



# 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 ST. JOAQUIM & ST. ANNE (PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DAY) & ST JOHN MARIE VIANNEY (PATRON OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS)**

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

IN OUR FAMILIES GOD  
CALLS US TO GIVE  
EACH OTHER

- UNCONDITIONAL BELONGINGNESS
- UNCONDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING
- UNCONDITIONAL FORGIVING LOVE



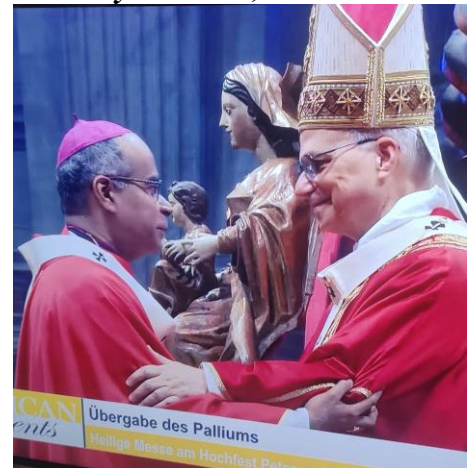
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DEV AMKAM HEM  
DIUNK APOITA

- PURNN VANGDIPONN
- PURNN SOMZONNI
- PURNN BOGSONNEM ANI MOG

*Fr Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest.*

**OUR ARCHBISHOP JOHN RODRIGUES  
RECEIVES THE PALLIUM  
FROM POPE LEO XIV ON 29 JUNE 2025**

The Pallium is made from the wool of a young white lamb, symbolizing the role of the bishop: to carry young lambs and protect them from danger, that's the bishop's call to Shepherd.



**CELEBRATING ST. JOHN BAPTIST FEAST IN HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY**







*Contributed by Mary Fernandes*



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR COMMUNITY FEAST CELEBRATION



ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST  
OF ST. ANTHONY, FOOD FOR THE  
POOR WAS ORGANIZED ON 15<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 2025 BY THE SOCIETY OF  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND OUR  
PARISHIONERS.





## REPORT ON THE INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR PPC, SCC & HEADS OF ASSOCIATIONS

Following the commissioning ceremony of PPC, SCC, and Association representatives, an enriching and interactive session was conducted by Adrian Rosario in the School Drill Hall. The aim was to motivate and equip members to serve the parish community more effectively in their roles.

### Key Themes & Learnings

**Personal Leadership & Responsibility:** Adrian began with a reflection titled "Building a Life", reminding members: "You are the carpenter of your life. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall." He emphasized that our attitudes and daily choices shape our future and the communities we build.

**Practical Approaches for Engagement:** Two acronyms were introduced:

**MBWA – Management by Walking Around:** He encouraged members to move around, meet people, observe, interact, and affirm.

**GAFO – Go and Find Out:** He promoted initiative and curiosity – leaders must engage actively to understand needs.

**Power of Encouragement:** Using impactful visuals and quotes, Adrian emphasized: The value of kindness, listening, affirming others. "The finest gift you can give anyone is encouragement." He quoted Sidney Madwed and Dr. Leo Buscaglia, reminding participants of the transformational impact of small, positive actions.

### Parish Engagement Strategy:

The following points were discussed:

**Structured Agenda:** Encourage inclusive contribution from all age groups.

Update community records (new families, deaths, birthdays).

Regular visits to families to foster connection.

Plan activities such as Rosary, Community Feasts, and more.

**Role of the Priest:** A comparative view was suggested, emphasizing the priest's active role in guiding and supporting community efforts.

**Final Takeaways:** The session concluded with a motivational call: "A lot can get done if you don't care who gets the credit." All members were encouraged to affirm one another and build a strong, inclusive parish family.

**Attendance:** The session was attended by around 45 PPC members, SCC coordinators and Association Representatives, with active participation in group discussions and sharing.

*By Bernadette*



## COMMISSIONING OF ALTAR SERVERS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Laity Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, was celebrated in a rather unique and wonderful way at Our Lady of Victories Church, Mahim. The 8.00 a.m. Children's Mass began with a solemn angelic procession of 20 junior choir members and 34 young altar servers; all vested in liturgical attire. It was a sheer delight for all present, to witness such a large number of children joyfully serving in the ministry of the Church. During the service, the children made a public commitment to serve faithfully in the ministries of Choir and Altar Service. In the homily, Fr. Calistus stressed the vital role of children's ministry in parish life. He reminded the congregation that when faith is nurtured from a young age, it grows into a strong foundation for life. The Church must continue to provide spaces for children to grow in faith through peer fellowship and service. "Today's children in ministry are tomorrow's leaders of the Church," he said. He also acknowledged the essential support of parents and community animators, whose encouragement helps these young ones remain faithful to their calling.







