



VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

APRIL 2022

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

FROM THE DESK OF PARISH PRIEST

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

April boasts of the most solemn and sublime events of human history: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal mystery. As our Lenten journey comes to a close we prepare to follow Christ all the way to the cross and to witness His glorious Resurrection. Hopefully we have sacrificed and prayed so that we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of a well spent Lent.

Focus of the Liturgy: The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays in April follow the Lenten season from Cycle C, unless a parish has catechumens, so they would then follow Cycle A. The Weekday readings follow the annual Lenten readings. The Triduum and the Easter season readings are yearly and remain the same each year.

April 3rd 5 th Sunday of Lent	Year C, John 8:12-13: Jesus forgives the woman taken in adultery; "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
April 10th Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Year C, Entry: Luke 19:28-40, Passion: Luke 22:14-23:56: The reading of the Passion of Our Lord from St. Luke's Gospel.
April 17th Easter Sunday	Year C, Vigil: Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9: The Gospels recounts the women and the Apostles' visits to the empty tomb of Christ on Easter morning.
April 24th 2 nd Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday	Year A B C, John 20:19-31: Jesus appears to the Apostles after the Resurrection, and the relating of the doubt of St. Thomas.

The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer.

If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)

Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

Wish you all a Happy Easter!

Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
Parish Priest – Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni, IRLA

Parish Team:

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

Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Praveen Jangam, HGN

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 APRIL 2022

Health Care Workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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.

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S COMMUNITY

We the community of St. John Bosco, Up Pakhadi assemble every Wednesday at 8 p.m. to pray the Stations of the Cross at the Community Cross. After a 2 year gap, for the first time we assembled as a community in prayer. The solidarity and camaraderie felt amazing and strengthens our bonds as a community



the ART who are responsible for collation of the points (known as contribution) which then be used during the next process of the Synod.

Let us continue to pray for the Success of the Synod 2021-23 (For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission).

SYNOD 2021-23 GATHERING

A session on the Synod 2021-2023 was conducted by ART member, Adrian Rosario on 27th February, 2022 in the Prayer hall. Participants included Parish councillors, SCC animators and Lay Animators.

The Diocesan phase process commenced in October 2021 and objective of this phase is to consult the People of God. This synodal process is carried out through listening to all of the baptised. With the help of the preparatory document, a brief glimpse of the Synod was discussed by Adrian after which he began to share and explain the major themes for the Synod which soon was followed by having the group exercise of discussing the various fundamental questions that came under the 'Listening' process. The groups had to just speak about their views based on the questions which were noted by the group scribe. These points have been now sent to



Death: 06.03.2022 – Mrs. Martina Rudolph Francis (St. Jude's Community, Irla Bridge)

SCHEDULE FOR FOR THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM (HOLY WEEK SERVICES)

DAY / DATE	PROGRAM
Sunday, 10 th April	SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
	Blessing of Palms followed by procession to the Church at 8.45 a.m. followed by Mass
	Mass in the Evening at 6.30 p.m.
Thursday, 14 th April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
	<i>No mass in the morning</i>
	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 p.m.
	Adoration at the Altar of Repose: 8.00 p.m. onwards
	Community-wise Schedule and Theme is as follows:
	Theme: Institution of the Holy Eucharist
	St. Paul (8.00 p.m. – 8.20 p.m.) Humility
	Holy Family (8.20 p.m. – 8.40 p.m.) Patience
	St. Anthony (8.40 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.) Compassion
	St. Jude (9.00 p.m. – 9.20 p.m.) Sacrifice
	St. John Bosco (9.20 p.m. – 9.40 p.m.) Obedience
	Our Lady of Fatima (9.40 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.) Surrender
Friday, 15 th April	GOOD FRIDAY
	A day of fast and abstinence
	Stations of the Cross for All at 8.30 a.m. conducted by the six SCC Communities
	Divine Mercy Novena commences at 3.00 p.m.
	Theme: Suffering
	Please refer to notice board for Community-wise schedule and Themes
	Service of the Lord's Passion at 6.00 p.m.
Saturday, 16 th April	HOLY SATURDAY
	<i>No Mass and Novena Services</i>
	Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows (Chaplet and Reflection) at 7.00 a.m. organized by the Youth group
	Easter Vigil Service at 8.30 p.m.
Sunday, 17 th April	EASTER SUNDAY
	Mass at 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.
	No Evening mass

BCS HEALTH OUTREACH

The Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit distributed Medicines to 10 Parishioners. Fr. Ravi prayed for the well-being of the beneficiaries and also for those involved in this project. 8 received medicines from Health Outreach. 2 received medicines from donors. All the beneficiaries thanked the Health Outreach and the donors.



BCS GREEN INITIATIVE

The Bombay Catholic Sabha units of Vile Parle and Irla thank the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Vile Parle and Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni, Irla who have together collaborated with other parishes and institutions and partners in this journey of disposing tetra packs in a responsible way i.e. recycling into school desks which are being donated to The City of Los Angeles School, Mahim.

We are pleased to announce that we have now resumed the drive once again from April and encourage you to support this Green Initiative.

