



VICTORIAN VISION
PARISH BULLETIN OF
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH,
MAHIM WEST, MUMBAI 400 016



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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR ON 27 JUNE 2025!

The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Calistus, Fr. Cleo, Fr. Hendrick.

FAREWELL FR. NEIL CEREJO



*THANK YOU
FR. NEIL CEREJO
FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE
BEEN AND DONE FOR OUR
LADY OF VICTORIES
PARISH MAHIM. WE WILL
ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU!*

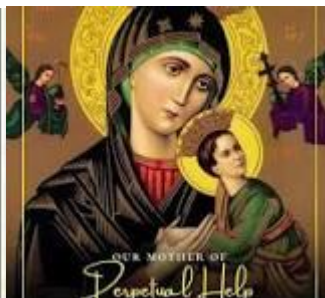
WELCOME FR. HENDRICK ITUR



*WELCOME
FR. HENDRICK ITUR
TO OUR LADY OF
VICTORIES PARISH
MAHIM.*

We thank Sr. Catherine for all her services in our parish and bid her farewell since she has been transferred to Canossian Provincialate at Andheri East. We welcome Sr. Mary Abraham, the new Superior of Canossian Annexe Community, and Sr. Juliet Rebello and Sr. Jenisha Diniz to our parish.

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AMCHO MOG KORTA
AMKAM ADHAR DITA
AMCHEA SANGATA ASAT

Fr Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY EVENING: 6 p.m. in Konkani, 7 p.m. in English

SUNDAYS: 8 a.m. in English (Children's Mass), 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. in English.

WEEKDAYS: 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in English

SACRAMENTS:

Confessions: Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. & anytime on request.

Anointing of the Sick: Any Time on Request

Baptism: Every Sunday after 9.30 a.m. Mass.

Marriage Procedures: Contact any Priest in our parish at least 3 to 4 months prior to the marriage.

NOVENAS:

St Anthony: Every Tuesday before 7 p.m. Mass.

Infant Jesus: Every Saturday before 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Mass

Prayer Group: Every Friday after 7 p.m. Mass in the A.V. Room

PARISH OFFICE TIMING: Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. On Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. only.

OFFICE PROCEDURE: Booking of Masses: Per Mass one intention only. Multiple Intentions on Wednesday 7 p.m. and Sunday 9.30 a.m. Masses. Stipend for Sunday & Saturday 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Masses = Rs. 100/-. Weekday Masses = Rs. 50/-. Masses are booked 3 months prior to the date of booking. Certificates = Rs. 20/- each. To collect certificates of others, their written consent is absolutely necessary.

For Baptisms, Marriages, Jubilee Masses etc. please fix dates and timings in advance and fulfil the required procedures and preparations.

Regarding Baptism: Pre-baptism course is mandatory for the first child. Pre-baptism course can be done anywhere. A certificate or letter of Priest has to be obtained to state that Pre-baptism course has been completed by the Parents and Godparents. The Pre-baptism form which is available in the Parish office has to be filled in. The name of the child must be spelt correctly in the Pre-baptism form. Parents' names must be spelt exactly as stated in the Marriage Certificate. Xerox of Marriage Certificate of Parents, Xerox of Birth Card and Xerox of Pre-Baptism course certificate have to be given along with the Form. The form with the attached Xerox copies of documents must be submitted in the Parish office along with donation to the Church in an envelope. Please note that once the details are entered in the baptism register no changes are allowed without the permission from Chancellor, Archbishop's House in writing.

Regarding changes in Registers: To make any changes in the Registers permission from the Chancellor, Archbishop's House has to be obtained for every change based on documents (Municipal Birth Certificate for name of the child, Parents Marriage certificate for name of Parents, Gazette Publication for name of the child). The Parish Priest gives a letter to the Chancellor asking permission for changes. To make changes in the Baptism or Marriage Certificate of Parents who have expired the consent of all the living children is absolutely necessary.

Cemetery Matters: Ensure that no waste such as plastic cups/ bags/ snack boxes etc. are thrown in the Cemetery after the funeral or death anniversary masses. Put this waste in garbage bins kept outside the cemetery. On completion of 2 years from date of burial, the grave will be opened and used as and when required.

