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Dear Parishioners,
Greetings of peace.

“Before the Lord's presence let the whole earth bow in reverence,” the psalmist sings. “Tell the nations, the Lord is king, he has put the world in order, never more to be thrown into confusion” (Ps. 96)

“He has put the world in order,” by shocking us all in the manner of His coming. The world expected a dazzling spectacle, exterior pomp and might, because it forgot that the true power lay in the love of God.

“He has put the world in order,” by despising materialistic externals, by emptying Himself and becoming an infant, born like an outcast, working as a son of the poorest, living like a vagabond.

Jesus made Christmas an intimate, family Feast because he made himself so small. We awaited the clash of cymbals and blast of trumpets. He surprised us all. Heavenly messengers are sent to tell us, “You will not find your saviour in the palaces of kings, or in dwellings of the rich but you will find Him among His beloved poor, sharing their meagre meals, sweating in the carpenters shop to serve them, walking their dusty roads to heal them and to teach them.”

What is the purpose of Jesus' coming? “He gave himself for us”. Jesus walked the talk. We have no more excuses to give. We have the clear example of Jesus Christ, perfect man, son of God, who also insisted that His life becomes our pattern of life. Let us during this Christmas, follow our saviour Jesus like the wise men and shepherds did after their encounter with child Jesus.



Let us during this Christmas not only admire child Jesus but imitate His life of simplicity, humility, purity and benevolence.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas and hope filled new year 2026.

Manuel Murzello, SDB
Parish Priest



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Jayden, Joanne, Jasmine & Melvin.*



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THE BETHLEHEM STAR: A LIGHT STILL GUIDING US

As Christmas nears, we return to the Nativity story—a humble stable, a newborn child, and a shining star. The Star of Bethlehem is more than a symbol; it’s a reminder of hope and direction.

A Sign of Hope

The Gospel of Matthew tells us the star guided the wise men to Christ. Today, as we search for meaning, peace, or purpose, that star reminds us that even in darkness, a guiding light remains.

Following Our Inner Star

Like the wise men—seekers who stepped beyond comfort—we too are called to follow the inner star of faith, conscience, and compassion. It leads us towards kindness, justice, and love, even when the road is difficult.

Light in the Chaos

In a world troubled by conflict, loneliness, and inequality, clarity often comes through people who shine with integrity, communities that care, and small acts of courage.

Becoming Light for Others

Christmas invites us not only to receive light but to share it. A kind word, a helping hand, a moment of empathy—these are stars that guide others through their darkness.

The Star Still Shines

The Bethlehem Star is a timeless call to seek truth, walk with faith, and bring hope to the world. This Christmas, may we follow its light—a light of peace, love, and renewal.

The star still shines. And it leads us home. - Vijaya D'sa



PILGRIMS OF HOPE
“A Parish Journey of Renewal”

We thank the Jubilee Committee team and are grateful to all the members for this sacred journey which was not merely marked by events and celebrations, but by hearts renewed in faith, compassion, and unity as a parish family.

Father Manuel	Dominic Chettiar	Glen Colaco
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List of the activities conducted.....

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| Jan – The Grand opening | Sep – Youth Celebration |
| Feb – Embracing the Sick and Homebound | Oct – Pilgrimage of Praise |
| Mar – Honoring Widows and Widowers | Nov – Inter-Parish Football |
| Apr – Pilgrimage of Faith | Nov – Sunday School Programme |
| Aug – Pilgrimage Continued | Dec – Christmas Outreach for Poor Children. |

May God Bless Them for their Whole hearted cooperation and contribution of their time and support.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Families of Gorai 1.





THE CHOIR

While the clock ticks and church bells ring,
Members in the choir stand out to sing.
Powerful beats call us to grace and praise,
And sets an atmosphere where faith finds place.

Each hymn verse carries silent potency,
And let its aura respond to the liturgy.
Help, uplift the voice and raise thy head,
To feel a spiritual devotion gently spread.

Few voices sound hoarse,
Many may not partake in the chorus.
Yet through closed eyes, visualize our Lord,
As the pianist strikes each chord.

