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ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, VAKOLA

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The 1st of June reminds us all of the beginning of a new academic year. The few or many who did get the opportunity to go for a vacation will have returned. The school students will be ready for yet another year of education. The cycle begins anew. For us at the parish, our prime focus is the celebration of the parish feast of our patron saint, St. Anthony.

There is a team which has taken up the various responsibilities, in connection with the feast celebrations:

- a) The English, Konkani, Marathi novena mass and sermons from 10th to the 14th of June.
- b) The Gospel band helping us in our spiritual upliftment, taking place on 11th June.
- c) The night vigil to offer our parish community prayer, scheduled on 14th June
- d) The Family entertainment programme on 8th June
- e) The Musical Bands Nite on 9th June
- f) The Tonian fair on 15th June
- g) The Talent show – cum – DJ Nite on 16th June

I am sure that such meaningful and enjoyable events will portray our parish as a “happening parish”.

I take this opportunity to thank all the parish council members, who have served us for the 3-year term of 2016 to 2019. They were a dedicated set of our parishioners who, in their own way, contributed to making the parish active, vibrant and alive. In these 3 years, I sense that they must have had the opportunity to exercise their leadership and to build up the parish community. And they achieved this through many programmes and events right through the years. The new Council takes over and it has quite a few members from the old council. Surely, we all look forward to yet another term of the parish council (2019 – 2022), taking on its role of being a Collaborative – Participative – Communitarian Church.

My gratitude goes to the priests of the parish team, a gifted team and I thank the Lord for my priest collaborators. My appreciation goes out to all the religious sisters of the five convents for their involvement in our parish programmes and in our 40 communities. We place on record our thanks to the school personnel for the efforts in educating our children. The school with its renovations and 'comfort-level additions' will enable the teachers to perform in a better manner.

The last academic year has seen a lot of activities for the children, youth, parents and senior citizens. The Parish Finance Committee, the SCC animators, the Parish Cells and Associations, the departments of the worship, spiritual pastoral, welfare and administrative sections need to be applauded for their interactions and valuable contributions in pastoral enhancement. The Sunday school (Faith Academy) and the Community Centre (Asha Kiran) deserve praise for their valuable contributions. This year, in addition to the Physiotherapy centre, we inaugurated the Counseling Centre; one more pastoral activity co-ordinated by the Community Centre, which celebrated its silver jubilee.

We are grateful to Br. Frankie, who was with us for a year and made special efforts to start the Harmony Club, which gave the opportunity to our children and youth to learn several musical instruments. Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in as their tutors.

Some colourful contributions came from the children's parliament, the many outings of the delighted senior citizens, the enriching sessions for the Lenten missions, the grand musical of 'Joseph and the multi-coloured dream-coat', the many Artists of the month stage presentations, the Music and Theatre ministry's performances etc. We cannot forget the faithful parishioners, always behind the scene; whether it is ushers, or the choirs, the liturgical team, the money-counting personnel, the Eucharistic ministers, the church office staff, the bulletin team, etc. To all of them, my gratitude.

My greetings and prayerful wishes to one and all. May St. Anthony, our patron saint intercede for us.

God bless you.

Fr. Felix D'Souza



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Savita from St. Charles convent for all the services she has rendered to our parish especially the church altar floral arrangements that she has meticulously looked after through the year and imparting faith at Sunday school with creative activities to the Little Angels i.e. the special. We also thank Sr. Josephine for

lending her support to the finance committee through her involvement in the team assigned to count the Sunday collections. Both sisters were actively involved in the SCC project as well. We wish them God's abundant blessings in their new appointments.