– Godwin & Stanley

BCS WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit conducted the Women's Day Celebration. It began with the Eucharistic Celebration at 9 a.m. All the Women were given a rose by the Youth of the Parish. A special prayer was said for all the women.

It was followed by a get together in the Prayer Hall which was attended by 62 Parishioners. The anchors for the programme were Gayle and Sancia who did an amazing job. Clarke and Rohan captured every moment.

It began with a prayer by Fr. Praveen.

The Bombay Catholic Sabha then felicitated Mrs. Grace Pinto who retired as a Matron from Cooper Hospital. She has been giving medical assistance to the Parishioners and non Parishioners even 22 years after retirement.

This was followed by snacks and games.

Mrs. Fay D'souza thanked the Bombay Catholic Sabha for organising the Women's Day Programme on behalf of the PPC

The programme ended with a Vote of thanks by Chairman Stanley D'souza



RECOLLECTION TO REMEMBER

On Thursday, 31st March 2022, a Recollection was organized for the members of the SVP, the Divine Mercy Team and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Prayer Hall from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

As everyone trickled in, Blossom took over with Praise and Worship. Though we were few in number the devoutness of the service was in evidence. Blossom brought out the essence of the proceedings in a very unique way which was appreciated by those present. Everyone was glued and no one even blinked.

Fr. Praveen broke the Word for us from Exodus 32: 7-14. He dwelt on how the Israelites had become disillusioned with Moses and threatened to prostrate before other Gods. Moses pleads for his people before Yahweh not to let his wrath blaze on the obstinate Israelites.

The Rosary and Stations of the Cross brought to an end a soul stirring Recollection. Refreshments were served at the end of the service.

– Vera Sequeira

PILGRIM JOURNEY: SPIRITUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The following Churches were visited by 53 parishioners during the Spiritual Stations of the Cross on





11th Station Infant Jesus Church Jogeshwari



12th Station Holy Family Church Chakala



13th Station Sacred Heart Church Mahakali



14th Station Our Lady of Health Sahar



IN MEMORIAM

Most Rt. Rev. Mathew Cheriankunel, PIME
Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Kurnool
(Born 15th August 1930)

Bishop Mathew Cheriankunel was born on 15th August 1930 to Mr. George and Eli (Elizabeth) at Kadayanikad village, St Mary's Church of archdiocese of Changanacherry, Kerala, India. He was baptized in his own parish on 23rd August 1930.

After his schooling in Kerala he joined diocese of Vijayawada which was newly formed by great missionary work of PIME missionaries. He did his theology in Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamalle (Chennai) Tamil Nadu and ordained priest on 28th April 1962.

After his priestly ordination he was appointed as assistant parish priest at Machalipatanam under Rev. Fr. Venturin, PIME. Then he was appointed as assistant parish priest of Kamavarapukota under Rev. Fr. Vivenzi, PIME from 1964 to 1965. In 1965 he became parish priest of Kamavarapukota.

He entered PIME on 3rd May 1969 and made final promise on 3rd December 1970. While staying in the PIME Generalate, Rome he took Licentiate in Missiology. At the end of 1971 he came back to the diocese of Vijayawada and was appointed as parish priest of Mylavaram.



He was made the first bishop of Nalgonda in 1977. His Episcopal consecration took place on 3rd May 1977 at Gundala (Vijaywada). He did enormous missionary and evangelization in the diocese. During his time many parish were established and numerous religious institutions arrived in the diocese of Nalgonda. He was transferred from Nalgonda diocese to Kurnool diocese in 1987. Later he was appointed as co-adjutor of Kurnool diocese and became bishop of it in 1988. He resigned as bishop of Kurnool in 1991.

Then he helped Fr. Augustine Palett, PIME at Our Lady of Velankanni Parish, Irla, Mumbai for one year. In the year 1992 when the Queen of Apostles Seminary was opened in Eluru, he worked there as spiritual director. From 2002 to 2003 he was pro-rector in the same seminary.



Then, when Fr. Augustine Mundupalakal opted for the mission of Badrachalam he joined him to the mission in Badrachalam. When the Badrachalam parish was given to the diocese of Khamamm Bishop Mathew came to PIME Regional House, Eluru in 2006. From that time on he has been staying in the PIME Regional yet giving his service wherever it was need. He used to go to Gavaravaram substation church of Eluru Cathedral Parish every Sunday to celebrate the mass.

He is known for his simplicity of life, exemplary priest and Bishop. He strictly followed life of poverty. He never aspired for luxury things and life. He is truly dedicated servant of the Lord. In his writing and sermons he always exalted the priests and religious live a life acceptable to the Lord. He is a great devotee of Blessed Paolo Manna, a PIME missionary priest who was missionary in Myanmar. He wrote one book and some articles about him.

He is known by all of us as holy Bishop. We pray that God may raise him to the altar of Sainthood.

Written by

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Regional Superior
PIME India Region



*Christ's empty grave is proof
that no matter how bad things
may seem, there is always hope
for a new day.*

*May God revive all your dreams
and hopes this Easter.*

Happy Easter