Be it any season to celebrate a feast
Be it any moment that carries grief
Songs of worship never stands to perish
For through the choir, memories cherish

It's indeed a blessing to be a part of the Choir,
It's a triumph to fulfil such desire.
The choir creates emotional impact on the
listeners,
Making the Holy Mass so live for
all parishioners.
-Joyce Dmello



WONDER WOMEN

Just the other day,
Real life outshone mythic play.
A daughter's passion showcased her talents,
To create wonder women in world of sports.

No sooner the sky cleared the clouds,
The spirit for the game began to thundercloud.
Drums, dhols and posters filled the air,
Fans, cheers and wishes echoed everywhere.



That night refused to sleep,
Looked like the sun too wanted to peep.
The stadium turned into a sea of light,
Flashes blazing through the night.

It wasn't just a match between two countries,
An uninterrupted power of women, stirring
between teams.
To stay within the boundary squad,
Yet take the game beyond the boundary line.

Surviving early setbacks, going never so easy,
But qualifying the last three games took them to
the semis.
The 'Women in Blue' met the 'Women in Green'
in the final,
To fulfil their much-anticipated dreams to win
the title.

Both teams performed well their part,
Each squad member played with an athlete's
heart.
Change in bowling came as a surprise element,
Became the turning point of the game's
development.
Some decisive catches ended the opposition
fight,
Great strokes wouldn't stop the flow of runs for
the night.
Great performer became the show stopper for
the evening,
However, it was South Africa's captain, whose
heart was weeping.

Well! One named as winner, other the runner up,
It was 'Women in Blue' to lift their maiden
World Cup.
Every game leaves behind a story,
Lifting the ICC World Cup 2025, the Indian
Women created history.
-Joyce Dmello

*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Divya, Fiona & Kiara.*



WHAT IS THE MASS?

The Mass is a sacred act of worship in which we gather as a community to commemorate the Last Supper, receive the Holy Eucharist, and celebrate our faith. It is the heart and center of our Catholic tradition.

Very often, we hear people say, “Mass is boring.” But the real problem is not the Mass; it is our understanding of what true worship is. The Mass was never designed for entertainment. It was designed to honour God, our Creator, and to unite Heaven and Earth in one sacred moment of worship. Every part of the Mass—from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing—is filled with meaning, reverence, and grace.

When the priest raises the Host, Heaven opens, angels adore, and Christ becomes truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—on the altar. This is not a concert moment; it is Calvary made present once again.

So, if you leave church saying, “I did not feel anything,” remember—you were not there to be entertained. You were there to offer yourself with Christ and to give God the worship and glory He deserves.

The next time you go to Mass, do not look for excitement. Look for Jesus, our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Do not ask, “What will I get from the Mass?” Instead ask, “What did I give to God?” “When you truly understand the Mass, You will never call it boring, you will call it holy.”
- Desmond Dcunha



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Joyce D'mello & family.*

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

The Christmas star Is not just a decoration.
But a symbol of Christ's revelation.
A beacon of light and guidance.
To those who fall in sin and ignorance.
It fulfills the prophetic desire.
That Christ is our Messiah.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree is not just a tree
It represents eternal life for you and me
A symbol of love and unity
It brings new Hope to every family
Where we share gifts, laughter and cheer
Bringing peace and joy every year.
- Debra Gomes



THE PERSPECTIVE OF JOSEPH

I saw her from a distance, a woman betrothed to me. She had a belly bigger than before.
“Should I leave her without any notice?” I pondered. I went ahead so she suffers no disgrace, But the Angel of the Lord stopped me there.
Obedient to the Lord, I took her in, And slowly watched the Nativity Carol unfold. I guarded her and our Saviour from stones and shame, Looked for an inn to keep them safe, And found a stable perfect for my wife and child to stay.
Our child cried aloud, filled our hearts with happy tears. I thanked the Lord for his prophesied answer. All under His way I provided and protected, Went to Egypt till Herod was defeated.
Till my last breath I carried my responsibility- To nurture the divine child till His mission accomplished.
-Marianne Shraddha D'silva





SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour—God made human in a world marked by uncertainty and chaos. This sacred event proclaims hope, love, and salvation, reminding us that Emmanuel, God with us, walks alongside humanity.

