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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 8TH SEPTEMBER

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

MOTHER MARY IS A MODEL OF
LOVING GOD

- WITH A PURE HEART. *Mary lived all her life free from sin. Mary invites us come back to God and to keep trying to live our life free from sin.*
- WITH AN OPEN HEART. *Mary was always open to the Word of God. Mary invites us to be always open to the Word of God*
- WITH A GENEROUS HEART. *Mary sensed the need of Elizabeth & of the couple at the wedding at Cana. Mary invites us to be sensitive to the needs of others & help the needy*



Devacho mog korunk amkam Maim Maria ek nomunno zaun asa.
NIRMOLL KALLZANT DEVACHO MOG KORUNK. Deva sovem portun ieunk.ani amchem jivit patka meklem jieunk proitn korit ravunk.
UGTTEA KALLZANT DEVACHO MOG KORUNK. Maim Marie bhaxen ami Devachea utrak kallza-monant ugttim ravunk.zai.
UDARPONNI KALLZANT DEVACHO MOG KORUNK. Maim Marie bhaxen ami peleachi goroz parkhunk zai ani gorjevontank adhar diunk zai.

Fr Anthony D'Souza.

YOUTH INAUGURAL MASS & TELE GAMES – JULY 20TH, 2025

The inaugural mass at 9.30 am began with a procession led by the youth. The entire service was enhanced by the active participation of our young enthusiastic parishioners: from serving at the altar- to proclaiming the Word of God. During the Mass, the youth of our parish including the Core Team were individually blessed by Fr. Calistus and Fr. Anthony. Thereafter, the tele-games kicked off with blessings from all three priests-Fr. Calistus, Fr. Anthony, and Fr. Hendrick followed by a short prayer. Organized entirely by our parish youth, the day was nothing short of electrifying! We started off with some classic water games that brought endless laughter, pure joy, and fostered incredible team spirit. The moment the teams were announced, the energy and competitive spirit among our young parishioners soared. The showstopper? The Cup-on-the-Head challenge! It had everyone even those not playing, yelling, cheering and laughing. The game was filled with dramatic reactions, hilarious slips, frustrated teammates and nonstop fun. Some games made us feel like champions, while others humbled us — but the real win? Everyone had a fantastic time. As the afternoon sun took over, we wound down with delicious burgers and icy cold drinks to refresh ourselves. The day came to a close with some spontaneous water fights between the youth and lots of adorable photos, marking a perfect end to Tele-games 2025.

Elizabeth Alphonso



YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY ORGANIZED BY DIOCESAN YOUTH CENTRE

On July 13, 2025- nearly 500 youth from our diocese came together for the DYC Leadership Day! 7 youth from our parish attended this programme. The event started with a prayer by 2 youth & was followed by Praise & Worship led by the band "Staffroom" where music became our language of love with God - pure, powerful & transformative. Thereafter, in unison, we performed some action songs that had hands clapping, feet moving and spirits soaring. DYC Assistant Director Fr. Omar Rodrigues delivered a powerful speech about "Resilience" and "Hope". His words resonated deeply, reminding us that our challenges are not roadblocks but stepping stones to a greater purpose. With spirits still high from the inspiring speech, attention turned to the election of the office bearers and DYC officials. Archbishop John Rodrigues graced us with his presence. His words and presence connected us to the broader mission of the Church. It was truly a profound day of learning!



Raynel Fernandes

YOUTH OUTREACH - 28 JULY, 2025

The youth of our parish along with the Confirmation students had an amazing visit at St. Anthony's home for the aged in Bandra. Our youth along with the members of the old age home had a joyful and a groovy time. Their visit began with a brief introduction of the group by Alisha Pinto the Vice president of the Youth Council, followed by a sing along session where the youth sang some songs along with the divas at the old age home, followed by a dance performance for them. After which, we gathered around in a circle around the divas performing various action songs. We also sang a few hymns along with the young at heart divas of the old age home before leaving, which was truly the highlight of the evening. The calm and serene atmosphere in which God was praised truly stayed with all of us. With lots of love and admiration in their hearts, the youth wished all the Nanas' Happy Parents Day ' and bid farewell to all the sisters there. This was truly an amazing evening where we connected with the members of St. Anthony's home for the aged.

