



# VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

NOVEMBER  
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,

The Church's Year is now drawing to its close and we look forward to a new beginning in Advent. I write to draw your attention to this month ahead which is set aside to celebrate: All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, Feast of Christ the King, World day of poor and beginning of the Season of Advent.

"Human beings die only once, after which comes judgment" is the stark reminder given by the writer of the letter to the Hebrews (9:27). November is a time to remember and pray for family members, colleagues, neighbours and friends who have died since this time last year. Those who have gone before us, those who were so much present with us, so central to our lives, have left us with a deep sense of loss specially our parishioners. We look for peace, for healing of heartache, and for hope at the same time pray fervently for their repose.

**All Saints' Day:** During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. On the Day of All Saints' day, she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood." (Rev 7:9)

Let us now praise famous men,  
and our fathers in their generations.  
The LORD apportioned to them great glory,  
his majesty from the beginning. (Ecclesiasticus 44:1)

**All Souls' Day: They are not gone from us, but gone before us.**

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of our earthly life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny' (CCC, 1013).

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).

The Mother church teaches, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC, 1030).

I wish to encourage everyone to specially remember deceased family members and friends, and to pray for them. But above all, have the Mass offered for their speedy departure from Purgatory.

**Focus of the Liturgy:** The Gospels for the first three Sundays in November 2021, are taken from St. Mark and St. John are from Year B, and the Weekdays follow Cycle I. The last Sunday's Gospel is from St. Luke and is from Year C.

November 7th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Gospel relates the parable of the widow and the coins.
November 14th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	This Gospel is about the second coming of Christ.
November 21st The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	The Gospel is about the Messianic Kingship of Christ.
November 28th 1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)	In this Gospel Jesus talks about the end of the world

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### 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.

**The World Day of the Poor** will be remembered on 14th November, 2021, with its theme 'The poor you will always have with you'. Pope Francis says, "It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire".

On 21st November we celebrate **Solemnity of Christ the King**. With this feast we end the Ordinary season and on 28th November we begin the Season of Advent. The Gospel on the Solemnity of Christ the King explains to that our proclamation show the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

From 28th November, the Church's liturgical year begins anew with Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") which is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

**The Advent season** is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Of late, we all find ourselves caught up with the excitement and enthusiasm of the new Synod "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**" which was inaugurated by our Holy Father Pope Francis on the 9th and 10th of October 2021. This marked the beginning of a two year journey with three phases Diocesan, Continental and Universal.

The word 'synod' comes from Greek roots that convey "a road walked with others, a shared way." It is "a path followed by the Church in the light of the action of the Spirit in her history, at the service of the people of God" and is "the result of the insights and seeds that emerged as guidelines for the whole Church in the Second Vatican Council" especially in the constitutions *Lumen Gentium*, *Gaudium et Spes* and in the decree *Ad Gentes*.

Pope Francis said that "Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

As we start to participate in the Synod on Synodality (2021-2023) let us begin this extraordinary event at the parish level. The parish will get copies of the Synod for each family. We will begin the preparation in SCC communities and slowly and steadily invite resource persons in order to enlighten us on this forth coming significant event in the church. Hoping for your enthusiastic participation during these forthcoming events at the Parish level.

God Bless you all!



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

## **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021**

**People Who Suffer from Depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### ***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

## **TILL FURTHER NOTICE, PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIMINGS:**

**Monday to Friday:** 7.15 a.m.

**Saturday:** Mass & Novena in English at 6.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; in Tamil at 8.00 a.m.; in Marathi at 2.30 p.m.; in Konkani at 4.30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

## **MONTH OF NOVEMBER: REMINDERS TO ALL:**

**1st November:** All Saints' Day: Mass at 7.15 a.m.

**2nd November:** All Souls' Day: Masses at 7.15 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

**5th November:** First Friday of the Month: Mass at 7.15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

**14th November:** World Day of the Poor.

**21st November:** Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. Mass at 9.00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration conducted by the Small Christian Communities of the parish.

