



VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

NOVEMBER 2020

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

FROM THE DESK OF PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners, Devotees and Pilgrims of Our Lady of Velankanni

Indeed the whole of November is a special month as we celebrate the three important commemorations. On 1st November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints followed by All souls day on 2nd November and on 29th November the church enters into the new liturgical year with the beginning of Season of Advent.

We express in our profession of Faith "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

Feast of All Saints: Heaven and earth celebrate the innumerable Saints of the Church of Christ, with glory and praise. This Feast honors all the Saints who rejoice in God, from all parts of the world and in every age. Many of them we know by name, and we honor them throughout the year. However, there are many more that are unknown, and this is why the Church has set aside a special day after Pentecost to honor all Saints, so that they may also be venerated by all. The choice of this particular day is also significant, because it is with the Grace of the Holy Spirit that the Saints were sanctified.

We must be clear on what God is telling us when He says, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 20: 7; 1 Peter 1:16). He is calling us to turn away from the devil and sin, and to live according to the will of God with faith, love, and devotion. It is not for us to say that we will become Saints by our own power. Only God is Holy and whoever is in communion with God and is united with Him will share in this holiness. "I am the LORD who sanctifies you" (Leviticus 20:8). The Grace of God is a gift, and it is in this gift that we can experience sanctification. God's Word assures us: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

Commemoration of All Souls: The tradition of the church is to pray for those who have passed on from this world. This kind of intercession is possible because of the union of all those who belong to Christ, a union that is not broken even by death. "What tremendous love God has for us! What an amazing promise he has made: "As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Losing a loved one is always painful, but experiencing grief during the COVID-19 pandemic is especially difficult. If you lost someone this year, you may not have been able to be present when he or she died. Participation in wakes and funerals has been restricted and many have been unable to mourn in person with family and friends. Therefore, on this All Souls' Day, we especially commemorate those people along with those who died.


As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the worlds. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory."

Advent: The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance. Advent is a time of preparation, waiting and hope. The Advent liturgy resounds with the longing cries of the Hebrew prophets, the voice of Jesus and John the Baptist's preaching that the Lord is near. Advent is a time to get ready and to build up the hope within our hearts for the promised coming of Jesus Christ! We do this by repenting of our sin, renouncing our wrong choices, particularly in this Year of Laudato Si, and emptying ourselves to create a more caring, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world." so that He can come and take up His Residence within us – and within the Church which is His Body.

Focus of the Liturgy: The Gospel readings for the first four Sundays in November 2020 are taken from St. Mathew and are from Year A, Cycle 2. The last Sunday's Gospel is from St. Mark, Year B, and Cycle 1.

November 1st - All Saints	In this Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes
November 8th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	This Gospel relates the parable of the wise and foolish virgins
November 15th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	This Gospel recounts the parable of the talents
November 22nd - Solemnity of Christ the King	Jesus says "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."
November 29th - First Sunday of Advent	In this Gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful because we don't know when the Lord is coming

Let us remember our Saints in Heaven who always intercede for us and at the same time let us remember our beloved departed ones who are gone before us.
May the Lord bless you and may Our Lady of Velankanni intercede for us.


Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
(Parish Priest)

Parish Team:

Parish Priest – Fr. Ravi T. Marneni,

Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Rajkumar Madri, HGN

Sisters of St. Ann:

Sr. Fatima

Sr. Teresa Elamthuruthyl

Parish Office Timings:

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: Closed.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donation & Mass Offering:

At donation stall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Book stall:

Monday to Thursday:

2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. FRIDAY HOLIDAY.

Saturday: 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Mass Timings / Schedule:

Saturday (Novena):

6.30 a.m. English

8.00 a.m. Tamil

2.30 p.m. Marathi

3.30 p.m. Marathi

4.30 p.m. Konkani

6.30 p.m. English

Sunday:

7.00 a.m. English – Parish Mass

9.00 a.m. English – Children's Mass

6.30 p.m. English – Youth Mass

Weekdays:

6.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. (English)

Baptism:

Sunday during 9 a.m. Mass.