Kate Fernandes



CONFIRMATION OUTREACH TO THE OBSERVATION HOME AT DONGRI FROM THE GIRLS OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Saturday, July 26th, the confirmation class embarked on a meaningful visit to a children's shelter- an orphanage and an observation home. The trip sponsored by a generous donor, was arranged to give us a new experience and an opportunity to understand the lives of children living under different circumstances. The entire class including a few youth, animators, volunteers and Fr. Hendrick set off with excitement.

On reaching the destination we were divided into groups of girls and boys. Our group included all ten girls from our class. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and caretakers. They briefed us about the purpose of each facility. At the observation home, we were introduced to 24 girls who were living there temporarily. The caretakers explained that none of them had committed any crimes; instead, they had all been rescued from unsafe or abusive environments. Hearing their stories and seeing their situation first-hand, made us realize how children, the same age as us, face hardships through no fault of their own. The staff members told us about the efforts made to rehabilitate and protect these girls, giving them safety, education and emotional support.

We spent the day interacting with the girls, sharing conversations and playing games with them. Many of them were shy at first but slowly opened up, smiling and laughing as we danced together. We then shared the snacks that we brought for them and helped with small activities, while others sang to entertain. We even got a tour of the place. The children's home was once a famous prison which held freedom fighters such as Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Veer Savarkar captive. While the visit had its lighter moments like the games and sightseeing, what struck us the most was the resilience and warmth the girls showed despite their hardships.

Overall, the visit was not only an educational experience but also a deeply emotional one. It taught us empathy, gratitude, and the importance of kindness. Meeting these girls reminded us how much difference a safe environment and caring people can make. *Lysanne Fernandes*

FROM THE BOYS OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

Children are not born criminals. Often, it is the unfortunate circumstances that lead them down the wrong path. However, this does not mean they cannot return to the right one. A nurturing and supportive environment can foster change. Dongri Juvenile Home, also known as the Umerkhadi Observation Home, is one such place.

As part of a special outreach initiative, the confirmation children were given the opportunity to visit this juvenile home and interact with inmates through a series of fun and engaging games. A generous donor arranged transportation, and the confirmation class along with youth members, animators, and Fr. Hendrick, arrived at the gates of the facility with one shared goal — to bring a smile to a child's face.

The group was divided into groups of boys and girls with the confirmation boys, youth and animators taking responsibility for organizing activities for boys. The participants were divided into four teams for a series of exciting games in which the inmates participated with enthusiasm.

During the one-hour session, the boys were also treated to a piece of cake. Each child displayed a unique personality — some were friendly, others inquisitive, and many deeply engaged in the games. After the session, the confirmation boys and girls were offered snacks and given a tour of the facility. They saw the dining areas, the basketball court, and even visited the historical sections — including the space where Lokmanya Tilak was once imprisoned and where many freedom fighters were martyred. *Ethan Luis*

THE EXPERIENCES SHARED BY CONFIRMATION CLASS 25-26:

“Our visit to Dongri Children's observation home was truly memorable. We sang songs, danced and played exciting games with the children. We also explored the area and learned about the lives of our freedom fighters. It was a beautiful and heart-warming experience.” *Swizel Fernandes*

“It was a wonderful experience to witness the joy and smile on the faces of the children.” *Lyra Fernandes*

“The experience reminded us that these children also have stories, dreams and a real chance to turn things around if we give them our love and support.” *Felisha Rodrigues*

“It was fun organizing the games for them, I never thought I'd get a chance to experience something like this. Overall, I had a great time.” *Trishelle Fernandes*

"The Dongri Children's home experience is a memory I'll never forget. The children were incredibly enthusiastic and happy to see us. We all learnt a lot."

Shania Rodrigues

"I'll never forget the girl I met there. She was so kind and shared how happy she was that we had come to meet her. In the end, she gave me a hug and said that she'd miss me. But we had to say goodbye."

Selina Gudioho

"We were all very happy to interact with the children, and they were happy as well. It also made me realise how blessed I am to be in a loving family."

Candace Nunes

"At first, I was a bit nervous to see how they would be like, but they were very kind. it was a very good experience to get to know their way of living."

Nian Da Costa

"The visit was an eye-opener. It reminded us of how truly blessed we are and of the importance of praying for and supporting those who have lost their way. More importantly, it emphasized that every child deserves love, hope, and a second chance."