At the heart of Christmas is a timeless message of joy and hope. The angel's words to the shepherds—"Do not be afraid... I bring you good news of great joy"—continue to inspire faith and wonder, inviting us to rediscover childlike trust in God's promises.

The Nativity teaches us acceptance, faith, and courage. Mary and Joseph embraced God's plan despite hardship and fear, showing obedience, humility, and unwavering trust. The manger itself speaks of simplicity and humility, urging us to make room for Jesus amid the clutter of our lives.

The Star of Bethlehem symbolises divine guidance, leading all who seek God toward Christ, the true Light who dispels darkness. The shepherds, humble and simple, were the first to receive and proclaim this good news, reminding us that every believer is called to be a bearer of Christ's light. The Magi, guided by faith and wisdom, honoured Jesus with their gifts and protected Him through obedience—teaching us discernment and generosity.

Christmas is also a time for giving and sharing. Inspired by God's greatest gift—His Son—we are called to live our faith through acts of kindness, charity, and compassion, especially

towards the less fortunate, and to pass these values on to our children.

Finally, Christmas highlights the importance of family and community. As we gather in prayer, Eucharist, carols, and outreach, we are reminded that living the Christmas message lies in our everyday actions—small acts of love, encouragement, and service that make us sources of light and hope to others.

"Jesus is the ultimate Christmas gift, representing God's love and offering salvation, forgiveness, hope, and eternal life. Unlike material gifts, He's timeless, invaluable, and provides consistent love and grace.

"May the light of Christ shine through us this Christmas and always.

— Geeta Menezes



SUNDAY SCHOOL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE – 14 December 2025

Thirty-three Sunday School children, accompanied by their catechists and guides, undertook a Jubilee Pilgrimage during the Year of Hope. Visiting Mount Mary Basilica, the Marian Museum, the Clergy Home, and Don Bosco, Matunga, the children prayed the Rosary, received blessings, sang carols, and celebrated the Eucharist. The pilgrimage nurtured faith, gratitude, and hope, inspiring young hearts to walk closer with Christ.



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Felcy Mathiah & family.*



THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS

On a cold winter night just before Christmas in 2015, Betty Smith—a struggling single mother of two toddlers—sat in her tiny home, facing an empty pantry and a heavy heart. With no means to provide a festive meal or gifts for her children, she whispered a silent prayer, placing her trust in God.

That night, an unexpected knock broke the stillness. At her door stood a family of strangers, smiling warmly and carrying boxes and bags. They handed Betty gifts—food for a full Christmas meal, toys, sweets, and presents for her children. Overwhelmed with gratitude, Betty realised that God had answered her prayer through these “Christmas angels,” who soon disappeared as quietly as they had come.

Left alone, Betty fell to her knees, her sorrow giving way to joy and peace. The bleakness of Christmas was transformed into hope, and for the first time in a long while, she smiled with a carefree heart.

Years later, Betty’s life is richly blessed. Remembering that holy night, her family now reaches out every Christmas to help another family in need— continuing the ripple of love they once received.

This is the true spirit of Christmas: God’s love made visible through ordinary people willing to become angels for others.

— Geeta Menezes



BIBLE QUIZ.

- 01.Name any three parables of Jesus?
- 02.Who is the brother of Simon Peter?
- 03.Who were the sons of Zebedee?
- 04.What is a parable?
- 05.What was the food of John the Baptist?
- 06.Who walked on the water to reach Jesus?
- 07.What did Peter say about Jesus?
- 08.Who were speaking to Jesus during his transfiguration?
09. Who said that the child would be light to the Gentiles?
- 10.Whom did Philip bring to Jesus?
- 11.Who came to see Jesus at Night?
- 12.How many jars of water did Jesus change into wine at Cana?

Children studying in std. III to IX can participate. Kindly submit your answers to the parish office / Parish Council Member by Sunday 11th January 2026.

Winners will be given attractive prizes during children's mass and their names will be published in the next issue of Bosco Beams.