Confessions:

Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

or on request

Sick calls:

Anytime on request.

SCC animators / PPC member /

Eucharistic Minister to be informed.

Funeral:

To inform Parish Priest or

SCC Animators.

Sunday school:

7.45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: WE PRAY THAT THE PROGRESS OF ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MAY ALWAYS SERVE HUMANKIND.

Please Continue to Recite the Prayer for the Control of Coronavirus

Almighty and merciful God, who show your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for healing of those who are affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found. We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED: THE GRAND GAME NITE, an Online Fun Evening

This one's for you dear parishioners: Young and Old. It's time to get together- come together ONLINE as we celebrate togetherness and love on Saturday, 14th November 2020, 8 pm onwards.

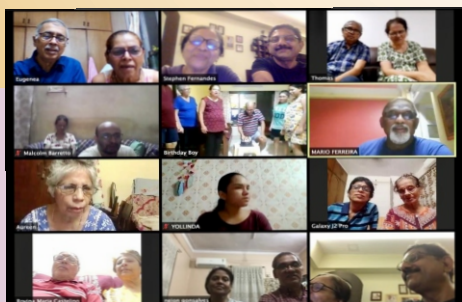
Get ready to enjoy an evening of games and fun online. All you have to do – let your hair down, slide in your party wear and raise your spirits high.

Log-in details will follow soon; your SCC animators will share it with you in your community WhatsApp groups.

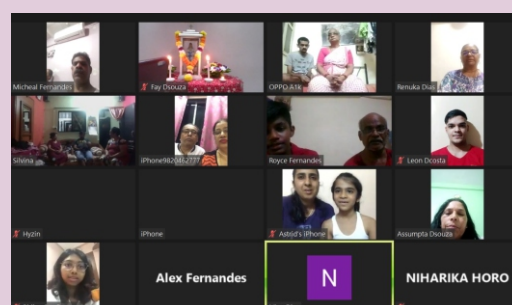
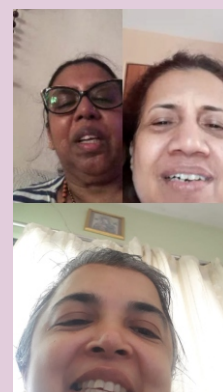
FEAST OF THE OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: COMMUNITY-WISE ROSARY

On October 7, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in honour of the Blessed Mother. October was also the month in which Mary appeared for the last time to shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, urging them to "say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

In celebration, our small Christian Communities held Rosary gatherings on video calls via Zoom and other application.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Pray for us!



MISSION ROSARY: SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Pope Francis released his annual message for World Mission Sunday 2020 on Pentecost Sunday. Its theme is taken from Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8).

On Mission Sunday, every year our parish puts up Mission Stall and does a box collection to collect some contribution and send it to the mission. This year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we weren't able to do something big.

However, our children from parish got together with their family to pray the rosary with special Mission Intentions. Our Sunday School Team decided to conduct this activity called the World Mission Rosary. The aim of this activity was to make the children pray along with their family - A family that prays together stays together.

Along with that, they were asked to also pray for all the missionaries who are helping spread the Gospel around the world. They were also asked to pray for our Parish fathers who all belong to PIME which is Congregation who work in the missions around the world.

This was one of their spiritual activity/assignment for their Online Sunday School Class.

Here are some of the photos:

-Sunday School Team



DIVINE MERCY APOSTALATE

Let us reflect on God's Mercy and what He told St. Faustina, My daughter, do you think that you have written enough about My Mercy?. What you have written is but a drop compared to the ocean. I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My Mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted - it increases. The soul that trusts in My Mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it (Diary 1273).

Mercy is love that seeks to forgive, console, assist and care for others in time of need. Mercy is an act of love done without expecting anything in return; it is done for love itself.

One of the other promises, is that the soul that prays the chaplet of Divine Mercy will not have a sudden death.

The Pandemic has stirred up all nations around the world to pray for those who are suffering from the Corona Virus.