FROM OUR PARISH UNIT OF BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA

Victories Parish Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha has done it again this year by winning the **Star Award as Best unit of the North Bombay Deanery** at the Awards Function held on 5th April 2025 at St Andrews Auditorium. The award was given by Chief Guest Archbishop John Rodrigues. It was a proud moment for our unit to receive the well-deserved award for all the activities done throughout the year. Our Unit members helped in Victorian fete, selling passes, security arrangements etc. We had Voter awareness during elections, pick up and drop facility for home bound parishioners on voting day and organized recycling of plastic bottles and single use plastic by giving it to Bisleri. We felicitated our local M.P. Shri Anil Desai, organized free seminar on Re-development, Blood Donation Drive and Plantation Drive. We planted 22 saplings in our compound and distributed more than 220 saplings to our parishioners. We gave cash awards to 30 students for Academic Excellence.



The Bombay Catholic Sabha of Our Lady of Victories Church, in association with the **Holy Family Hospital**, organized **Blood Donation Drive** in our Parish on 30th March 2025. The Donor turnout was good, comprising of our Parishioners and a few people of other faiths. 37 people registered from which 27 blood donors were accepted and donated Blood. Holy Family Hospital team did an excellent job. Blood Donors came with full enthusiasm. They were calm, patient & participated fully in fulfilling their part. Each Donor was provided with a light snack after they were done. Donors were given a Certificate, as a token of appreciation for their generosity. BCS Members not only extended their full support to the Hospital Staff, but also kept the Donors cheerful at all times, finally making Blood Donation Drive, a grand success.



Our parish unit of The Bombay Catholic Sabha along with our parishioners **felicitated our local MLA Shri Mahesh Sawant** on January 19th 2025: the feast day of our parish. He thanked our parishioners for their support in winning the elections and said that he was always ready and available for any help required. He enjoyed listening to the Band playing songs and was happy to see a large crowd. He also sponsored a Banner for our fete.



Our Lady of Victories unit of The Bombay Catholic Sabha along with Lawrence & Mayo organised a free eye check-up camp on Sunday 23rd February 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the A/V Room. We began with prayers by Fr. Anthony D'Souza. Fr. Calistus got his eye check-up done. More than 107 parishioners got their eye check-up done free of cost & even got frames & glasses at discounted prices. All Sabha Committee members helped & ensured that eye check-up camp went off smoothly. All credit to B.C.S Victories unit for organising this camp.



Our Parish Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha in association with Dimensions had a **Seminar on Cyber Fraud** on 27th April 2025 with the objective of raising awareness about the growing threats in the digital world and educating participants on preventive measures against cyber-crimes. Mr. Brian Pereira highlighted the increasing cases of online fraud and the urgent need for cyber security practices. He shared valuable insights into the different types of cyber fraud such as phishing, identity theft, financial scams, and ransomware attacks. It was an interactive session

where real-life case studies were discussed to illustrate how frauds are executed and how they can be avoided. Participants were also educated on safe internet practices, password management, and the importance of reporting cyber-crimes promptly. Fr. Anthony D'Souza gave a token of appreciation to Mr. Brian Pereira.



Our Parish Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha handed over 15 kgs of plastic bottles and single use plastics to Bisleri on 30th January 2025. On 3rd April 2025 we handed over 20 kgs plastic bottles and single use plastics to Bisleri. We thank our Parish Priest Fr. Anthony D'Souza and parishioners for their support in helping us in this cause for saving our environment.



Our Parish Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha had their Annual General Body Meeting on 14th June 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the A/V Room. Our Parish Priest Fr. Anthony D'Souza attended & congratulated the unit for the good work they were doing in our parish. There were around 24 people who attended this A.G.M. Dinner was served to all who were present.



By Bento Lobo

A JOYFUL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:

ALTAR SERVERS' TRIP TO VASAI AND ARNALA ON JUNE 7TH – 8TH 2025

The altar servers / Junior Choir of Our Lady of Victories Church, along with their parents and coordinators, embarked on a beautiful two-day trip to Vasai and Arnala on June 7th and 8th, blending spiritual enrichment, community bonding, and fun-filled experiences.