Joel

"This experience helped us connect with the boys at the home and offer them a moment of joy, support, and solidarity."

Raphael

"After the visit, I felt privileged to have a family by my side, a good education and a good life."

Nathan

"It was a learning experience and it was very fun interacting with the boys."

Adam

"Overall, it was a unique experience. It helped us to connect with those who deserved a second chance in life and view the world in their shoes."

Ethan

"A valuable experience and something worth remembering from time to time."

Edsel

"It was quite an interesting trip. We got to interact with the boys of the home and experience their daily life."

Clayton

"Enjoyable and interesting, would love to visit the boys again."

Baptist

"The boys were very cooperative and the staff was very amiable. A pretty fun experience."

Keenan



MY EXPERIENCE AT THE PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION AT VICTORIA PARISH

This year's Parents' Day celebration at Victoria Parish was truly heart-warming and unforgettable. As a parent, it was a moment of pride and emotion to see our children express their love, gratitude, and respect in such a beautiful and meaningful way. The program was filled with touching performances — from dances to short skits — all put together with great effort and sincerity. What made it more special was the way the children conveyed their

feelings with such innocence and joy. It reminded me how deeply our children observe and value the little things we do for them each day. The prayer service at the beginning set the tone for a day filled with blessings and togetherness. The parish team and volunteers did a wonderful job organizing everything with such warmth and thoughtfulness. As I sat among fellow parents, smiling through happy tears, I felt a strong sense of community and gratitude. It was more than just a celebration — it was a reminder of the sacred responsibility we carry as parents, and the unconditional love we share with our children. Thank you, Victoria Parish, for making us feel so loved and appreciated. This day will remain etched in my heart.