Farewell	Welcome
St. Charles Borromeo	
Sr. Savita Lasrado	Sr. Auxilia
	Sr. Jennifer
Queen of Apostles	
Sr. Velencia	Sr. Brevinda
	Sr. Sigrid
Bridgettine	
Sr. Josephine	Sr. Christina
Helpers of Mary	
	Sr. Lima Mary

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PARISH EVENTS

FUN IN THE SUN

From 6th to 12th May 2019, our parish organized the most awaited summer club, Fun in the Sun, for our parish children. It was organized by the PYC (Youvak), like every year. The inauguration of this year's summer club was done by Fr. Savio De Sales.

Everyday we would meet in the church compound from 9 am to 12 pm and then again from 3 pm to 5.30 pm. We were divided in 4 groups and 2 batches (Juniors and Seniors). During the morning session races were conducted along with Mascot making, drawing competitions, maze games and many more fun activities. In the evening, there were water based games which were amazing! The kids enjoyed themselves thoroughly!

Fr. Felix, Fr. Savio and Br. Angel were there to help us and, in fact, even took part in the games along with children.

Towards the end, the members of the green team were declared this year's winners. On the last day, each child was given a participation gift.

On behalf of all the kids, I'd like to thank the parish team and the PYC for giving us such a wonderful time and we will always cherish the beautiful memories of this summer club.

Shonel D'Souza

YOUTH ON A NORTHERN TRAIL

“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps” –Proverbs 6:19

For months, the youth of our parish awaited the trip that would be the crowning jewel of their summer holiday. And finally, on 16th May 2019, 52 overjoyed youth along with Rev. Fr. Savio set out on a trip to the northern states of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.

It is true when they say that it is the youth that are the center of the church. This trip took the youth on a journey far beyond words could explain. From the dipping temperatures in the state of Himachal to the



scorching heat in Amritsar, the youth have never let a single moment of fun out of their sight. This trip has not only taught them the importance of appreciating everything they have, but also taught them that sometimes you just have to take a moment, sit down and appreciate God's work with your friends at your side.

From trekking up the snowy mountains to celebrating the Eucharist on the dew laden grass, the youth have enjoyed every small and big moment alike. From Christ Church in Shimla, via the Tibetan Monastery in Manali, to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the youth learnt that peace is everywhere. The excitement and dedication to make this trip successful shown by Allan Abraham, the Vice President of the Parish Youth Council, is commendable. This trip would not have been possible without the constant support of Fr. Savio, the rock of our youth.

Rhea D'Souza

COMMUNITY NEWS

VISIT TO SHISHU BHAVAN



During this lenten season, we the animators of area 14, thought of doing some charity. After some intense meetings, we decided to visit Shishu Bhavan, a Mother Teresa Orphanage for mentally challenged children in Vile Parle on 9th April 2019.

As we entered the gate, we were cheerfully greeted by one of the nuns. She showed us the rooms where the children were. We saw some children with Cerebral Palsy lie on the mattresses on the floor of a spacious room, while some were seated on chairs. All of them were between 9 to 11 years. This incident really touched our heart.

Despite their physical and health conditions the kids were cheerful and playful. The happiness on their faces was pure.

We were really impressed by the unconditional services rendered by the Missionary Sisters. In our own way, we contributed a few things, which, we guess, has been a drop in the ocean as compared to the unconditional love and service of the Sisters. The feeling expressed by the children touched our hearts.

The incredible patience of the Sisters really inspired us and we pray that God bless them in their endeavours.

Mable Pais

St. Theresa, Little Flower of Jesus Community

THE MOST MEMORABLE PICNIC

There was much enthusiasm when the animators of Parivaar community, area 25, announced a day picnic to Nisarga Farm - Pen, Khopoli. On the bright Sunday morning of 28th April, a bus packed with 57 members of Parivaar community left from St. Charles School to take a break, cool themselves from the summer heat and have a day full of fun and frolic.

