



VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

JULY
2021

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

FROM THE DESK OF PARISH PRIEST

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

As I write to you this month, we continue to see tremendous turmoil around the world. Here in India, extreme weather and the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic have brought misery and death to many. The month of May and June has been the challenging months in the history of India. As we find ourselves in this unpredictable pandemic season, let us not lose the sight of God, and we pray that the Lord will sustain and guide us in the coming month.

The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Focus of the Liturgy: The Gospel readings for the Sundays in July 2021 are taken from St. Mark and St. John— all are from Year B, Cycle 1.

July 4th - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Our Lord teaches in the synagogue and is rejected by those present
July 11th - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus sends out the twelve apostles and gives them authority over unclean spirits.
July 18th - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus invites the Apostles to 'come away and rest a while'.
July 25th - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	This Gospel tells the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, Saints Joachim and Ann are honored this month (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross, purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

The Role of Grandparents in Completing the Family Unit:

As we reflect on the legacy of Saints Ann and Joachim, let us also reflect on the vital role played by all grandparents in completing the loving family unit and nurturing the faith of future generations. Grandparents can take a vital part in the training of their grandchildren, teaching them to love the ways of the Lord and honor His commandments. It was Saints Ann and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption. There is also something to be said for grandparents' roles as repositories of wisdom and history. Their experience in faith and life has enriched their judgment, rendering them invaluable counsels for the generations that follow. They remember the heritage of the family and share it with future generations. As Pope Francis has also related:

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. The Aparecida Document says, "Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives" (No. 447). This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"

I am very happy to note here that we have Fr. Praveen Jangam, HGN who arrived on 10th of May 2021 in order resume his duties as Assistant Parish Priest. We heartily welcome him to our Parish and wish him all the best and a joyful ministry in our Parish.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
(Parish Priest)

Parish Team:

Parish Priest – Fr. Ravi T. Marneni, PIME
Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Praveen Jangam, 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 JULY 2021

Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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.

SVP REACHES OUT TO THEIR ADOPTED FAMILIES.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society invited their adopted families on 5th June 2021 and distributed some snacks, notebooks and umbrella in addition to their monthly ration and dole. One member from each family was called to collect the aid due to Lockdown restrictions still in place. This distribution began with a prayer and blessing by Fr. Ravi, our Parish Priest, who also distributed the items to all the families. Along with distribution of monthly ration, school fees for two children from our Study class was also paid by the Society. We also tried to help one family from our parish with financial aid towards house repairs which was affected during the Cyclone Tauktae.

We thank the donors who helped us for the month of June and we thank Fr. Ravi for his presence at this outreach and his continued support.

- Mrs. Gilhermine Menezes



WARM WELCOME REV. FR. PRAVEEN JANGAM, HGN

This small parish was glad to welcome Fr. Praveen Jangam, HGN as our Assistant Parish Priest. He was officially introduced and welcomed on 13th June 2021 during the 9 am mass (which was live-streamed on the parish Youtube channel).

Ms. Vera Fernandes (PPC Vice-President) gave a beautiful welcome speech and welcomed Fr. Praveen on behalf of the parishioners to our Parish. A welcome gift in the form of a potted plant was presented to him.

Fr. Praveen belongs to the Society of Heralds of Good News (HGN). Having been ordained a year ago, gaining experience of being the Procurator of St. John's Minor Seminary and Assistant Parish Priest of St. John's Parish at Nidadavole, he brings all his experience from his previous engagements (postings) here to our Parish. Let us all pray for him and his ministry and give him a warm welcome and wish him a joyful stay in our Parish.



SUNDAY e-SCHOOL – YET AGAIN!

Hello Parents and my dear little friends! Hope you all are safe and taking care of yourself. Welcome back to Sunday School Online. The current pandemic with its variants and waves has yet again made us stay at home again. Things have become quite unsure but life has to go on. Our greatest task is to become responsible and 'Break the Chain'!

Schools have once again gone online and along with our regular school continuing online this year as well, we thought that our Faith education, too, should continue online. With the support of our Parish Fathers and the Archdiocese of Bombay, we begin our Sunday School on 4th July onwards with a prayer service at 8 am.

Last year we followed a different method to impart faith education, and this time we are planning to do it a little different. Classes will be conducted live every Sunday at 8 am using Google Meet. Keep a notebook and pencil/pen ready to take down notes or write your reflection. See that you are appropriately dressed. After class, you along with your family are to attend the 9 am mass which is live streamed on our Youtube channel.

A Class WhatsApp group has been created to share links and updates about the class and schedule. Your teacher will also keep in touch with you. If you have any doubts or clarification, you can contact them.

Parents, you are invited to be part of your child's faith journey- you are their first faith-teachers. Encourage them to attend the classes regularly and help them build their Faith.

We hope you are all excited for your classes. We, your, teachers are also excited to see you .

Let us continue to pray for each other. Take care of your health. Stay Safe.

Sunday School Team.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