Sonia

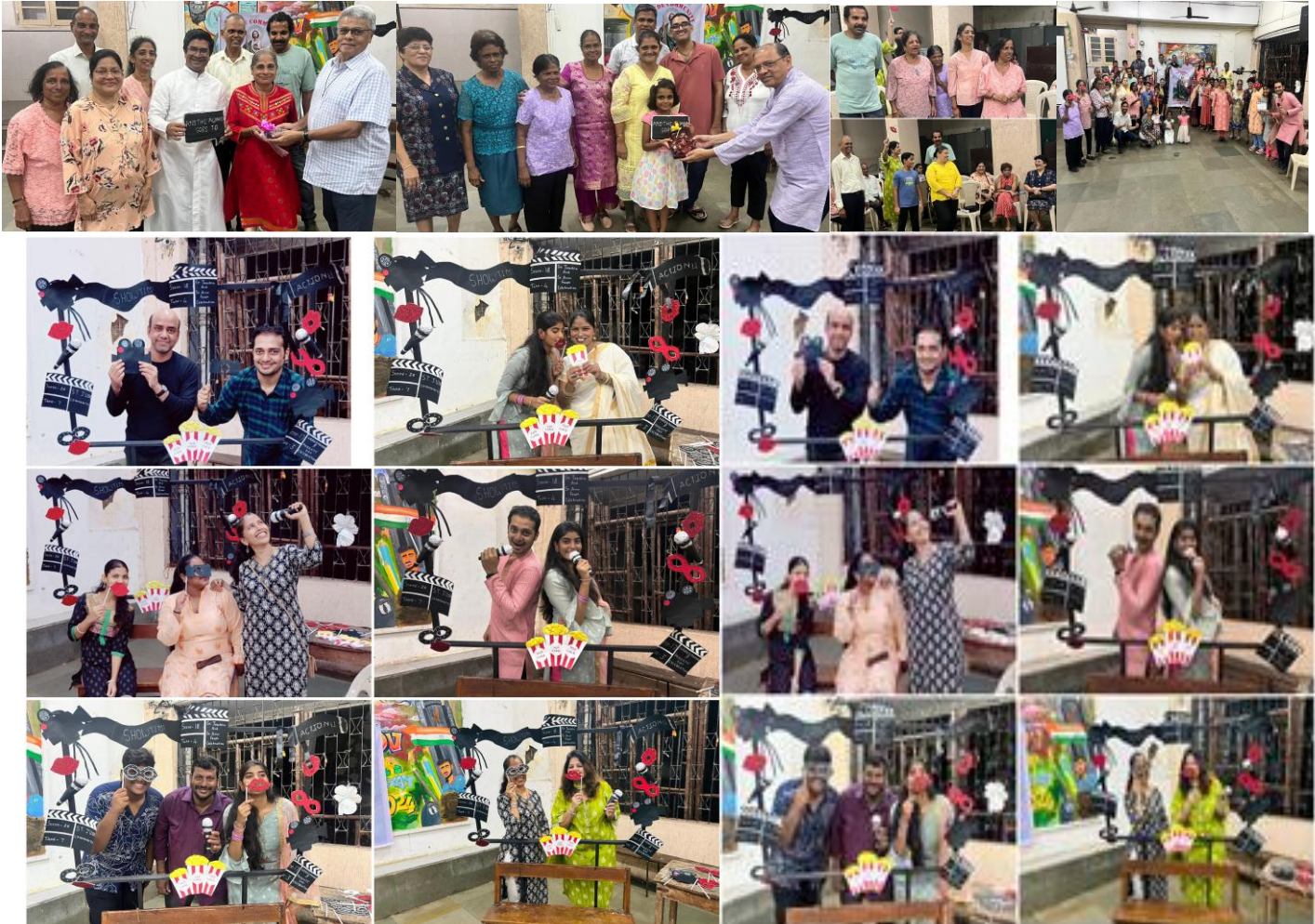


SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF OUR PARISH



ST. JUDE COMMUNITY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

To honour and express our heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable role that parents and grandparents play in our lives, our community came together to celebrate Parents and Grandparents Day with a Bollywood Theme – Indian Attire on 26th July 2025, at Victoria High School, Drill Hall. The program began with a warm welcome by the host, followed by a prayer led by Fr. Hendrick. The celebration was filled with joy and enthusiasm as children and elders of the community joined together in dance performances. Groups were also formed to play interactive games, and gifts were distributed to the winners, adding a spirit of fun and camaraderie. A special Bollywood themed selfie point was set up, encouraging everyone to capture beautiful memories of the day. The event was a resounding success, celebrating the importance of family bonds across generations. As a thoughtful gesture, the very next day, small tokens of love were delivered to the homebound grandparents in our community who couldn't attend. The celebration emphasized the importance of respecting, cherishing, and honouring the pillars of our households — our parents and grandparents. Moving forward, such meaningful events will continue to be an integral part of our annual community calendar. *Selina Godinho*





PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY

On Saturday, 26th July, our core group members and youth went around visiting families in our **Holy Spirit Community** to celebrate Parents and Grandparents Day. They visited each family with a small gift, shared a prayer and offered heartfelt wishes – a simple way to show our love and gratitude for all they are and all they do.

Vianca Dias



PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS COMMUNITY

We, **Mary Help of Christians Community** celebrated Grandparents Day on Sunday 27th July. The event commenced at 4.15 p.m. which was held near Vailankanni Chapel. 18 grandparents participated. We began with

prayer & poem said by grandchildren, few words were spoken by SCC coordinator Diana. Then played “Passing the Parcel”, served snacks & then we played housie. Fr Calistus spoke few words & blessed all who were gathered. Then 3 grandparents spoke few words, thanked the organisers, said a prayer & blessed all the youngsters. We gave them a memorable token of love as return gift. Some grandparents were bedridden/sick and couldn’t participate. We wined up at 6.20 p.m. thereafter some animators visited sick grandparents at their residence to greet, talk to them, give them the gifts and pray for them.

Diana



PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES COMMUNITY

Just as the monsoon breathes fresh life into our city, it was equally heartening to see that the same spirit reflected in **Our Lady of Lourdes Community** Parents & Grandparents Day celebration. We had an overwhelming turnout of 45 members, which truly showcases the pulse and passion that defines our community! Together, we prayed as a family, enjoyed sing-along, played housie, and shared a meal. The joy on the faces of those who won the humble housie prizes was truly contagious!

Belita





PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR COMMUNITY

During Parents' and Grandparents' week, youth of **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Community** took the initiative to spread love and appreciation by visiting families and presenting thoughtful gifts. The parents and grandparents were overwhelmed with joy and gratitude, touched by the young generation's kind gesture. Their faces lit up with smiles as they felt seen, valued, and celebrated. This heart-warming event not only strengthened family bonds but also showcased the youth's compassion and empathy. Kudos to our young changemakers!