The journey began with a short prayer and rosary recited by our spiritual director, Sr. Bernadine. The journey to the resort was an enjoyable one with some exquisite scenery along the way while playing the traditional antakshari, dancing and having snacks. The smiling faces made the journey a befitting beginning to a fun-filled day. The picnic spot was anticipated, group pictures were clicked and delicious breakfast was served on our arrival. Later,

all the members headed towards the pool and enjoyed the thrilling rides and rain dance. The senior citizens too enjoyed swimming in the pool. It was a mind-blowing experience. On seeing the



gola man, we rushed to feast on the different flavors of golas and sherbet flaunting our colourful tongues.

Lunch was a welcome diversion. With, rice, roti, rich vegetables, dal and a chicken dish, it satisfied everyone's palate. After lunch, the senior citizens had a quick nap in their rooms while the others played board games. Later, we all darted towards the river and spent time chatting and taking pictures. After vada pav and tea, we left the resort at 5pm with pleasant memories of a relaxing day spent with each other in the scenic location of Khopoli. Besides relaxation and enjoyment the picnic's aim of building up strong relationship among Parivaar members was achieved.

A big thank you to Sr. Bernadine for joining us and making the picnic a memorable one. Cheers to the animators who organized this outing and helped us bond with each other. After this unforgettable picnic we indeed feel like a "PARIVAAR".

Jovita V D'Souza, Irene D'Souza
Parivaar Community.

PARIVAAR COMMUNITY ROSARY

The month of May has been dedicated to Marian devotion since the 13th century. So, to commemorate this holy month, the animators of Parivaar community (Area 25) organized a Rosary on the 1st of May near the cross at Aaram Society. The prayers

and rosary were recited very devotionally; many members actively took part in the service. The hymns were selected unanimously and everyone participated in singing them. After the rosary,



delicious snacks were served. A game of housie was played. The winners were very excited on receiving the prizes. The evening ended with cheerful laughter and a feeling of togetherness.

Michael D'Souza
Parivaar Community

MOMENTS OF JOYOUS CELEBRATION

Asha Kiran Community Centre of our Parish completed 25 years of service on March 19, 2019. Due to children's exams, we held our celebration on 4th April 2019.



It is a privilege, pleasure and pride to be part of this Community Centre and to work for it. A sapling planted on 19th March 1994 has grown to a huge tree in these 25 years. Many of the people of our Parish have benefited from this Centre. People of other faith have made a living with the assistance of our Staff. Many have come out of their below poverty level state and are making a sincere effort to better the state



of their families. The women who once banked on their husband's income today have their own money and have become independent. Many Domestic Workers have received benefits from the Government Schemes. Families with domestic



problems are now living in a peaceful atmosphere. Women have learnt to save every month due to the Bachat Gats opened by our Staff in different vicinities of our Parish.



The Silver Jubilee Celebration was held in our School Hall on 4th April, 2019 at 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Fr. Lancy Pinto, our Chief Guest spoke highly about the functioning of the Centre and encouraged our women to actively participate in all our activities which were beneficial to them and also to help the other downtrodden to come up in life. He congratulated the Bachat Gat women who have

move. The dignified guests from different NGOs and our own Parishioners, and Religious present were very pleased to view the Video Presentation prepared by Fr. Nasli and Kimberly Pereira which portrayed the work carried out at our Centre.



started their own indigenous businesses with the help of Asha Kiran and who work from home and are earning a good sum and also saving. Fr. Felix

The stage presentation, skit and dances performed by our women and their children, were very educative conveying messages. A crowd of almost 300 people were present. The guests were given special gifts and the crowd in general were given some token of appreciation. Everybody were served snacks. The people went home happy after the programme. Everybody wished our Centre from Silver to turn to Gold.



– *Mary Ranganathan.*

D'Souza, our Manager expressed his gratitude to Sr. Patricia and the Staff for the good works carried out and encouraged us to continue. Fr. Nasli who has been our backbone for the last one year is always with us guiding us and encouraging us in our every





CHILDREN'S CORNER

Here is a challenge for you! There are 10 jumbled words below, each having a deep connection to our patron saint, St. Anthony of Padua. You need to unscramble each word and then in the line given below, tell us what is the relation between St. Anthony and that word!