## OUR PARISH CHOIR



MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR & SANCTUARY CARE MINISTRY FILL AN ESSENTIAL AND BEHIND THE SCENES ROLE IN THE PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH. THE MEMBERS MEET EVERY SATURDAY AFTER THE 7 AM MASS TO ARRANGE THE ALTAR. ALTAR LINENS ARE REMOVED FOR WASHING AND FRESH FLOWERS ARE PUT ON THE ALTAR.





COMMISSIONING  
OF PARISH  
PASTORAL  
COUNCIL, SCC  
COORDINATORS  
AND HEADS OF  
ASSOCIATIONS





25 YOUTH FROM OUR PARISH REPRESENTED LEGION YOUTH DAY CONDUCTED BY  
LEGION OF MARY NORTH BOMBAY CURIA. THE THEME OF THE LEGION YOUTH DAY  
WAS MARY'S CREW YOUNG & TRUE



SUNDAY CATECHISM CLASSES

Sunday Catechism Classes started with Joy and Faith: a new beginning filled with faith and excitement. Our Sunday Catechism classes have officially started from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 bringing together all our children, catechists, and parents in a spirit of unity and learning. The day began with a heartfelt prayer, inviting God’s presence and blessings. Children joyfully entered their classrooms, eager to meet their catechism teachers and classmates. It was a beautiful sight to see young hearts ready to grow in the knowledge of Jesus and His teachings. Catechism isn’t just a class – it’s a journey of faith, love, and values. Through Bible stories, prayers, songs, and discussions, our children will build a strong foundation for their spiritual life. A big thank you to all our teachers who volunteer their time and love to guide our children. We also urge parents to support and encourage their children to attend regularly and take part actively. Let us pray that this new year of catechism brings blessings, wisdom, and joy to every child

By Geeta Armarkar





## YOUTH GATHERING ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025

This Sunday marked a joyful reunion as our youth came together for the first gathering of the year, following a refreshing two-month break. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, laughter, and a deep sense of belonging. The morning began with a prayer led by Fr. Hendrick Itur, who also took the opportunity to introduce our new office bearers. We then eased into the gathering with some light-hearted icebreaker games that brought smiles all around and set the tone for an evening of fellowship. A highlight of the gathering was the one-on-one bonding session, a beautiful time of open conversations that helped us connect more deeply with one another and share about our journeys of faith. What followed was an uplifting exchange of thoughts and encouragement, as we inspired each other to grow stronger in our faith and friendship. With snacks in hand and laughter in the air, we wrapped up the day with hearts full and spirits high. We thank God for this blessed time together and look forward to many more such vibrant and faith-filled meetups in the months ahead!



*By Alisha Pinto, Vice President - Youth Council*

## PROTEST RALLY ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT AZAD MAIDAN MUMBAI

Our parishioners took part in this protest rally  
attended by around 7000 people from all over Maharashtra





# SUNDAY SCHOOL SYLLABUS



**REGULAR SCHOOL SYLLABUS**

**PRIMARY SECTION**

**STD I SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE FATHER**

- Self -----> God the Father
- Community -----> Our World

**STD II PEARLS OF THE KINGDOM**

- Prayer -----> Holy Days & Seasons
- Faith -----> Right and Wrong

**STD III FRIENDS OF JESUS**

- Father, Son & Spirit -----> Relationships
- Growing -----> A Beautiful world

**STD IV GOD'S OWN PEOPLE**

- Confessing Faith -----> Living the Faith
- Celebrating Faith -----> Praying the Faith

**SECONDARY SECTION**

**STD. V: COMING TO GOD**  
Self -----> Discovering God  
Others and I -----> Knowing Jesus

**STD. VI: BECOMING CHURCH**  
Believing -----> Living the Faith  
Celebrating Faith -----> Church in India

**STD. VII: CALLED TO BE CHRISTIANS**  
Early Church -----> Early Councils  
Others and I -----> Early Middle Ages

**STD. VIII: GROWING CHURCH**  
Late Middle Ages -----> Modern Age  
Christianity Spreads -----> Vatican II

**STD. IX: OUR FAITH**  
Profession of Faith  
Celebrating the Faith

**STD. X: OUR LIFE**  
Life in Christ  
Christian Prayer

**RECOLLECTIONS**  
For All Catechists of Sunday School, Regular School, Pre - Baps. Christian Initiation, Etc.

**DEANERY LEVEL**  
1st on Sun, 29th June 2025, 2nd on Sun, 30th November 2025, 3rd on Sun, 15th March 2026  
From 5 - 8 p.m.

