



# VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

AUGUST  
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,

#### Hearty welcome for the 54th Annual Novena to Our Lady of Velankanni

This year also the effect of the Corona virus is very severe, therefore, we once again have to follow the Government Covid 19 restrictions and guidelines from the Archdiocese of Bombay. Hence the 54th Annual Novena Masses will be live streamed through different media channels.

The month of August is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Though the memorial is celebrated on 9th of June, yet the month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

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

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| August 1st - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time           | Jesus said in this Gospel, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."                            |
| August 8th - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time           | "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." |
| August 15th - The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary | The Gospel relates the encounter of Mary with St. Elizabeth and Mary's Magnificat.   |
| August 22nd - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time          | In this Gospel, Peter tells Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."                 |
| August 29th - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time          | Jesus admonishes the Pharisees.  |

Our traditional Annual Novena to Our Lady of Velankanni is a long standing tradition coming from 1968 with the flag hoisting first time to mark the beginning of Novena to Our Lady of Velankanni at Irla.

Unfortunately, since last year due to Corona virus effect, we are unable to conduct the Novena Services in the way we used to organize in the past. This year too, we are facing the same situation. We have to watch the Novena masses on either Youtube or media channel.

I understand your desire Dear Devotees, as you would like to physically participate in the Annual Novenas. In the years prior to Covid 19, I saw great crowds attend the Novena Masses and still larger crowd attending the procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Velankanni. We really miss such prayerful devotion during the Annual Novenas.

In spite of all the difficulties, we will try to participate in the Annual Novena Masses from our home, faithfully praying for all, especially for the eradication of Corona Virus from the surface of the Earth. God bless you all and May Our Lady of Velankanni Intercede for all of us!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME  
(Parish Priest)

#### Parish Team:

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

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 AUGUST 2021

**The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### ***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

## SSVP REACHES OUT TO THEIR ADOPTED FAMILIES

St. Vincent de Paul Society members met their adopted/aided families on 5th July, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the Prayer Hall. We had the privilege to have our new Asst. Parish Priest Fr. Praveen, our Spiritual Director to say a thanksgiving prayer, bless the families and distribute the sponsored items

consisting of dal, rice, sugar, pulses, toothpaste, soaps, wafers, ball pens, note books, beautiful bags, chole and bread to all our families. One of our member donated cash to Covid-19 recovered patients also. Dole and Monthly ration was also distributed. All the families were very happy. May the Lord and Mother Mary bless all our donors, sponsors and benefactors abundantly without whose help it would not be possible to help our families during these difficult times.

We are also grateful to Bombay Catholic Sabha with the monetary help and medical cards they have given to our aided families.

– Mrs. Delphine Fernandes



## HEALTHCARE OUTREACH: AN ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY INITIATIVE

Bombay Catholic Sabha (Irla Unit) on 3rd July, 2021 enrolled 29 SVP Aided families of our Parish for the Archdiocese Healthcare Outreach.



The aim of this outreach is to provide affordable healthcare services to:

1. Economically weak;
2. Home-bound Senior citizen;
3. People with life limiting diseases i.e. paralysis, cancer, dementia, etc.;
4. Psychological Ailments;
5. Others

### **Benefits Offered are:**

1. Discounted Medicines / Diagnostic Tests with collaborating vendors.
2. Free Tele guidance with Doctors.
3. Assistance with Government schemes for Medical Aid.

### **Requirements for Enrolment for Healthcare Outreach:**

1. Orange Ration Card Xerox.
2. Income upto Rs. 1.50 Lacs annually.
3. Aadhaar Card Xerox.
4. Stamp size photograph.
5. Blood Group details.
6. Number of family members.

Initially, it will be given to SVP Aided families. Later on will be issued on recommendation of SCC Coordinator/SVP Member and approval from Parish Priest.

**Death:** 07.07.2021 – Mrs. Gracy Miranda (St. John Bosco's Community, Up-pakhadi); 09.07.2021 – Mrs. Luija Rebello (Holy Family Community, Juhu Lane); 15.07.2021 – Mrs. Ruby Harold Pereira (St. John Bosco's Community, Up-pakhadi); 27.07.2021 – Mrs. Bharati Mary D'Souza (Our Lady of Fatima Community, Society Road)



## BCS IRLA UNIT ASSISTS WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE HEALTHCARE OUTREACH TEAM'S INITIATIVE 'VAXX THE POOR CAMPAIGN'

Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit was one of the first 12 Pilot Parishes to assist the Archdiocese in this Project. The aim is to assist people without a smart phone to get vaccinated. Till date 8 were registered and 3 have been vaccinated. [Reported on 3rd July]

[Update] BCS Irla Unit vaccinated 3 Parishioners under Archdiocese Vaccination Drive. Special thanks to Lynette Pinto (Late Hazel Pinto's daughter) for helping in getting the Parishioners vaccinated. Till date we have registered 7 individuals and 6 have been vaccinated.