Ethan



PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

The youth of **St Joseph's Community**, celebrated Grandparents Day on Sunday 27th July with the elderly of their community. With grandparents who might not have anyone to wish them, and often nobody to sit and share a cup of tea with them on a Sunday, visiting their homes, they gave each a small gift bag with a Grandparents Day card and a message addressed to them, as well as some flowers and sweets! What made the visits really special was they were not just deliveries, the youth made it a point to spend a little time with each and every one of them, to remind them of their importance to the community and to hear about how they are doing. As Pope Francis said in his 2022 message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The youth were witness to their fruits of wisdom and tenderness, encounters that both they and the grandparents will cherish deeply. *Caroline Bhavnani*



CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY celebrated Grandparents Day on 26th July. 8 Grandparents met at Kings Corner at a senior most Grandparent's home. We started with prayers, a hand-made flower was given, snacks were served. The Grandparents then spoke a few words about their grand-children. Sr. Juliet and Fr. Calistus were also present. A gift was given in the end. The core team visited the homes of other grandparents who were not able to come and gave them gifts. *Angela*



Grandparents and Parents Day was celebrated by **HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY** on 26th July at 5:30 p.m. near our wadi cross organised by Coordinators Mary and Betty. We started with the Rosary, then snacks were served. Fr. Calistus and Sr. Sheila were also present. Personal experiences were shared by few Grandparents. A small gift was given to everyone by Fr. Calistus. Sr. Sheila visited few houses of those who could not make it with gifts. *Mary*



ROSA MYSTICA COMMUNITY, celebrated Grandparents Day by visiting the grandparents in the community. We spent some time with them, said a short prayer and gave them a small gift. Overall, a truly wonderful experience. *Michelle D'Souza Alvares*



The **LEGION OF MARY** members had the joy of celebrating Grandparents' Day in two lovely communities at 5 Houses. With handmade cards, roses, prayers, singing songs and lots of love we spent a beautiful time with the elderly—sharing smiles, stories, and warm fellowship. It was a day full of gratitude, laughter, and special memories that we will all cherish!

Brandon Gomes



CELEBRATING PARENTS DAY & THE FEAST OF ST. ANN

We, proud members of St. Ann's Community, joyfully celebrate Parents Day and the Feast of our Patron, St. Ann, each year with great devotion and unity. Our celebration began with 9 days Novena, where all residents from elderly to the little ones, even our non- catholic brothers and sisters --joined in prayer and reflection at the 2nd floor altar of St. Ann's building. Each evening, following the Rosary, we distributed snacks to all participants as a symbol of sharing and love. On, the 10th Day that is on 27th July 2025, we celebrated the Feast Day Mass at 9.30 a.m. with reverence. After Mass, we served tea and coffee to everyone in the building premises. We then visited and honored all Parents and Grandparents, offering them a small token of gratitude for their love and sacrifices. At 3 p.m., the festivities came alive with games, dance performances, fancy dress, and the exciting St. Ann's Talent Contest, where people of all ages showcased their unique gifts. At 8 p.m. we gathered once again for our Main Rosary, followed by distribution of snacks. The day ended on a joyful note with a lively DJ night, where everyone came together to dance and celebrate. We thank and praise God for His blessings and we offer our heartfelt gratitude to St. Ann, our beloved patron, for protecting us and interceding for us always. Thank you, St. Ann, for our prayers and constant presence in our lives. God bless our community.

Dolsie and Celine



CELEBRATING PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNITY



CELEBRATING PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY



CELEBRATING PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DAY AT REGINA PACIS COMMUNITY

On 27th July 2025 Regina Pacis community came together in a beautiful celebration of love and gratitude for our parents and grandparents. Despite the dreary weather, it was heart-warming to see so many families gathered for the occasion. The highlight of the day was a special Rosary service, where we united in prayer and thanksgiving for blessings on our families. We were especially blessed to have Fr. Calistus with us, who offered a heartfelt blessing for all parents and grandparents present, recognizing their unwavering love, sacrifices, and guidance. It was truly a wonderful day filled with joy, reflection, and community spirit. We are grateful to everyone who joined us, making it a day to remember.