Their journey began with the 7 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church, seeking God's blessings for safe travel and a meaningful trip. With hearts full of anticipation, the group of 48—comprising Fr. Calistus, Coordinators Alea and Tanshika, altar servers, and their parents—set off on their exciting journey. Their first stop was in Vasai at the welcoming home of a Koli family, where the group was treated to a traditional and scrumptious breakfast. The hosts received everyone with such warmth that it instantly felt like home. Their hospitality laid the perfect foundation for what would be a truly memorable trip.

After breakfast, the group visited the historic Vasai Fort. Once majestic churches during the Portuguese era, the ruins today tell stories of a rich and devout past. Each one explored the site, gaining insight into the local Christian heritage and connected the visit with their role in the Church.

Returning to the Koli family's home, a delicious lunch awaited. With hearts and stomach full, the group then headed to Our Lady of Remedy Church, Fr. Calistus's home parish. This spiritual visit was made even more memorable when they learned that the main church door was repurposed from the Vasai Fort itself—a symbolic link between history and faith. The day continued with a special visit to Fr. Calistus's family home, where everyone was warmly welcomed by his parents and his childhood friend. Tea, snacks, laughter, dancing, and stories made the gathering feel like a family reunion, leaving everyone with joyful hearts.

From there, the group proceeded to Alexson Resort in Arnala, where the children could hardly wait to jump into the pool. After some relaxing pool time, the evening closed with a rosary and dinner. The day concluded on a high note with a lively game of dumb charades that brought everyone closer through laughter and teamwork.

The next day began with a spiritually uplifting 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's Church, celebrated in Marathi. It was a beautiful cultural experience for many, offering a unique perspective on the universality of Catholic worship. After the Mass, the group had the chance to meet the Parish Priest and young altar servers from the local parish. Listening to their journey and experience was both informative and inspiring for all.

Back at the resort, everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast before heading to Arnala Beach. The children had a blast playing in the water and even riding camels along the shore—a first-time experience for many. They then returned to the resort for one last swim in the pool before preparing to head home.

This trip wasn't just a break from routine—it was a celebration of faith, friendship, and joyful service. The altar servers returned home with not just fun memories, but also a deeper connection to their faith, community, and the wider Church.





By Belita Carvalho

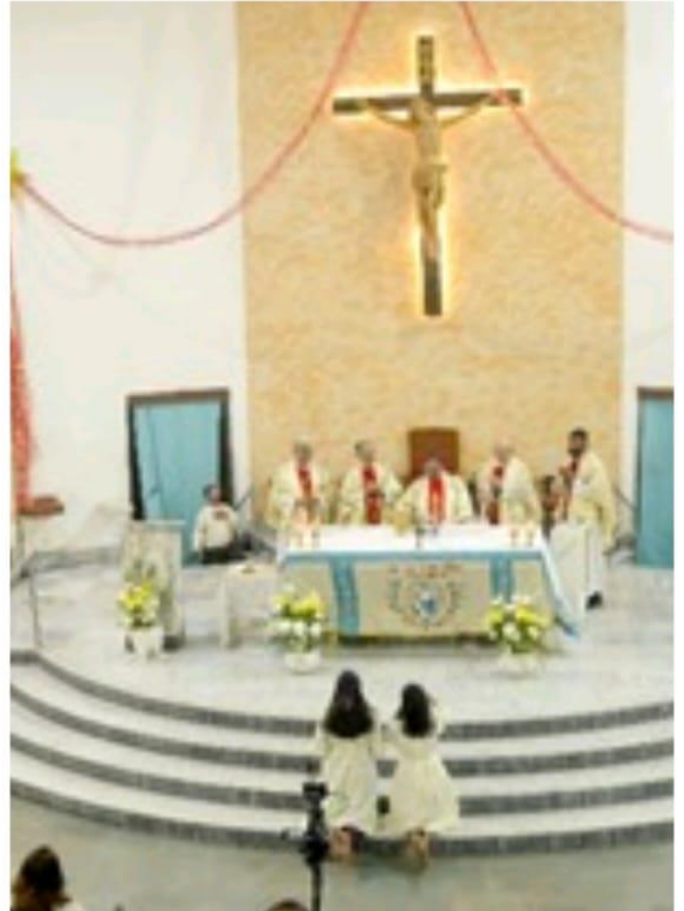
OUR PARISH FEAST AND FETE IN JANUARY 2025