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026**  
Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope"

**Word Quest SUNDAY SCHOOL SYLLABUS**  
Published as a Teacher's Manual & Student's Workbook for each standard (one book for the whole year)

**PRIMARY SECTION**

**STD. I: THE STORY OF JESUS**  
**STD. II: OLD TESTAMENT STORIES**  
**STD. III: THE FIRST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**  
**STD. IV: INITIATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (First Communion Catechesis)**  
**(TEACHERS MANUAL & STUDENTS WORKBOOK)**

**CYCLE A: 2025 - 2026**

**STD. V - VI**  
**FIRST TERM: The Beatitudes**  
**ADVENT TIME: Signs in the Gospel of John**  
**SECOND TERM: Suffering, Death and Resurrection**  
**VII - VIII**  
**FIRST TERM: Kingdom History**  
**ADVENT TIME: The Beginnings**  
**SECOND TERM: Wisdom Literature**  
**IX - X**  
**FIRST TERM: Letters of St. Paul**  
**ADVENT TIME: Apocalypse (Revelation)**  
**SECOND TERM: Letters of St. John**

**CYCLE B: 2026 - 2027**

**STD. V - VI**  
**FIRST TERM: The Parables**  
**ADVENT TIME: The Miracles of Jesus**  
**SECOND TERM: The Parables (contd.)**  
**VII - VIII**  
**FIRST TERM: The Patriarchs & Moses**  
**ADVENT TIME: Bible Basics**  
**SECOND TERM: Joshua & the Judges**  
**IX - X**  
**FIRST TERM: The Prophets**  
**ADVENT TIME: Apocrypha**  
**SECOND TERM: Acts of the Apostles**

**CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS**  
**CONFIRMED AND INITIATED INTO CHRIST**  
(Teachers' Manual with Handout and Students' Handbook)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025 - 2026**

**JUNE 2025**  
08 Sun Pentecost  
Meeting with the Catechists  
15 Sun School Reopens; Class: Meeting with the parents of FHC & Conf. Cand.  
22 Sun The Most Holy Body and Blood of O.L.J.C  
24 Tue Birth of St. John the Baptist, Vigil in SCCs for FHC & Conf., in prep. for Rite of Accept.,  
27 Fri Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
29 Sun St. Peter and Paul  
Lairty Sunday;  
CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)  
DEAN. SSPT Meeting

**JULY 2025**  
03 Thu St. Thomas, Apostle of India  
06 Sun Class; FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY  
Rite of Accept. for FHC & Conf. Cand.  
13 Sun Class  
20 Sun Class  
Gathering of FC & Conf. Catechist  
26 Sat St. Joachim & Anne  
27 Sun GRANDPARENTS / PARENTS' DAY

**AUG 2025**  
03 Sun Class  
10 Sun Class; Vianney Sunday  
15 Fri Assumption of Our Lady & Independence Day  
17 Sun Class  
FCD - STDs V - VI (Deanery Level)  
24 Sun Class; Justice Sunday  
30 Sat Nativity Novena Begins  
31 Sun Class

**SEP 2025**  
07 Sun Class  
08 Mon Nativity of Our Lady, Day of the Girl Child  
14 Sun Class; Triumph of the Cross  
21 Sun Class  
28 Sun Class

**OCT 2025**  
01 Wed SCC Vigil with FHC & Conf. Cand.  
02 Thu Presentation of the Our Father to FHC & Conf. Cand. CTC Alumni Day  
05 Sun Class: Thanksgiving Day, DEAN SSPT Meeting  
12 Sun Class  
19 Sun MISSION SUNDAY

**NOV 2025**  
02 Sun Class; All Souls Day  
09 Sun Class  
16 Sun Class  
23 Sun Class; Christ the King  
30 Sun Class; 1st Sunday of Advent  
CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)

**DEC 2025**  
07 Sun Class; 2nd Sunday of Advent,  
08 Mon Immaculate Conception of Our Lady  
14 Sun Class; 3rd Sunday of Advent  
21 Sun Class; 4th Sunday of Advent  
25 Thu Christmas  
28 Sun Holy Family; Choir Fest (Deanery Level)

**JAN 2026**  
01 Thu Mary Mother of God  
04 Sun Class; Epiphany  
11 Sun Baptism of Our Lord  
18 Sun Class  
25 Sun Class

**FEB 2026**  
01 Sun SCC Vigil with FHC & Conf. Cand.  
02 Mon Class: Feast of Present. of Jesus;  
Present. of the Creed to FHC & Conf. Cand.  
08 Sun Class; FCD - STDs VII - VIII (Deanery Level)  
18 Wed Ash Wednesday  
21 Sun Class; Lent - 1 & "Passo"