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Bryan, Teena & Suzette.*



GLIMPSE OF THE FAMILY CELL ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

The Family Cell of St. John Bosco Parish actively fostered faith, fellowship, and service through a series of well-planned and meaningful initiatives. From Bosco Lilac programmes that created respectful, faith-centred platforms for Catholic singles to interact, to the Outreach Programme at Dilkush Boys Home that embodied compassion and charity, each event reflected the Family Cell's commitment to community building. The Retreat for Families offered a sacred space for prayer, forgiveness, and renewal, while the Thanksgiving Day celebration united parishioners in joyful gratitude for God's blessings. Together, these activities highlighted the Family Cell's mission to nurture relationships, strengthen families, and live out the spirit of St. John Bosco through prayer, service, and togetherness.

The 16th Lilac Program held on 13th July 2025 brought together 97 participants for a spiritually rooted and joy-filled day of interaction, fellowship, and meaningful connections through prayer, games, and structured activities.

A meaningful Outreach Programme on 9th August 2025 at Dilkush Boys Home, Gorai. The visit was a heartfelt blend of prayer, fellowship, and charitable service, where members shared essential supplies and donations while experiencing the joy, gratitude, and faith of the boys—reinforcing the Family Cell's mission of love, compassion, and service in the spirit of St. John Bosco.

A spiritually enriching Retreat for Families on 13th September 2025, offering participants a sacred pause for reflection, renewal, and reconnection. Centred on the themes of prayer, forgiveness, and the



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Families of Eksar A & B Zone.*



inspirational film *The Shack*, the retreat guided 55 attendees through meaningful sessions, prayerful reflection, and fellowship—leaving families renewed in faith, strengthened in relationships, and inspired to live their mission with hope and trust in God.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on 16th November 2025, one Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King, with deep gratitude for the blessings received throughout the liturgical year. The celebration included a special Thanksgiving Mass followed by a joyful parish gettogether marked by fellowship, music, prayer, and a shared meal, brought together 75 parishioners in an atmosphere of gratitude, unity, and joyful thanksgiving to God. The 17th Bosco Lilac held on 7th December 2025 bringing together Catholic singles from across the city in a warm, well-structured, and faith-centred environment.

The programme combined fellowship, interactive activities, spiritual guidance, and thoughtful innovations such as a digital feedback system—continuing its mission of fostering meaningful connections and hopeful beginnings rooted in community and values. We thank Rev. Fr. Manuel Murzello our Parish Priest, Fr. Aloysius Furtado, Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Vishal Lopes, our Administrator, Fr. Ranson Dsouza and Fr. Mario Vaz for their timely help and support rendered towards Family Cell time and again.

-Family Cell



DID JESUS COMMIT A SIN WHEN HE WAS ANGRY?

Anger is a normal human emotion. It often arises from fear, pain, disappointment, or frustration and can act as a defence against feelings of powerlessness or sadness. While anger itself is natural, it becomes harmful when it is excessive, uncontrolled, or held onto for too long. Anger turns sinful when it leads to harm, bitterness, or actions that distance us from God and others.

The Bible reminds us, “Be angry and do not sin” (Ephesians 4:26). This clearly shows that anger in itself is not a sin. It becomes sinful when it is expressed through hurtful words, violent actions, grudges, jealousy, or hatred. Such anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires and often results in broken relationships and loss of inner peace.

Even Jesus experienced anger, yet He never sinned. When He saw the temple turned into a marketplace, He reacted with righteous anger to restore its holiness. His anger was rooted in love for God and respect for what is sacred. Similarly, when Jesus healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath, He was angered by the Pharisees’ hardness of heart, as they valued rules over compassion. In both cases, Jesus’ anger defended justice, mercy, and love.

The Bible also gives warnings about sinful anger. Cain’s jealousy and anger led him to kill his brother Abel. Moses, in a moment of anger, killed an Egyptian—an act that went against God’s

*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Families of Old MHB A, B & C zone.*





commandment. These examples remind us to examine our own anger: Is it righteous, or is it driven by pride, jealousy, or self-interest?

Uncontrolled anger harms relationships, disrupts peace, and affects emotional and physical health. When anger is not addressed, it can turn into resentment, stress, and emotional exhaustion. Yet God, in His mercy, offers us healing through repentance and the Sacrament of Confession. When we acknowledge our sins, seek forgiveness, and reconcile with others, God restores peace to our hearts.