Nine days of novena in preparation for our Parish feast started from 10th January where our very own team of priests nourished us with their inspiring homilies. After a long time, we had a 3-day fete starting from 17th January which was enthused with fun, masti, lip smacking delicacies, home-made décor and thirst-quenching cold drinks all by our very own parishioners! 17th & 18th January showcased our juniors & seniors talent contest where our very own stars of the parish performed like professionals. The fancy dress of the little ones was cute with some getting into the actual role itself. It was an amazing evening filled with dance, melodious singing and contagious enthusiasm. Parents & friends rooting for their own to win. The live band of Engel & Al added magic on the second day of the fete.

The feast day started off with the Holy Eucharist at 9.30 am where our Main Celebrant was Fr. Felix D'Souza, Chairman of the Priests Council and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Santacruz. After the feast mass, the parishioners were entertained by Rocking Marmalade which led to many joining the dance floor. The American auction- the hall-mark of our fete had many bidders vying for the hamper. The enthusiasm continued in the evening for the Victorian

King & Queen contest, where our youth gave the fashion models a tough competition. The live music of Night Shift left everyone grooving. The line dancing by the Women's cell, the flash mob dance by our youth and the spot prizes were absolutely fantastic. All in all, a power packed, vibrant celebration of 3 days!! Of course, all this was possible due to the enormous support meted out by our Parish Priest, Fr. Anthony. And how can we forget the main anchor-Fr. Neil Cerejo without whose contribution, this 3-day fete would have only been a dream! The entire team led by Fr. Neil worked enthusiastically to ensure we had a seamless show-be it selling of tickets, security, getting sponsors, selling raffles. all worked as one team. Kudos to our entire parish for putting up this event.

By Shalita Fernandes



**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE CONFIRMED ON 9TH FEBRUARY
BY CARDINAL OSWALD GRACIAS**



CONFIRMED IN CHRIST – AS PER OUR PARISH REGISTER

NAME	CHILD OF	RESIDING AT
Abraham Alphonso	Fredrick & Alpana	Vakil Building
Aiden Noronha	Vincent & Ninoshka	Parker Estate
Amaira Fernandes	Sebastian & Jacinta	Shalimar Building
Anaya DaCosta	Agostinho & Natasha	Tanisha Building
Bryce Fernandes	Thomas & Brinel	Sumeet Sadan
Danish Miranda	Philip & Natalina	Rahima Bai Baug
Elizabeth Alphonso	Fredrick & Alpana	Valil Building
Joshua D’Souza	German & Vilma	Sumeet Sadan
Kate Fernandes	Sylvester & Mary	Nav Tushar
Kimberly Martin	Kevin & Rosy	Bori chawl
Kyra Nunes	Geoffrey & Anna	Gayatri Apartments
Nia D’Souza Ganapathy	Sameer & Tatum	Dev Aarti
Rachel Rodrigues	Steve & Cecilia	Glasswala Building
Scott Gomes	Shawn & Suzanne	Buildarch Residency
Tia Blossom Fernandes	Thomas & Brinel	Sumeet Sadan
Yohan Joseph Britto	Richard & Sybil	Bori Chawl

RECOMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON 22 JUNE 2025



**CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST WITH
ROSA MYSTICA COMMUNITY CHILDREN & LEGION OF MARY GROUP**



REGARDING DONATIONS TO CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

You can make a DONATION to Church of Our Lady of Victories either in our Parish office or by NEFT or IMPSP. Details for NEFT or IMPSP transfers. As per the instructions of our Auditor, we request those who give a donation of Rs. 10,000/- and above to send your PAN number to our Parish office. Please send a message to WhatsApp Number 9137022659 once you have made NEFT or IMPSP donation to Church of Our Lady of Victories, Mahim, Mumbai.