**MAR 2026**  
01 Sun Class: Class; Lent - 2 & "Passo"  
C.T.C. Graduation Day  
08 Sun Class; Lent - 3; 1st Scrutiny; "Passo"  
15 Sun Class; Lent - 4; 2nd Scrutiny; "Passo"  
CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)  
22 Sun Class; Lent - 5; 3rd Scrutiny; "Passo"  
29 Sun Palm Sunday

**APR 2026**  
02 Thu Maundy Thursday  
03 Fri Good Friday  
05 Sun Easter  
12 Sun Divine Mercy

**Easter Season; First Comm. & Confirmation**

**REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025 - 2026**

**JUNE 2025**  
12 Thu Liturgy for Opening Day  
Catechists meet with RSPT to plan First Term  
19 Thu General Recollection for all Catholic Students  
24-26 Tue-Thu Closed Retreat for Std. X  
24 Tue Birth of St. John the Baptist  
29 Sun St. Peter and Paul  
CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)

**JULY 2025**  
03 Thu St. Thomas, Apostle of India  
Recollection for Std V (DEAN RSPT Meeting)  
04 Fri First Friday Eucharist;  
10 Thu Recollection for Std VI  
17 Thu Recollection for Std VII  
24 Thu Recollection for Std VIII  
26 Sat St. Joachim & Anne, Parents' Day

**AUG 2025**  
01 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
04 Mon Vianney Sunday  
06 Wed Transfiguration of the Lord  
07 Thu Recollection for Std IX on the Projects  
15 Fri Assumption of Our Lady; Independence Day  
30 Sat Nativity Novena Begins

**SEP 2025**  
05 Fri Friday Eucharist  
Teachers' Day; Feast of St. Mother Teresa  
08 Mon Nativity of Our Lady, Day of the Girl Child  
15 Mon Our Lady of Sorrows  
29 Mon Fst St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

**OCT 2025**  
01 Wed St. Theresa of the Child Jesus  
02 Thu The Guardian Angels;  
CTC Alumni Graduates Day  
03 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
07 Tue O. L. of the Rosary;

**2nd Week Exams on 1st Term Portion**  
**Diwali Holidays**

**NOV 2025**  
12 Mon School Reopens;  
Catechists' meet with RSPT to plan Second Term  
14 Fri Children's Day  
20 Thu Recollection for Std V  
20 Sat 1st Sunday of Advent  
CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)

**DEC 2025**  
03 Wed St. Francis Xavier  
04 Thu Recollection for Std VI (DEAN. RSPT Meeting)  
05 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
08 Mon Immaculate Conception of Our Lady  
11 Thu Recollection for Std VII  
18 Thu Recollection for Std VIII  
20 Sat Christmas Celebrations  
25 Thu. Christmas

**JAN 2026**  
02 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
08 Thu Recollection for Std IX on Projects (to prepare for Faith Celebration Day)  
26 Mon Republic Day

**FEB 2026**  
05 Thu FAITH CELEBRATION DAY (STD IX)(Deanery Level)  
06 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
07 Sat St. Gonsalo Garcia  
11 Wed O.L. of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick)  
2nd Week Farewell to Std X Students  
18 Wed Ash Wednesday

**MAR 2026**  
01 Sun C.T.C. Graduation Day  
05 Thu RSPT Meets for Evaluation & Planning  
06 Fri First Friday Eucharist  
12 Thu DEAN RSPT Meeting  
15 Sun CATECHISTS' RECOLLECTION (Deanery Level)  
29 Sun Palm Sunday

**APR 2026**  
02 Thu Maundy Thursday  
03 Fri Good Friday  
05 Sun Easter

**2nd Week Final Exams**  
**Summer Holidays**





# COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON 6 JULY 2025 AT 8 A.M. MASS





**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNICANTS ON 6 JULY 2025 AT 8 A.M. MASS**





# SILENT PROTEST AGAINST FELLING OF TREES IN DONGRI BHAYANDER EAST ON 6 JULY.

Our Parish unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha had a silent protest today outside the gate of our Church. This was against the felling of 10000 trees for metro 9 car shed in Dongri Bhayandar East. We had more than 50 people participating. Assistant Parish Priest Fr Calistus Fernandes, BCS Mumbai Vice President & Unit President Bento Lobo, Former BCS President Rita D'Sa and Executive Member Maryann Lopes were also present.