To make things easier for you, here's a hint: The first letter of each word is placed correctly.

Do send your entries in the parish office by 30th June 2019 to win exciting prizes.

Fraednno

Lbsino

Pdaau

Gegyrro

Frnacsicnas

Drtcoo

Tnugeo

Melaric

Fcarnsi

Uavir

Winners of the word search of the Holy Week Issue of Children's Corner activity. Do collect your prize from the church office

Solomon Gomes

Jovita Dsouza

Arcelia Rodrigues

Diana Lewis

Tresilda Lewis

Phoebe Lobo

Shania Miranda

Angelica Lobo

POPE TWEETS

- ✦ “The word of God is alive” (Hebrews 4:12); it does not die or get old, but remains forever.
- ✦ God proposes Himself, He never imposes Himself; He enlightens us, but never blinds us.
- ✦ If we live like children of God and we let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit, we do good to all creation as well.



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH PPC-SCC 2019-2022

AREA NO	COMMUNITY NAME	PPC REPRESENTATIVE	SCC AREA COORDINATOR
1	Prabhat	Mr Peter Dsouza	Ms Janet Lewis
2	Anandi Christi	Mr Edwin Dsilva	Mr Gregory Godinho
3	Preeti	Mr Agnelo Noronha	Ms Zeeta Eustace
4	Nirmal Hriday	Ms Maria Matos	Ms Monica Froes
5	Roshni Silver Valley	Ms Carmin Mendonca	Ms Sonia Monteiro
6	Ekta	Ms Jacintha Pereira	Ms Elveera Dsouza
7	Surya Kiran	Mr Elais Vaz	Ms Francina Solomon
8	PrathnaSamaj	Mr Maxim Fernandes	Ms Michelle Dsouza
9	Dmello Compound	Mr Denis Castelino	Mr Colin Dsouza
10	Bal Yesu	Mr Agnelo Rodrigues	Ms Cleadra Menezes
11	Asha Prem	Ms Fatima Po	Ms Leena Fernandes
12	Ark / Ujala	Ms Annie Buthello	Ms Ida Lewis
13	Dev Mahima	Ms Fulla Horta	Ms Jacintha Dsouza
14	St Therese Little Flower of Jesus	Mr Melvino Fernandes	Ms Mable Pais
15	Prem Seva	Ms Genevieve Dsouza	Ms Christina Lobo
16	Ekta Samiti	Mr Remedio Dsouza	Ms Bernie Pires
17	Kripa	Mr Andrew Dias	Mr Robert Dmello
18	Navjeevan / Sulochana	Ms Zeena Fernandes	Mr Raymond Dsouza
20	Jeevan Amrit	Ms Flavia Dias	Ms Blossom Fernandes
21	Jeevan Jal	Ms Joaquina Dsouza	Ms Mary Fernandes
22	Ashirwad	Ms Fatima Menezes	Mr Kenneth Pereira

23	Asha Dham	Mr Sebastian Pereira	Mr Mario Dsilva
24	Amulya Prem	Ms Melita Rodrigues	Ms Julian Alphonso
25	Parivaar	Mr Vivian Pereira	Ms Irene Dsouza
26	Samarpan	Mr Jude Dsouza	Ms Valentina Mendonca
27	St Joseph	Ms Diana Dsouza	Ms Aneeta Dsouza
28	Nirmala	Mr GratianDcosta	Ms Lydia Dcosta
29	Mystical Rose / Dev Kripa	Mr Aaron Dsouza	Ms Lucia Dsilva
30	Perna	Mr Kennedy Fernandes	Ms Carol Alexander
31	KristJyot	Ms Rose Tellis	Ms Fermina Dsouza
32	Akansha	Mr Felix Marcus	Ms Dalia Dmello
33	Jeevan Jyot	Mr Douglas Lobo	Ms Mercy Cardoz
34	Amardeep	Ms Rekha Rodrigues	Ms Patricia Rodrigues
35	Jeevan Jyoti	Ms Wenzila Rodrigues	Ms Cecelia Abraham
36	Pratna Parivar	Ms Isabella Alphonso	Ms Naomi Paes
37	Cross Unit	Ms Jessie Pinto	Ms Lydia Dias
38	Roshni / Ujwal	Mr Julius Carvalho	Ms Wendy Dsa
39	Prem Deep	Ms Sharon Dias	Ms Rosy Fernandes
40	Nivedita / Jeevan Datta	Ms Florence Pereira	Ms Jacinta Castelino
42	Dhaan Veer / Dev Ashish	Ms Laura Quadros	Mr Vijay Lewis