Jesus, especially through His sacrifice on the cross, teaches us forgiveness and self-control. By turning to Him, we receive the grace to overcome sinful anger and to grow in patience, compassion, and love.

During this Advent season, let us examine our hearts, seek God's mercy through confession, and prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus with renewed peace, hope, and joy.

- Anthony Cardozo



COMMISSIONING AS "EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION"

With great devotion to the Christian faith and the principles of living as a Catholic imbibed in us, few of us of St. John Bosco Parish decided to enroll ourselves to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Though we may not be worthy for such an honor, yet growth in spiritual faith is all that matters. For almost six months we attended training programs / workshops whereat guidance about handling the host, theological awareness behind the Eucharist, spiritual preparation, process of distributing communion to the sick in their homes etc. were imparted to us.

Thus, we were appropriately groomed to receive the Lord's presence and share it with others during Eucharistic celebrations.

On that faithful Sunday, the 27th April 2025, during the 10.30 am Sunday Mass, we, nine parishioners, seated in the front benches with great decorum, took part in the induction ceremony of Holy Communion, declaring their willingness to administer the Eucharist with care and reverence. The congregation - Fr. Manuel Murzello, the main celebrant along with Fr. Flovi Dsouza and Fr. Roshan with their special prayers and blessings, blessed us as newly commissioned ministers for a set term.

We sincerely thank Father Manuel, for all the time and efforts put in for preparing us to serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We also thank Bro. Brian for his dedication and efforts put in during the entire process of induction, which is truly inspiring.

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From the desk of EMOHC



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Families of Gorai 2A zone.*



INVITING YOUTH

How do you feel whenever you enter St John Bosco Church? Does it feel like entering your own home? Does it feel like you are entering an institute where every corner and every activity teaches you something?

When we Salesians imagine a new beginning, we always dream expansively. We do this for you—the young people we serve. We follow the vision of our founder, St. John Bosco, who said our work should be a home that welcomes, a church that evangelises, a school that educates for life, and a playground where friends enjoy themselves.

It's a HOME: Where You Belong, No Matter What

Family is not just who you live with. It's your people—the ones who know you, accept you, and have your back. A Salesian parish strives to be that spiritual family.

Think about it: Who is the person here who remembers your name? Who asks how your big game or exam went? That is the “family spirit” in action. Here, you're not just another teen in a pew. You're a vital part of the household. The youth minister, the friendly usher, the volunteer cook—they're not just adults doing a job; they are like the aunts, uncles, and older siblings of your faith family. It's a place where you can show up as your true self, doubts, questions, and all, and find a welcome.

It's a SCHOOL: Where You Learn What Really Matters

Okay, you get enough school during the week. This is a different kind of school. It's a school for life. Yes, you might learn about the faith in youth group talks. But the real lessons happen in how we live. You learn about service by packing meals for the homeless shelter. You learn about community by planning a parish game night. You learn about leadership by helping to organize the summer BBQ or speaking up in a youth council meeting. Don Bosco believed in educating the whole person—your mind, your heart, and your hands. Your parish is a workshop where you practice mercy, justice, and kindness, gaining skills for life as a “good Christian and honest citizen.”

It's a PLAYGROUND: Where Faith is Fun and Friends are Found

Let's be real: If it's not joyful, it's not Salesian. Don Bosco famously said, “Run, jump, shout, but do not sin.” He knew that joy is the doorway to a young person's heart.

Your parish playground might be the volleyball court out back, the football on the turf or the carrom in the evenings. It is in the laughter during a scavenger hunt, the cheers during a trivia night, and the shared pizza. This is where friendships are cemented—friendships that support you in your faith journey. God made us for joy, and a parish that forgets that is missing a huge piece of the puzzle.

It's a CHURCH: Where You Meet God in Real Ways

Of course, this is the heart of it all. But in a Salesian parish, you don't just go to church; the whole community is the living Church.

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John Dantis & family.