Ermine



CELEBRATING PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DAY AT DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY



CANTEEN ORGANIZED BY FAMILY CELL ON 10TH AUGUST 2025



VIANNEY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHURCH



VIANNEY DAY CELEBRATIONS BY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL





FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY OF LOURDES COMMUNITY





FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS COMMUNITY



FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN ST. ANN COMMUNITY



FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY



FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN REGINA PACIS COMMUNITY



FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



TREE PLANTATION DRIVE ORGANIZED BY BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA PARISH UNIT

On 17th August 2025, Our Lady of Victories Mahim BCS unit had a tree plantation drive and over 200 saplings were distributed free of cost and 18 saplings were planted in our Church compound. We thank our Clergy Team Fr Anthony, Fr Calistus and Fr Hendrick for their presence and blessings. We had lots of beautiful plants distributed to beautiful people and we thank all our parishioners for being present in large numbers. God bless all. **Bento Lobo**







CELEBRATING PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DAY IN ST PATRICK COMMUNITY

On 17th August 2025 we joyfully celebrated Parents' and Grandparents' Day, along with the Rite of Acceptance for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates. The morning was filled with energy and togetherness. Everyone joined in an action dance, followed by fun games with exciting prizes. Snacks, cold drinks, and lunch was served and each parent and grandparent were lovingly presented with a special gift. Despite the heavy rain outside, we shared a cosy, joy-filled morning of fellowship. Fr. Calistus gave us an encouraging talk, gently reminding those who have not been attending regularly of the importance of being present. He said you can't reach heaven except through your neighbour's house. We were also blessed with the presence of Fr. Hendrick, whose cheerful spirit added to the celebration.

Bernadette





VICTORIES TREK 2025 – KORAIGAD (LONAVALA)

The Victories Trek 2025 was a day filled with adventure, and togetherness. Our journey began at 5:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victories Church, where we started with a prayer, asking for safety and blessings over the day ahead. With cheerful spirits, we set off and soon stopped for a hearty breakfast and some hot tea that gave us the perfect start. We reached the base camp and at 11:28 a.m., began our trek to Koraigad Fort. The path was surrounded by lush greenery, stone steps, and refreshing cool winds that kept us going. Walking together through nature’s beauty made the climb enjoyable, even when it felt a little challenging. Along the way, laughter, chatter, and encouragement lifted everyone’s spirits. Reaching the fort top was a rewarding experience. The ancient wooden gate, vast open spaces, and hidden reservoirs of fresh water gave us a glimpse into history. The fort, covered in fresh green grass glistening with dew, felt peaceful and alive. Exploring the caves and looking out at the breath-taking views made us pause in awe. At the peak, we gathered as one group to sing the National Anthem by the flag point along with other visitors. It was a proud and uniting moment. At 2 p.m., we began our descent, with laughter and good memories. A delicious lunch awaited us, and sharing it together felt like the perfect way to end the day. The trek was more than just a walk to the top, it was a chance to bond, to enjoy nature at its best, & to grow together as a youth community. A heartfelt thanks to the animators, organizers and guides who made it possible. Truly, it was an unforgettable experience, & one that has left us all eagerly looking forward to the next trek!

Alisha



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS IN HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS IN ST JUDE COMMUNITY



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS IN ROSA MYSTICA COMMUNITY



YOUTH MASS IN OUR CHURCH

On Sunday morning, 31st August, the youth of Lady of Victories came together for their Youth Mass at 9:30 a.m. Over 60 young people participated, making it a beautiful time of spiritual formation and worship. After Mass, the celebration continued with a joyful time of fellowship, bringing everyone together as one community. The gathering featured a lively game of housie with exciting gifts, along with a coffee and sandwich sale. It was truly a memorable morning, filled with prayer, joy, and togetherness!

Alisha Pinto



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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 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

RESTING IN CHRIST – FUNERALS HELD IN OUR CHURCH

FUNERAL DATE	NAME	RELATIONSHIP
3 Aug 2025	Alex Fernandes	Son of Antonio Fernandes
5 Aug 2025	Venancio John Britto	Son of Xavier Britto
2 September 2025	George D'Souza	Son of John D'Souza
5 September 2025	Victor John Chettiar	Son of Irudayaraj

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