



Kuch Kuch Ho Raha Hai

Small Christian Communities: Update (8th March to 5th June 2005)

All the 22 Small Christian Communities of our Parish had some activities in their communities besides their regular monthly meetings: -

- * Holy Hour in the Church was conducted by different SCCs every First Friday of the Month.
- * The Final Rite of Prayers for Confirmation students was conducted by various SCC along with the confirmation candidates, their parents & community members.
- * During the Lenten Season in March, almost all the communities organized & conducted the Way of the Cross in their areas. The Easter Community Mass & Water Blessings was conducted by all the communities beginning with Mass, Games & Dinner.
- * Regular visits were made by the community members to the sick & old of the parish.
- * Members from various SCCs also participated & helped in the Parish Fete, which was held on Sunday, 17th April 2005.

- * One SCC helped a poor family of their community through the SVP for their Children's education.
- * The month of May was devoted to Our Lady, where the statue of Our Lady was taken to all the families of the communities along with the Candle-Lit procession. The month long devotion concluded with Eucharistic Celebration & a mini get-together. Rosary was also conducted in the Church by all the SCCs.
- * One SCC conducted a Summer Camp for their children.

Forthcoming Events: -

All the 22 Small Christian Communities will be involved in preparation for the Parish Feast, which is on 27th of June. Nine-Day Novena will begin on Saturday, 18th June wherein all the Communities will be given the responsibility to organize the days' service, decoration of the altar and picture of Our Lady and the Cultural Programme on the Feast Day.

-- Wilson U. Patrao



FAQ's on the Community Fund (contd. from pg 6)

10. What about other collections, such as, Pastor's Fund, SVP, etc.?

The Pastor's Fund collection has been discontinued. The SVP would draw from the community fund 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.

11. How is the contribution to be collected?

The SCC leaders will distribute the fund

envelopes during the SCC meetings. The contribution is to be put into the envelope, sealed & dropped in the box marked "Community Fund" specifically placed at the church entrance & sanctuary. Contributions may be in cash or cheque – all cheques to be drawn in favor of "**The OLPS Church, Chembur**".

12. How frequently should one contribute?

The contribution may be made on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis. The same may be ticked accordingly on the envelope with your contribution.



Do we insult Jesus ?

The Holy Eucharist is the foremost prayer. Full participation is a must. Here are some points which we should observe at mass.

Attendance

- Be seated in the Church before the start of the Mass. Observe silence. Concentrate attention on Jesus.
- Nobody should enter or go forward after the start of the Mass. Doing so will disturb others in their meaningful participation and they will lose concentration.
- Turning to each other and talking at any stage during Mass is insulting.
- Some parents who come to Church with children exercise no control over the children. They move about or behave in the bench as if they are in a playground or at home. Some parents keep on talking to the children. Some even feed the children during the Mass. Such behaviour disturbs everyone including themselves. This is insulting. Such parents show no good example (but rather bad) to the children. If parents cannot control the children and make them observe the formalities, it is better that the children are not brought to Mass.

Liturgy

- Liturgy of the Word is important and participation is necessary.
- Listening to the Word of God is a must. Listening helps meaningful response. Many are seen paying no attention to the Word of God. This is insulting.

- At the consecration, when the Body and Blood of Jesus is raised up, many are seen showing respect by bowing down all the time. This is not proper. The Body and Blood is raised for the faithful to look and talk to Jesus in prayer. Bowing down should be each time after raising the Body and Blood of Jesus is over.

Communion

- Receiving communion with the left hand and putting the host in the mouth is the best method.
- Commune with Jesus in person for two minutes.
- Reverence and respect should be in physical expressions too. Many are seen to behave very casually. They walk forward and walk back looking left and right as if they are walking on the streets. Doing so is insulting.
- Participate till the end of the Mass, receiving the final blessing and singing the final hymn.
- Standing at kneeling time by some obstructs other behind them, denying them the direct vision of the Eucharist and the Priest. It is better to stand at the farther end of the rows, left to the left end and right to the right end.
- Clothing: be modest and decent in dressing. Some people are very casual, wearing shorts, banians, minis, back half open etc. All are insulting to the King we adore and worship. Show respect to Jesus who is present in the Holy Eucharist.

-- A Parishioner



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The Parish Fete

Several Parishes have had beautiful and meaningful functions aimed at fund-raising for needy causes. Our Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS), Chembur, was no different - but they did things differently!! The fete organized by our Parish on 17th April 2005 was an event for the Parishioners, by the Parishioners and of the Parishioners!! Indeed, the cause was noble - the proceeds from the fete would be utilized towards the upliftment & empowerment of the marginalized / under-privileged, irrespective of caste, creed or religion by providing them food, clothing, shelter, health, education and sports.

The day began at 9 a.m. on a hot, humid and sweltering Sunday morning. Our parish priest, Fr. Tony Cardozo, inaugurated the fete with a prayer and lighting of the traditional "Diya". The morning was packed with contests showcasing the Parishioners' and other non-Christian brethren's talents in the areas of singing, dancing & public speaking skills. The game stalls were

choc-a-block and generated the maximum funds. The food court comprising of 3 renowned caterers from the Parish dished out delicious cuisine at breakfast, lunch & dinner.