We from our parish, i. e. Vera Sequeira, Pauline Dmello, Benny D'Sa, Herbert Coates and myself are praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy since the beginning of the Pandemic at 3 p.m. We would encourage others to form similar groups and pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at any convenient time. Every Sunday, all the parishes of the Central Suburbs Deanery join in the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

God told St. Faustina that He is ready to grant graces to souls, but few are willing to accept them. My Heart overflows with great Mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My heart as from a fount overflowing with Mercy.

Can we love God without forgiving, loving and being merciful to our neighbour? Scripture is clear on this, "If anyone says, 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar, for whoever does not love his brother whom he can see, cannot love God whom he has not seen".

-Blossom Coates.

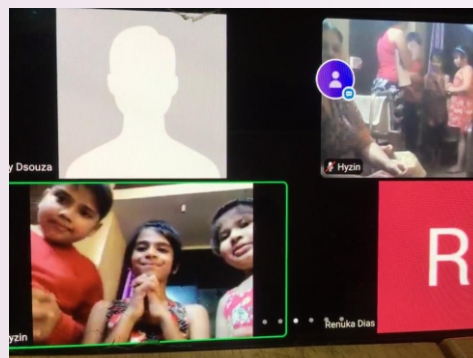
COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

The month of October is dedicated to our Beloved Mother. The more we pray for Her intercession, the less it is, and our love for Her knows no bounds.

We the community of St John Bosco, Up Pakhadi wanted to continue showering our love and devotion to our Blessed Mama Mary. Thus every evening at 8pm this entire month of October we connect online and recite the Holy Rosary. Each day is dedicated to the intentions of each of our family. The family concerned conducts the Rosary for the day. We end the Rosary with the family prayer and hymn.

Trying to make the best of the current situation and restrictions this is our small attempt towards building our community in faith.

-Fay D'Souza



PRICELESS BEADS – THE CROWN OF ROSES

October 2020, the month in the Pandemic; most of us were challenged physically, mentally and emotionally. During that time, we Anthonians pondered on the words of St. Dominic, 'one day through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world'.

Even Pope John XXIII emphasized that the Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the Nation & the entire World. A Rosary said together is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, as it is an Army attacking him. What more does the world want right now? Yes! It wants the world to be saved from the Covid-19 virus.

October as we all know is the month of the Rosary in the Catholic calendar, it was always a special month also for every Anthonian, as we would honour this observance with the statue of Our Mother Mary visiting every home in the Community and all our members would gather there as a Family. This annual celebration of ours, having a decade-long origin in our St. Anthony's community, strengthens our Catholic identity and unites us as one mission & faith Community.

Our journey in Faith was not let down by this pandemic. Due to the restrictions we could not do it physically so we decided to do it virtually. We went on a virtual Marian pilgrimage by visiting and praying to 31 different apparitions of Our Lady. Many families from the community joined in virtually at 8.00pm.

The elderly who had difficulty in joining in, were taught the procedure involved and it was a joy to see them be a part of the Community Rosary, every day.

During the Rosary, each day we prayed not only for different intentions but more importantly for every Family in our Community calling on our Mother Mary to intercede for their intentions. As the decades of the Rosary were prayed with great fervour, every mystery was reflected on and the virtues it taught were meditated upon.

As St. Louis de Montfort says, when the Rosary is prayed devoutly, we place a Crown of 153 white roses & 16 red roses upon the Head of Jesus & Mary. Being Heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty. Praying the Rosary, gives Jesus & Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.

The reflections would draw us deeper into the hearts of Jesus & Mary and when we meditated on the Scriptures, the deepest part of our hearts began to surface. We sang Marian praises & hymns with great joy after the Rosary, daily.

October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and also referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary after it was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks, crediting the victory over the invading Turks to the intercession of Mary through the Rosary. We prayed the intercessory Rosary dedicating each Hail Mary for a different intention, thereby praying for 50 intentions.

During the course of the Rosary, some days were specially allotted for the intercessory prayers for the crisis caused by the Covid-19 virus, believing that our Mother would intercede for us and God would bend his ear to our cries.