SCC Zonal Representative Name	Zone	Priest
Zeeta Eustace & Elveera D'Souza	1	Fr Felix D'Souza & Br Christi Gonsalves
Succourine Fernandes & Connie D'Souza	2	Fr Jude Ferreira
Angela Barnes & Blossom Fernandes	3	Fr Nasli Reporter
Lydia D'costa & Dalia D'mello	4	Fr Joseph Pimenta
Luiza D'Souza & Odette Vaz	5	Fr Savio DeSales

PRIEST PORTFOLIO

Fr. Felix D'Souza - PPC|SCC|BULLETIN | PRAYER GROUP | BCS | USHERS

Fr. Jude Ferreira - BIBLE CELL | FAMILY CELL | PLT | LECTORS | CHOIRS | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr. Nasli Reporter - PRE-BAPTISM|RCIA| ALTAR SERVERS | COMMUNITY CENTRE - CCO

Fr. Joseph Pimenta - HOPE & LIFE MOVEMENT | SVP|CLC (K) (E)

Fr. Savio DeSales - YOUTH | SUNDAY SCHOOL - FHC- CONFIRMATION | SENIOR CITIZENS

Br. Christi Gonsalves - SUNDAY SCHOOL - FHC - CONFIRMATION | ALTAR SERVERS | PRAYER GROUP | COMMUNITY CENTRE -CCO | HARMONY CLUB | CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

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St Charles Convent	Sr Celine Saldanha
St Bridgetines Convent	Sr Gladis Makkil
Queen of Apostles	Sr Jean Athikalam
Sisters of St Anne`s	Sr Jincy Mathew
Community Centre (CCO)	Sr Patricia Dias
SCC Parish Coordinator	Ms Melanie Fernandes
Parish Council of Associations (PCOA)	Mr Rohan Rodrigues
	Ms Andrea Menezes
	Mr Roy Dias
	Mr Mario Dsilva
	Mr William Dsouza
	Mr Joaquim Dsouza



PARISH FEAST PROGRAMME 2019

8 th JUNE	8:00 pm	FAMILY NITE IN SCHOOL HALL WITH ENTRY TICKETS
9 th JUNE	7:30 pm ONWARDS	BANDS NITE ON GROUNDS BY MUSIC AND THEATER MINISTRY
10 th JUNE	7:00 pm	KONKANI MASS AND SERMON
11 th JUNE	7:00 pm	ENGLISH MASS AND SERMON
	7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	GOSPEL BAND
12 th JUNE	7:00 pm	MARATHI MASS AND SERMON
13 th JUNE	7:00 pm	ENGLISH MASS AND SERMON
14 th JUNE	7:00 pm	ENGLISH MASS AND SERMON
	9:00 pm TO MIDNIGHT	NIGHT VIGIL SERVICE
15 th JUNE	7:00 pm	VESPERS
	8:00 pm ONWARDS	TONIAN NITE ON GROUNDS WITH FOOD AND GAMES STALLS
16 th JUNE	10:15am	FEAST MASS
	7:00 pm ONWARDS	ENTERTAINMENT NITE ON GROUNDS WITH TALENTS SHOW AND DJ DANCE