You meet God in the Sunday Eucharist that feels like a family celebration. You meet Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered with kindness and understanding. You meet Him in the adoration room where you can just sit in quiet. But you also meet Him in the hug from a friend when you're down, in the teamwork of setting up chairs for an event, and in the satisfaction of serving someone in need. Faith here isn't a separate compartment; it's the air the community breathes.

This vision—this home, school, playground, and church—is not a dream waiting to happen. It is alive here, at St. John Bosco's. But it only reaches its full potential with you in it. You are the missing piece.

We are not just inviting you to attend; we are inviting you to belong. To find your people in the youth group. To discover your purpose through our activities. To bring your unique spirit, your laughter, your questions, and your talents to our shared table.

So, come and see. Join our youth group. Be part of our next program organised for Christmas or the Don Bosco Feast. Help us build this family even stronger.

-Fr. Vishal Lopes sdb



“QUEST FOR THE BEACON OF HOPE”

The Jubilee Committee organised a spiritually enriching and fun-filled programme titled “Quest for the Beacon of Hope” on 16th November 2025 for Sunday School children (Classes 1–10). The programme highlighted children as the future hope of the Church and aligned beautifully with the Jubilee Year's central theme of hope.

The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by refreshments and a warm welcome in the school hall with a special Children's Day greeting. Father Mario and Father Manuel addressed the children, after which engaging games such as Bombing the City with a Biblical quiz and Crossing the River Jordan were conducted. Prizes and spot rewards kept the children enthusiastically involved throughout.

The highlight of the programme was a thematic enactment led by “Lumo – The Keeper of the Light”, who guided the children on a quest to restore the Beacon of Hope by collecting tokens of Peace, Piety, Courage, Faith, and Hope, each depicted through powerful biblical stories. The creative narration, vibrant costumes, and effective sound and light effects left the audience spellbound.

The programme concluded joyfully with music, dance, and the distribution of lunch packs. Meticulously planned by the Jubilee Committee and well supported by Sunday School teachers, youth, and Parish Priest Fr. Manuel, the event provided the children with a memorable experience and a meaningful connection to the Jubilee Year. –**Jubilee Committee Initiative**



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*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Glen Colaco & family.*



THE PRICE OF DREAMS : A MOTHER'S SILENT SACRIFICE

After completing my graduation in Computer Science, I received a job offer that required extensive travel. I was thrilled on landing my first job. After six months of intensive training, the company assigned me to a new project in Chiplun. On 11th May 1996, a hot sunny day, I boarded an AC bus headed there.

Vendors (most of them fruit sellers) swarmed around us the moment we arrived. My attention was drawn to a woman in her sixties, sitting quietly under a tree with a crate full of ripe mangoes. She wasn't calling out to customers like the others. There was something hauntingly calm and a heavy stillness about her, which made me pause. Curious, I walked over and started a conversation. As she spoke, tears began rolling down her cheeks.

Alarmed, I gently asked, "Aai...what happened?" Her lips trembled. Her fingers clutched her saree tightly, as if holding onto a memory that weighed a thousand kilos. In a trembling voice, she narrated her story. Her husband had passed away when their son was just three years old. From that day, she devoted her entire life to raising her son. She fought life like a warrior—working any job she could find, selling anything she could spare, often going hungry so her son wouldn't. She was keen to see him educated, successful and had a dream "to see her son become a man better than his destiny."

He left from that very bus stop in Chiplun, heading to Mumbai to catch his flight to the United States. Years later, when the son completed his graduation, he expressed his dream of pursuing higher studies in the United States. Without hesitation, the mother sold all her properties...tiny home, their land and even her mangalsutra—the last symbol of her marriage, to fund his education. From America, he would call her occasionally. But as time passed, the calls became less frequent. During every call, she would ask him when he would return home. His reply was always the same: "I will come one day." But 'that one day' melted into years. After completing his studies, he secured a job in a multinational company and eventually married a coworker. He called his mother only once to inform her of his marriage—and that was the last time she ever heard from him. Thereafter, No calls, No letters, No visits. Just a deafening silence....

