



VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

**JUNE
2021**

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

FROM THE DESK OF PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners, Devotees and Pilgrims of Our Lady of Velankanni,

Following Pentecost, the Church begins her slow descent from the great peaks of the Easter Season to the verdant pastures of Ordinary Time, the longest of the liturgical seasons. The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 11) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 12) reveal to us God's Love which is present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament and it is the human manifestation of God's Love for Human race.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is much older. The beginnings of a devotion of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus are found in the fathers of the Church, including Origen, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Hippolytus of Rome, St. Irenaeus, St. Justin Martyr, and St. Cyprian. In the 11th century, this devotion found a renewal in the writings of Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. In the 13th century, the Franciscan St. Bonaventure's work "With You is the Source of Life" (which is the reading for the Divine Office on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart) began to point to the heart as the fountain from which God's love poured into our lives. Also in the 13th century, there was the "Vitis Mystica" (the mystical vine) a lengthy devotional to Jesus, which vividly describes the "Sacred Heart" of Jesus as the font and fullness of love poured into the world. This work is anonymous, but most often attributed to St. Bonaventure.

Devotion to the Heart of Mary began in the Middle Ages with Anselm of Canterbury, and Bernard of Clairvaux. It was, however, Saint John Eudes (d. 1681) who propagated the devotion, to make it public, and to have a feast celebrated in honor of the Heart of Mary, first at Autun in 1648 and afterwards in a number of French dioceses.

In Chapter 2 of St. Luke's gospel, the evangelist twice reports that Mary kept all things in her heart, that there she might ponder over them. Luke 2:35 recounts the prophecy of Simeon that her heart would be pierced with a sword. This image (the pierced heart) is the most popular representation of the Immaculate Heart. St. John's Gospel further invites attention to Mary's heart with its depiction of Mary at the foot of the cross at Jesus' crucifixion. St. Augustine said of this that Mary was not merely passive at the foot of the cross; "she cooperated through charity in the work of our redemption".

Focus of the Liturgy: The readings for the Sundays in June 2021, are taken from St. Mark and are from Year B, Cycle 1.

June 6th - Corpus Christi	This Gospel recounts the events of the Last Supper when Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood.
June 13th - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed.
June 20th - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	The Gospel is about Jesus asleep on the boat being awakened and calming the storm because of the apostles' fear.
June 27th - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead.

Dear Parishioners, we are witnessing in this second surge of Covid-19 how our every day life has become pathetic and pitiable especially the situation in the world and in our country particularly due to the skyrocketing positive cases of coronavirus which is inflicting whole humanity. Many people are dying and even many priests, nuns have died; it is a mind - numbing figure. Prayer and care are both the strong instruments we have in our hand to reach out and make and effort for the eradication of this pandemic. Our Mother India has faced a tsunami of suffering during the past two months with so many lives being lost. COVID-19 infections are still rising and there are troubling signs of new waves of infections and diseases. Let us trust and address our prayers and supplications to the most Sacred heart of Jesus to turn His eyes of mercy and compassion on us and free us from this dreadful pandemic.

St. Edith Stein says, "This is a serious warning cry: Surrender without reservation to the Lord who has called us. This is required of us so that the face of the earth may be renewed."

Let us entrust and consecrate whole Humanity to Sacred Heart of Jesus and to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God bless you all!

**Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
(Parish Priest)**

Parish Team:

Parish Priest – Fr. Ravi T. Marneni,
P.I.M.E

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 JUNE 2021

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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 an efficacious control of the outbreak, for healing of those who are affected, for the victims and their families. We thank you for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe And have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

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

BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA (IRLA UNIT) REACHES OUT

Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit distributed 30 - 35 food packets every afternoon to the needy persons between Andheri East (Bahar Talkies, Canossa Convent, etc), Andheri West (ICICI Bank, Cooper Hospital, D.N. Nagar, Yari Road, Manish Nagar), Vile Parle Station, Mahim, etc. This project was started from 3rd of May. Special thanks to Berein for distribution of food packets received through a donor.



BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA (IRLA UNIT) RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION

Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit distributed 26 Ration Kits to needy families donated by Reuben Mascarenhas, a parishioner through "Khana Chahiye".

We started with a prayer by Fr. Ravi, Parish Priest, who thanked the donors and prayed for the well-being of all the parishioners. He also thanked the Bombay Catholic Sabha for their work during the Pandemic especially distribution of food to the downtrodden. He prayed for their safety.

Mr. Allan Coutinho from Bharat Uttan Sangh also attended.

We thank Fr. Ravi for his great support in our work.