The live band & dance towards twilight was the highlight of the day with our local celebrities, Wilburn, Francis, Darren Das & his troupe entralling the dancers with foot-tapping music right upto 10 p.m.

Several well-wishers from the parish donated generously towards this cause.

All in all, it was a red-letter day in the history of our parish. And, not to forget the objective of the fete - the funds raised were way beyond the expectations of the fete committee!

-- A Parishioner

*Inside every large problem
is a small problem
struggling to get out.*



FUN TIME AT O.L.P.S AGAIN.....

The youth are generally known for their innovative ways and that's exactly what we were upto this time. Instead of sticking to the traditional dishes at Breakfast Sunday, we deleted the usual names on the menu and started a unique "Sandwich Station". The Swiss rolls introduced by us was an instant hit. We learnt a lot from this endeavor; though we may need some more cooking lessons, we surely learnt values of unity and teamwork. Working together towards a common cause was a lot of fun as well as a unique learning experience. Our efforts were praised by all and this encouraged us to do some more.

The Breakfast Sunday was held to raise funds for our Summer Camp 2005. This is one event every kid waits for during vacations. This time we had a huge number of entries for the Camp. Everyday was based on a particular theme and all our games had a hidden moral. The sessions also included training in forming human pyramids, making paper bags, greeting cards, and pista flowers, and physical fitness.

The star attraction was the Cultural Programme held for parents and organisers. Every item put up by the children was greeted with huge applause. The programme ended with a fashion show put up by the adorable tiny tots. Believe it or not, these kids could even give John Abraham or Lara Dutta a huge complex.

Alongwith the kids, it was a great experience for us, volunteers too! The warm compliments given by the parents made us feel truly splendid. I'm sure every kid had a wonderful time at the camp and every volunteer is definitely waiting for the next camp to roll in.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, especially Fr. Tony and Fr. Freddy for their help and support. ^{Reshmi and} DANIELLE MONIZ

The entire program was enjoyable. Each item was unique which consisted of song, dance, gymnastics etc. A lot of talent is present within the youngsters of our Parish.

- Trevor D'Souza

The Summer Camp this year was very nice. There were a lot of games. We were also taught to climb ropes and make paper bags. We had gone to Diamond garden for our Treasure hunt.

- Trisha D'Souza



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast

We are celebrating our Parish Feast on Monday, 27th June 2005, preceded by a Nine Day Novena beginning on Saturday, 18th June. 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.

SATURDAY – 18TH 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

St. Anthony

Amir Baug

SUNDAY – 19TH JUNE

Jeevan Prakash

13th Road, 2nd, 3rd & 21st Road

Station Road, Khandari Colony

N.G. Acharya Marg

St. Francis of Assisi

Assisi Nagar, Gautam Nagar

Nimoni Baug, Lokhande Marg

Sri Nagar

MONDAY – 20TH JUNE

Emmanuel

11th & 12th Road

Marian Mansion, Ed-el

Morning Star

Marathi Group

Siddharth Colony

OLPS Seva Sangam

Tembe Nagar

Saibaba Nagar

TUESDAY – 21ST JUNE

STARS

St. Anthony's Rd (South)

R.B.I. Quarters

St. Francis Xavier

R.C. Barracks

Old Barracks

WEDNESDAY – 22ND JUNE

Torchbearers

St. Anthony's Road (North)

Central Avenue, 5th Road

Perpetual Resort

Sangam

Ghatla, Moti Baug

Duke's, Amar Nagar,

Khardeo Nagar

THURSDAY – 23RD JUNE

Crusaders

Cross Roads

Gaothan, 15th Road

Kamlesh Bhavan,

Manohar Villa, Postal Colony,

BARC, Sarvodaya,

Gama Grandeur

Shellites

Shell Colony, Sahakar Nagar,

Thakarappa

FRIDAY – 24TH JUNE

Ave Maria

Convent View

Waman Apartments

Sangam Apartments

New Borla

Lotus

Divine Providence

Swastik, Shivpuri, Apurva,

Sindhi Society

Chembur Naka

SATURDAY – 25TH JUNE

Our Lady of Victories

Twinkle Star, Seema Society

Greenfields, Sachatma

Uttam Society, Mumbadevi

Sai Nagar, Sainidhi

SUNDAY – 26TH JUNE

Dilkush

14th Road

Emma Towers, Anchorage

16th Road, 17th Road

18th Road, 19th Road

Harmony

Madhugiri

Atur Park, Maitri Park

Fairlawns

Bharat Tirth

Panorama

Sunder Apts.

Maska Chawl

Dreamland

Gulab Baug

Chadwa Apartments

Borla Society

MONDAY – 27TH JUNE

Youth of the Parish &

The Choir

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

A Happy Feast



*Concelebrated Feast Mass will be at 7.00pm on Monday, 27th June,
followed by a Cultural Programme at Sevadaan.*

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