Since then, the mother sits under that tree daily, hoping that one day her son will return and look for her. She whispered, "I sit under this tree. Maybe... maybe he will return. Maybe he will look for me here. This is where I saw him last." At that moment, something twisted inside me. A mix of anger, sorrow, disbelief, and a helpless ache. As I listened to her, my own eyes filled with tears. I bought her entire crate of mangoes. I placed some extra money in her hand—not out of charity, but out of sheer emotional collapse.

How can someone abandon their parents like this? A mother who lost her husband early, who sacrificed everything for her child's future. How can ambition overshadow the hands that built their dreams? On that day I learned a truth that shook me: In the race for quick success and personal ambition, some people in this world can be ruthless.

Some sons return. Some don't. But the mothers? ...they wait anyway.

- Victor (James) Lopes



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Geeta & Winston Menezes





FREEDOM OF RELIGION BILL 2025 -

The Maharashtra government is expected to table the Freedom of Religion Bill in the upcoming winter session at Nagpur. Similar “anti-conversion” laws already exist in 11 BJP-ruled states and carry strict penalties for conversions deemed to be by coercion, allurements, fraud or undue influence—even acts like helping someone financially or aiding with school admission may be interpreted as influence.

Article 25 guarantees freedom of conscience and religion, but states can regulate secular aspects of religious practice. In practice, these laws often target Christians and Muslims, despite the Church asserting that conversions are voluntary. A major concern is that any third party may file an FIR alleging conversions at prayer meetings. Police must act immediately, while false complainants face no consequences. The burden of proof shifts to the accused, making priests, nuns, pastors and maulanans vulnerable. Punishments range from 1–10 years, and bail is difficult. The recent arrest of two nuns in Bhopal reflects this growing risk.

Despite sustained contributions in education, healthcare and social service, Christian institutions face increasing hostility—The Wire reported 334 attacks in just the first seven months of this year.

The Bill also requires anyone intending to convert to submit a 30-day notice to the District Magistrate, followed by an inquiry. Critics believe such legislation is driven by divisive forces and threatens India’s secular, pluralistic foundations. Dr B. R. Ambedkar’s vision of liberty, equality, fraternity and justice now faces serious challenges.

“Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my

country awake.”—Rabindranath Tagore
(Disclaimer: The views expressed are the writer’s own.)

-Alex D’Mello



CANCER SCREENING & HEALTH AWARENESS CAMP

16th Nov., 2025 — The Women’s Cell of St. John Bosco Parish, Borivali, successfully organized a comprehensive Cancer Screening and Health Awareness Camp on Sunday, in collaboration with the Indian Cancer Society. The event sought to promote early detection of cancer, raise awareness about preventive healthcare, and provide accessible medical services to the local community.

A team of experienced gynaecologists, physicians, and dentists from the Indian Cancer Society conducted free medical checkups and diagnostic tests throughout the day. Their expertise ensured that participants received thorough evaluations and valuable guidance on maintaining healthier lifestyles.

Gynaecologists facilitated cervical and breast cancer screenings and conducted demonstrations on breast self-examination, equipping women with essential knowledge for early detection. Physicians provided complete medical assessments, offering advice on nutrition, lifestyle changes, and preventive health practices. Dentists carried out oral cancer screenings and routine dental checkups, emphasizing the importance of oral hygiene and early detection of oral health issues.

The camp witnessed encouraging participation, with 55 women and 15 men benefiting from the free diagnostic services and consultations



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Terrence, Rosebell, Samuel & Sarah Ambosta



offered.

The Women's Cell extended heartfelt appreciation to all medical professionals, volunteers, and attendees whose involvement contributed to the camp's success. Special thanks were offered to Mrs. Ankita and Mr. Sudhakar Chaughule, whose dedicated coordination and informative presentations on the importance of health screening were invaluable.

"We are very grateful for your generous service to society," said Mrs. Bernadine D'Mello, expressing gratitude on behalf of the Women's Cell. The successful camp marks a significant step toward building a healthier, better-informed community within the parish and beyond.