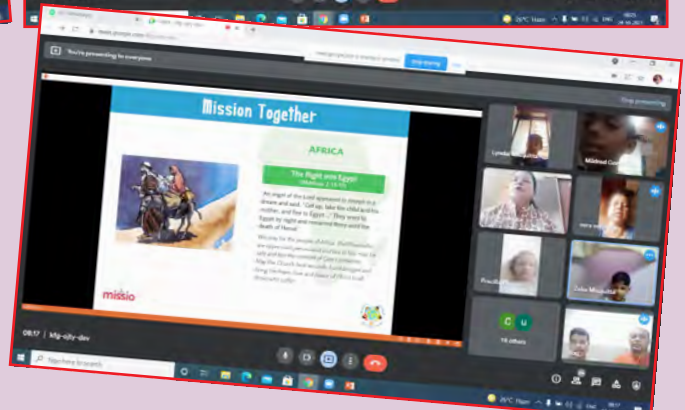
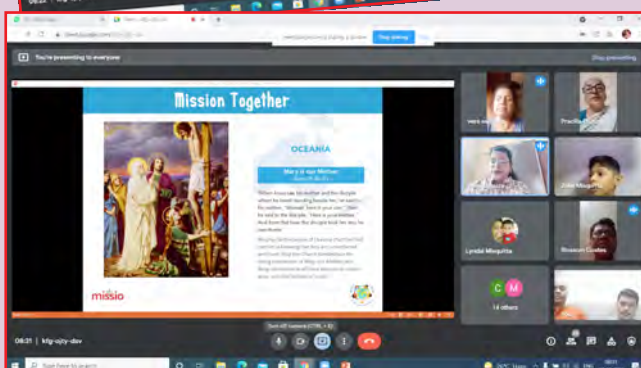
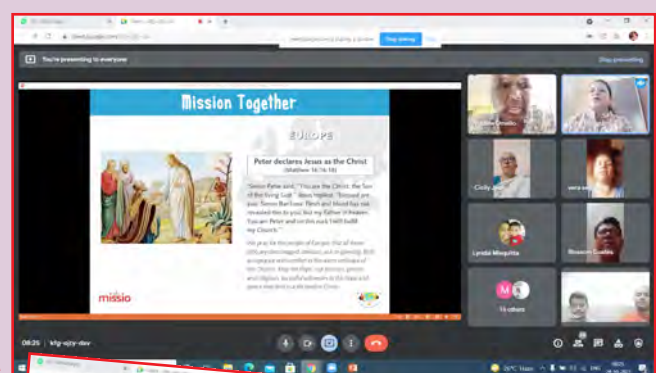
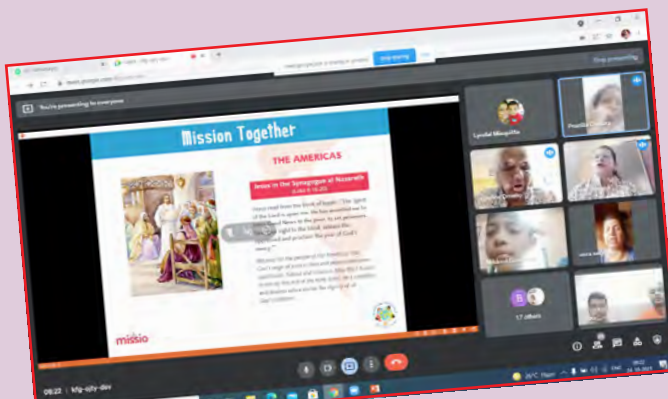
**Death:** 28.10.2021 – Mr. Alphonso Gomes (St. John Bosco's Community, Up-pakhadi)