Bank: Citizen Credit Cooperative Bank Ltd. Mahim Branch Mumbai
Account No. 2090232000000525
IFSC Code: CCBL0209023
Type of Account: Savings Account
Name of the Account: Church of Our Lady of Victories.

REGARDING COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND CONTRIBUTION

You can make a CONTRIBUTION to Victoria Church Community Welfare Fund either in our Parish office or by NEFT or IMPSP. Details for NEFT or IMPSP transfers. As per the instructions of our Auditor, we request those who give a contribution of Rs. 10,000/- and above to send your PAN number to our Parish office. Please send a message to WhatsApp Number 9137022659 once you have made NEFT or IMPSP contribution to Victoria Church Community Welfare Fund.

Bank: Union Bank of India, Mumbai-Mahim Branch, Mumbai.
Account No. 398402010045883
IFSC Code: UBIN0808563
Type of Account: Savings Account

BORN IN CHRIST FROM JANUARY 2025 – AS PER OUR PARISH REGISTER

DATE	NAME	CHILD OF
2 Feb 2025	Jonathan D’Costa	Victor Seby & Sharmaine
20 April 2025	Reema Daryanani	Manohar & Rowena
25 May 2025	Asriel Aldrin Lobo	Aldrin Anthony & Viola Fernandes

UNITED IN CHRIST FROM JANUARY 2025 – AS PER OUR PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGE DATE	NAME OF THE COUPLE
4 Jan 2025	Valmonte Franco D’Costa & Fayanne Carvalho
11 Jan 2025	Aurelius Fernandes & Sharon Fernandes
15 Jan 2025	Herman Mathias Almeida & Fiona Fernandes
4 Feb 2025	Lawrence D’Souza & Avani Dinesh Vaidya
16 Feb 2025	Floyd Petson D’Souza & Lydia Fernandes
22 Feb 2025	Shernel Mathew Monteiro & Sonal Bhimrao Thokale
25 May 2025	Jason D’Mello & Sharon Diana Remedios

RESTING IN CHRIST FROM JANUARY 2025 – AS PER OUR PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
2 Jan 2025	Sebastian John Fernandes	Room No. 3 Devi Padmabai Chawl Dadar
13 Jan 2025	Cruz Vincent D’Souza	Room No. 4 Fatima Building Jehangir Baug
20 Jan 2025	Santan Domnic Fernandes	4 Pereira Chawl Sitladevi Temple Road
27 Jan 2025	Molly D’Souza	3 Paradise Cinema Road
31 Jan 2025	Nelson Paixao Viegas	26 Rukmani Nivas Kapad Bazar
4 Feb 2025	Nathaline D’Souza	Room ¾ Bori Chawl Dilip Gupte Road
7 Feb 2025	Eugene Maria Nunes	Flat 8 Ram Sham Niwas Sitladevi Temple Road
11 Feb 2025	Ian Anthony Travasso	Pereira House Sitladevi Temple Road
18 Feb 2025	Wenceslaus Bosco Nunes	Room No. 3 Shirin Mansion
12 Mar 2025	Erodiana Michael Fernandes	4 Kapad Bazar Road
17 Mar 2025	Philomena Peter Fernandes	Kamal Niwas Vanzewadi
26 Mar 2025	Cynthia Sequeira	Flat 4 Sea View Keluskar Road
1 Apr 2025	Emilia Pascoal D’Cunha	15 F Nokobai Chawl L. J. Road
8 Apr 2025	Paul Lobo	Flat 103 Kedar CHS Ltd Bhandar Gully
8 May 2025	Alice Agnel Fernandes	202 Ramnath Sadan Shivaji Park Road
13 May 2025	Elizabeth Fijardo	Flat 5 Meghdoot Sitladevi Temple Road
14 May 2025	Leonila R. Carvalho	B/7 Miraway CHS Sitladevi Temple Road
17 May 2025	Shanti Miranda	C/5 Bhatia Building Dilip Gupte Marg
9 June 2025	Merlyn Rowena Brendish	Pradeep Villa L. T. Kotnis Marg

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