[Update] Till date we have registered 11 individuals and 8 were vaccinated.



## BCS IRLA UNIT'S OUTREACH PROGRAM



The Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit distributed Financial Aid of Rs. 3,000/- each to 15 needy families of the Parish on 4th July, 2021.

We began with a prayer by Fr. Praveen Jangam, Asst. Parish Priest who thanked the donors for their generosity and prayed for the well-being of all the families. We would like to thank all our donors for their generous support.

## SUNDAY e-SCHOOL – REOPENS

Things in this new decade have become quite unsure but life has to go on; we must go with flow, get equipped with technology. However, faith shouldn't take a backseat and so should Faith Education.

Sunday School reopened 4th July, 2021 with a prayer service at 8.00 a.m. conducted by the catechists. Around 22 children along with their parents joined the inaugural prayer service via Google Meet. Instructions and methodology for the Sunday School was explained to the children and their parents.

Sunday School (Term 1) has begun online via Google Meet. Classes for Preparation for First Holy Communion have begun. Confirmation Catechesis for the new batch will begin soon. For those who haven't registered for Confirmation (Std. 11 and above)

and Sunday School (Stds. 1 to 10), please contact Macjoyle Barretto (9167516511) for further details.

Sunday school for Stds. 1-3, 5-10 begin at 8.00 a.m. via Google Meet. First Communion Catechesis begins at 11.00 a.m. Video Lessons/Live Lessons are conducted with a short assignments to be submitted as per instructions of the teacher. Attendance to all these sessions in all the three terms are

compulsory. Parents, you are 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. Let us continue to pray for each other. Take care of your health. Stay Safe.

– Sunday School Team



## BCS HEALTHCARE OUTREACH

The Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit distributed free Medicines to 4 Parishioners received from Archdiocese Healthcare Outreach Project. Irla Church is one of the 12 Parishes which is involved with the Archdiocese Healthcare Outreach Project. Fr. Praveen, Assistant Parish Priest of Irla prayed for the good health of all the Parishioners and especially for those receiving the medical assistance. He also thanked all those involved in this Project and prayed for their good health.










## NATIVITY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF HEALTH OF VELANKANNI ANNUAL 54<sup>th</sup> NOVENA PROGRAMME 2021

Dear Parishioners and Devotees,

As the COVID19 pandemic still rages on and the standard operating procedures issued by the Government of India are still in force, the forthcoming Annual Novena and Masses will be live streamed in four languages, English, Marathi, Konkani and Tamil. The details of the media channels are given below. Kindly inform your friends and relatives in this regard.

God bless you abundantly.

**Fr. Ravi Marneni Thanaiah**  
Parish Priest.

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|   | <a href="http://www.velankannichurchirla.org">www.velankannichurchirla.org</a>                    |  |
|   | Church of Our Lady of Velankanni Irla Live  |   |
|   | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VelankanniChurchIrla">www.facebook.com/VelankanniChurchIrla</a> |   |
|  | Hathway Ch. No. 516 and 7STAR Ch. No. _____ all over Maharashtra on various Channels              |   |

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### SUNDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021

Flag Hoisting at 6.30p.m. by Fr. Ravi Marneni, Parish Priest. Followed by online Mass at 7.00p.m.

### NOVENA DAYS: MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST TO TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

#### HOLY MASS & NOVENA TIMINGS

|           |         |                 |         |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 6:00 a.m. | MARATHI | 1:45 p.m.       | MARATHI |
| 7:15 a.m. | ENGLISH | 3:00 p.m.       | MARATHI |
| 8:30 a.m. | TAMIL   | 4:15 p.m.       | KONKANI |
| 9:45 a.m. | MARATHI | 6:45 /8:00 p.m. | ENGLISH |

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

11 a.m. prayer service for the sick (Live Online)

### FEAST DAY: WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

|           |         |            |         |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 5:00 a.m. | MARATHI | 10:00 a.m. | MARATHI |
| 6:00 a.m. | MARATHI | 2 :45 p.m. | MARATHI |
| 7:15 a.m. | ENGLISH | 4:00 p.m.  | KONKANI |
| 8:30 a.m. | TAMIL   | 5:30 p.m.  | ENGLISH |

7.15 p.m. Solemn High Mass in English

### PARISH FEAST DAY : SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

MASS TIMINGS: 7.15a.m. in English