## BLESSING OF THE ALTAR ON 23rd OCTOBER, 2021

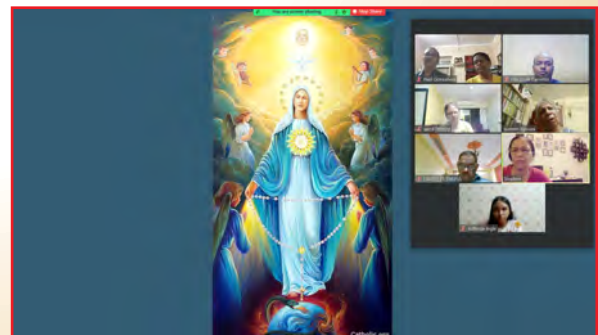
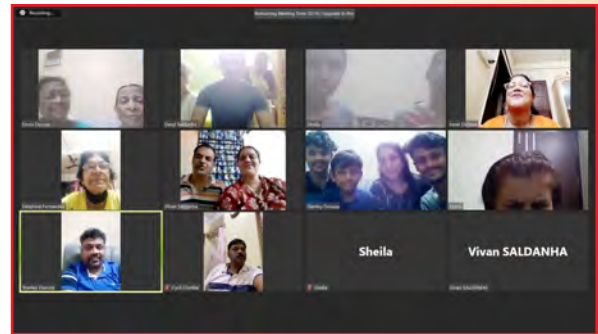
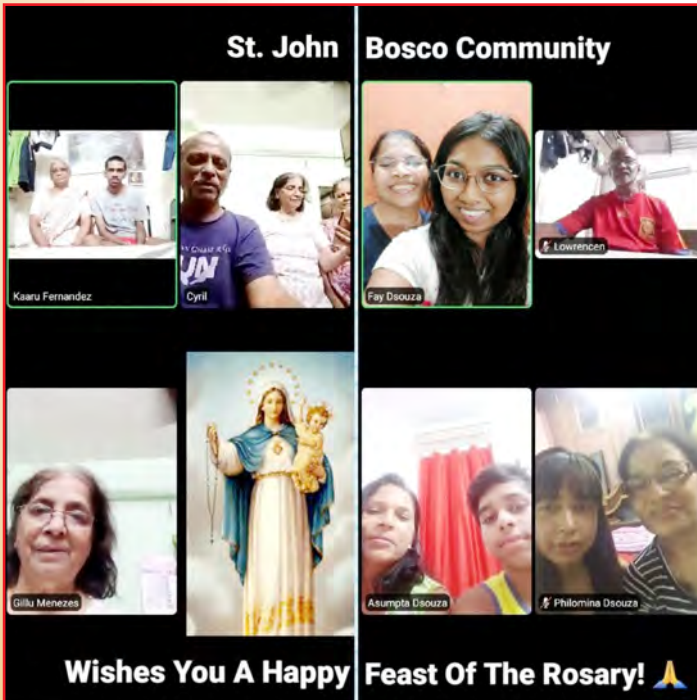
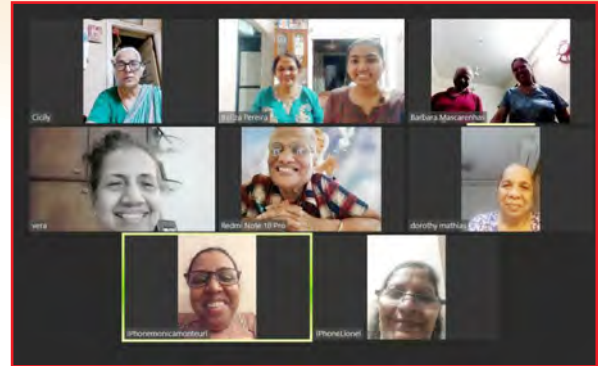


## SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAY THE MISSION ROSARY

On 24th October, 2021, a general Sunday school session was conducted where Catechists and Sunday school children came together online and prayed the Mission Rosary together. A small input was given about Mission Sunday followed by praying of the special Rosary. Designed by Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the Mission Rosary aims to pray for the intentions of the missionaries and the mission stations in all 5 continents: Americas, Europe, Asia, Oceania and Africa.



## GLIMPSES OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY



## SSVP CELEBRATES GANDHI JAYANTI WITH THEIR STUDY CLASS CHILDREN

We invited all our Study Class children on 2nd October in the Prayer Hall to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. All the children were excited to meet again. Fr. Praveen, our Spiritual Advisor, said a prayer for the children and then a game of Passing the Hat was played. This was followed by some music and dance. One of our student spoke a few words on Mahatma Gandhi.

The children who won were given a prize each. Lastly, each child was given a packet of gift to take home. The children enjoyed every moment and went home happily.

– Lynette Mascarenhas



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