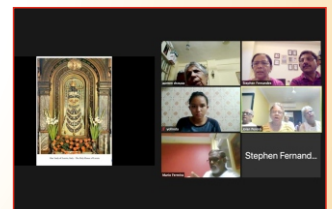
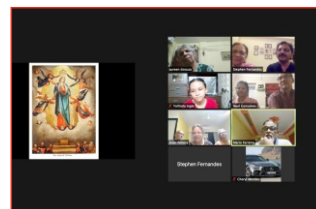
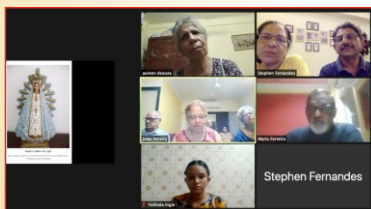
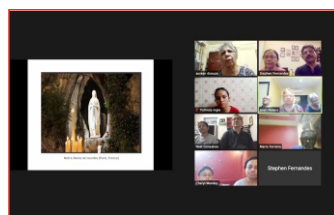
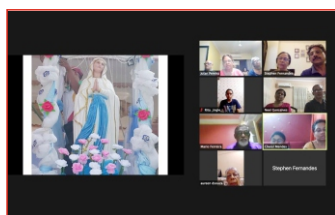


MY EXPERIENCE OF PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE COMMUNITY...

Pope Francis inaugurated on Saturday, 1st May a 'Marathon of Prayer' for an end to Covid 19 pandemic, as the entire the world is affected and wounded by it. 31 Marian shrine were selected by him to take part in this Marathon of Prayer.

With the lockdown enforced continuously and nowhere to go, there is one activity which I look forward to and that is the online Rosary conducted by our St. Anthony's Community every day at 8 p.m. Although there are not many families who participate, the experience with those who do, is exceptional. I firmly believe that the Community that 'Prays Together Stays Together.'

We begin the Rosary with the intentions suggested by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The picture from Marian shrines of the day, from all over the world, is shared on the screen. Each day we see a beautiful Mother Mary's picture. The prayer is read for the intention and to encourage Community participation, each decade is recited by one Family. The Holy Father's Prayer for an end to the Pandemic is prayed at the end of the Rosary. After the Rosary we pray for families, relatives and friends afflicted by Covid 19. We also ask for protection against this virus and for those who have recovered from the virus, we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect them from further harm.



There are many funny moments shared as the elderly are struggling to log on to Zoom. Though disturbances caused by various networks create lag in connectivity, we all pray together as one big Family.

Along the way, Birthdays are celebrated, cakes are cut and shared (online), greetings are exchanged to make the day a memorable one. On weekends, we also have a little *gupshup* session catching up on the day-to-day life within the Lockdown; wondering when this will end and we will be able to meet again.

It is a great experience for me to pray the Rosary with members of the other families that participate in the Rosary. I shall always remember and cherish these summer holidays spent praying the Rosary with our St. Anthony's Community.

– Rita Ingle (St. Anthony's Community)



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Letter of Order

Dear Parishioners,

This is to bring to your kind notice that St. Joseph community comprising of families residing at Azad lane & Vishnu Baug made a request for merging their community with any other community of the Parish due to dwindling number of their community members.

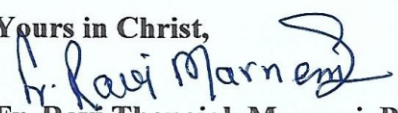
After couple of discussions in the PPC meeting, finally on 4th April 2021 during the PPC meeting it was decided that St. Joseph community comprising of families of Azad Lane & Vishnu Baug to be merged with St. Paul community of Lallubhai Park.

Hence, I hereby approve officially the merger of St. Joseph Community of Azad Lane & Vishnu Baug with St. Paul community of Lallubhai Park by officially taking the name as

St. Paul Community (comprising of Azad Lane, Vishnu Baug and Lallubhai Park)

God Bless you all!

Yours in Christ,


Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
Parish Priest
26th May 2021



TO CHRIST THROUGH MARY

For centuries, Catholics over the world have prayed the Rosary in veneration of Mary our Mother. The Rosary helps us focus on the life of Christ as we sing the praises of His Mother. She brings us closer to her Son.

We the community of St John Bosco reinforce our love and dedication to our Mother by reciting the Rosary online everyday at 8pm. Each family of our community conducts the Rosary as the rest join in. We pray for the intentions of the family, for the Holy Father's Rosary intentions for the month of May and for peace and unity in our family and the community. We pray for the sick and aged in our community and for all affected by the Corona virus. The Rosary binds our community in faith.

As in the words of St John Bosco "Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of peace and tranquility".

– Fay D'Souza



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