On 18th October-World Mission Day we dedicated the Rosary for missionaries all over the world, for our Holy Father Pope Francis-our foremost missionary of the Church, not forgetting our very own P.I.M.E. missionary Fathers for carrying on the missionary work of the Church, spreading the Good News, responding to Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and share His Love.

Some joyful moments included praying for our Community members celebrating their Birthdays not only in October but other months also.

Finally, to celebrate our togetherness on 31st October, after praying for another 50 intentions through the intercessory Rosary, we had a virtual get-together with Community members joining in the singing & playing the game of Housie. Attractive gifts sponsored by the members themselves, were given away as prizes.

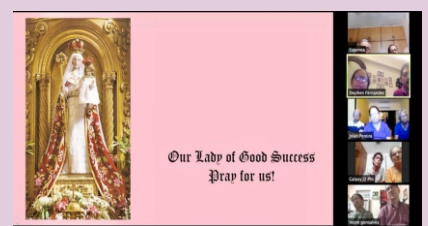
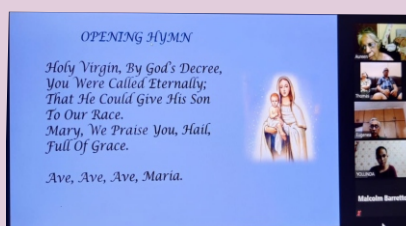
Our Annual Rosary for the year is now over, but the graces that have flowed throughout the month will surely fill us until next October. But this feeling of unity has made us decide to join at least over the weekend, in the following months, to come together online and to continue to recite the rosary.

Until then, as Fr. John Hardon-S.J. says, 'I am pleading with you to become apostles of the Rosary. Promote, urge, teach the Rosary. Shall I say, ADVERTISE the Rosary.' Coz it is through the Rosary that we can bring countless souls back to Christ from whom they have strayed, through the mediation of His Mother.

Our Lady of the Rosary.

Pray for us!

-Animators of St. Anthony's Community





OUR 'DIGITAL' MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

When people hear the word "pilgrimage," many think of far-off destinations, such as Lourdes, Fatima, or Velankanni. Today, in the digital era, we have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage without ever leaving our hometown. Our Marian pilgrimage was spontaneously planned and dedicated to mother Mary during the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Mary our mother is known by many different titles, epithets, invocations and names associated with places. Are we really aware of these many titles? This was the overarching intention – not only come together to pray but also to get to know more about Mary, Mother of God.

-Animators of St. Anthony's Community

St. Anthony's Community Digital Marian Pilgrimage				Mary, Mother of God (1 Oct)	Our Lady of Fatima (2 Oct)	Mary of Nazareth (3 Oct)
Our Lady of the Sea (4 Oct)	Our Lady of Lourdes (5 Oct)	Our Lady of La Salette (6 Oct)	Our Lady of the Rosary (7 Oct)	Our Lady of Knock (8 Oct)	Our Lady of Candelaria (9 Oct)	Our Lady of Loreto (10 Oct)
Our Lady of Snow (11 Oct)	Our Lady of Aparecida (12 Oct)	Our Lady of Good Success (13 Oct)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help (14 Oct)	Our Lady of Guadalupe (15 Oct)	Our Lady of Peace (16 Oct)	Our Lady of the Pillar (17 Oct)
Our Lady of Walsingham (18 Oct)	Our Lady of Consolation (19 Oct)	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (20 Oct)	Our Lady of La Vang (21 Oct)	Our Lady of Akita (22 Oct)	Our Lady of Coromoto (23 Oct)	Our Lady of Mercy (24 Oct)
Our Lady of Good Remedy (25 Oct)	Our Lady of Ransom, Vallarpadam (26 Oct)	Our Lady of Medjugorje (27 Oct)	Our Lady of China (28 Oct)	Our Lady of Penafrancia (29 Oct)	Our Lady of Africa (30 Oct)	Our Lady of Good Health of Velankanni (31 Oct)

Death: 28.10.2020 Mrs. Mary Nazareth - St. Paul's Community, Lallubhai Park.

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