## WISE & WONDERFUL VICTORIAN SENIORS - FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

The Wise & Wonderful Victorian Seniors have been meeting regularly the first Monday of every month for almost two years. Each session is a blend of fellowship, fun and faith beginning with a prayer, followed by light exercises, games, joyful singing and concluding with tea and snacks shared in a spirit of community.

Since its inception, the group has enjoyed a wide variety of engaging activities. These have included creative painting sessions, bumper housie, and lively carnival celebrations featuring King Momo and Queen Mimi. Themed games, such as making Valentine cards for the person seated next to them, have helped members bond and get to know one another better. Many have also felt encouraged and comfortable enough to come forward and share their personal testimonies, creating a deeper sense of connection and trust within the group.

Our spiritual journey has been equally enriching, with special moments like a slideshow and talk on the Stations of the Cross during Lent, a pilgrimage to the Mount and an inspiring session on praying the Rosary led by Sr. Terezinha. We also had the joy of preparing a fond farewell presentation for our dear outgoing Parish Priest, Fr. Rocky Banz, and visiting Prathnalaya.

Every session brings something fresh, joyful and enriching and it's encouraging to see the sense of camaraderie and connection among members grow stronger with each meeting. With over 120 members registered and about 40 attending regularly, we're always happy to welcome more seniors into our Wise & Wonderful Victorian Seniors family. If you haven't yet joined us, we warmly invite you to be part of this joyful and faith-filled fellowship. Let's continue to celebrate life together, one first Monday at a time! **By Bernadette**



stretches to keep the pain in the neck away



Neck

King Momo and Queen Mimi at the centre of it all spreading smiles and carnival cheer among the Wise & Wonderful



Bumper housie in session - fun has no age limit!



Crowned in gold and dancing bold, King Momo leads a masquerade of joy and laughter



Getting crafty with care creating



Paddy's tunes had everyone humming along Valentine Strings of joy



**GLIMPSE OF " YOU ARE NOT ALONE" "LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER"  
ORGANIZED BY LEGION OF MARY ALONG WITH  
HOPE & LIFE MOVEMENT & WOMEN'S CELL IN THE DRILL HALL.**





## IT'S QUIZ-TIME

This month as we celebrate the feast of the parents of Mother Mary, let us test our Bible knowledge about the couples in it. Your time starts now - Give the names of the spouse of the following characters. All the best!!

**NO GOOGLE PLEASE, INSTEAD CHECK OUT THE BIBLE!!!**

1. Mahlon
2. Milcah
3. Jacob
4. Esther
5. Elkanah
6. Aquila

(See the last page for answers)

## HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP

The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Our Lady of Victories unit in association with Hinduja Hospital had a free Health check-up camp on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. More than 100 plus people attended and availed of the services. Parameters covered were Height, weight, BMI, Random Blood sugar, Blood pressure, Bone density and Doctor consultation.



## ROSA MYSTICA FEAST

Rosa Mystica Community Celebrated Feast Day with Joy and Fellowship On 13th July 2025, the Rosa Mystica Community gathered in joy and gratitude to celebrate their annual Feast Day, marking a cherished occasion of faith, fellowship, and fun. The celebration began with Opening Prayers, setting a reverent and joyful tone for the evening. Fr. Anthony D'Souza (Parish Priest) graciously blessed all the members of the Rosa Mystica community, invoking God's continued guidance and protection over the community. The evening continued with two lively games, bringing laughter, friendly competition, and a wonderful sense of togetherness among members. A highlight of the evening was an inspiring talk by Fr. Calistus Fernandes and made us aware about our community and how many members are residing and how we can bring everyone along. Charlotte Mathias shared the history of Rosa Mystica and how the community got the name. The celebration concluded with fellowship and a shared sense of unity.

*By Nicholas*





## **CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturdays:** 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 TIMINGS:** Mondays to Fridays: 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 Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Mass Stipend for Sundays & Saturdays 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Masses = Rs. 100/-. Weekdays Mass Stipend = 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 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 for the first child. 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 written permission from Chancellor, Archbishop’s House.

**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 baptised person, Parents Marriage certificate for name of Parents, Gazette Publication for name of the baptised person). Normally, the Parish Priest gives a letter to the Chancellor requesting 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.

**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 o 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

**ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ:**

- 1. Ruth (Ruth 4:10)
- 2. Nahor (Gen 24:20)
- 3. Leah & Rachel (Gen 29)
- 4. Xerxes (Esther)
- 5. Hannah & Phinehas (1 Samuel :1)
- 6. Priscilla (Acts 18:2)

**RESTING IN CHRIST- AS PER OUR PARISH REGISTER**

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
17 July 2025	Belinda Gonsalves	B 1803 Vayu Building Bhagoji Kheer Marg.

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