses at: 7.30 am. / 8.30 am. / 9.30 am. / 10.30 am. Mass in Tamil at 8.30am at Sevadaan.

No evening Mass.



The Rector, the Redemptorist community and the parish team wishes all our parishioners a Hope filled experience of the Resurrected Christ.

Happy Easter

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