- Women's Cell





BCS -ST. JOHN BOSCO UNIT COMPLETES 25 YEARS

On Sunday 28th September 2025 was celebration of an important milestone for The Bombay Catholic Sabha, St. John Bosco Parish Unit, Borivali. It marked 25 years of active involvement of its members "To create a just society through involvement in Social, Civic and Political Affairs in the quest of building "Better tomorrow, today"

"Founded in year 2000 under the leadership of Sr. Inspector of Police (retired) Shri Thomas D'Sa, the unit got wings under the Chairmanship of Adv. Raphael DSouza, who considers himself as an "accidental Chairman". A host of programmes covering diverse areas, under his stewardship, with two lieutenants 'Felix Aranha and Richard Fernandes' to do the running around and a committed group of managing committee members, the unit quickly rose to be recognised as an outstanding unit of the Sabha, competing and winning 14 Sabha Day Awards for their outstanding work.

The unit is pioneer in introducing Inter-Religious Harmony in 2007. Today such programmes are held in most of the units. The unit has also built up a strong second line of leadership which has ensured the strength and vitality of the unit. Felix Aranha, an Ex Air India Manager took over from Adv. Raphael DSouza. Lucas D'Mello, a Corporate Executive succeeded Felix. Lucas was followed by Dominic Chettiar, a financial Advisor to a large corporate, as the Chairman.

The unit has given leadership to the Sabha at the Diocesan level too. Adv. Raphael D'Souza, led the Sabha as it's President during the most difficult times- Covid 2019. However, it also

marked the setting up of BCSACT (The Bombay Catholic Sabha Academy for Civil Services Training). Adv. Raphael then moved on to lead AICU as it's Maharashtra State President in 2017-2019, National Secretary, Secretary General and currently as the National Vice President. Felix Aranha (multiple terms) Dominic Chettiar and Lucas Dmello served on the Executive Committee of the Sabha. Dominic Chettiar is the current State Secretary for AICU Maharashtra.

The unit works closely with the clergy and the unit acknowledges that without the encouragement of Parish Priests of the period 1997 (when initial seeds to form the unit were sown) onwards, the unit would have withered like some of the other Parish Units. The unit has 1700 members out of a parish strength of about 2500. The success of St. John Bosco Parish Unit of the Sabha is the testimony that "active cooperation between Sabha and Clergy team" can truly support the Christian Community and build a Better tomorrow, today. The Silver Jubilee function was graced by Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Alwyn Misquitta, Rev. Fr. Manuel Murzello, parish priest and Spiritual Advisor to the unit, Rev. Fr. Vishal Lopes, Administrator, Shri Dolphy D'Souza President of the BCS and over 242 participants. The day saw games, fellowship, live band, bumper Housie and the programme ended with sumptuous dinner.

-Bombay Catholic Sabha

- St. John Bosco Unit



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Families of Gorai 3 Zone.*



Past & Present Chairpersons, Fr. Vishal Lopes & BCS President Dophy Dsouza



BCS Committee members of St. John Bosco unit.





A TRIBUTE

TO OUR BELOVED CHOIR MASTER

This Christmas, the Choir Ministry comes together with grateful hearts to honor a man whose life has been a symphony of service, music, and love. At 83, Fr. Aloysius (Fr. Aloo) continues to inspire, guide, and nurture our choir with the same passion and dedication he has carried throughout his remarkable journey.



Fr. Aloo has spent a lifetime teaching music, shaping countless voices, and training generations of young musicians to play the keyboard and sing with confidence and soul. Many of us took our very first musical steps under his patient care. He has not only taught us notes and melodies but also discipline, harmony, and the joy of offering our talents to God.



His gentle humour, unwavering commitment, and deep love for the liturgy have created a space where our choir feels like a family. Every practice, every hymn, and every Mass is richer because of his presence.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we also celebrate the gift that God has given us in Fr. Aloo. In the words of a timeless song that echoes our gratitude: "How wonderful life is, when you're in the world."



Thank you, Fr. Aloo, for your music, your mentorship, and your heart. You continue to be the melody that keeps our choir united and inspired.

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HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP

On September 14, 2025, the Women's Cell along with Bombay Catholic Sabha came together with a heart full of service and concern for the well-being of our parish community and organized a Medical health checkup through Suburban Diagnostics Medical our Parish. Our Parish Priest, Fr Manuel supported this initiative and hoped all the parishioners would benefit from it. With prayerful preparation and meticulous planning, the members organized the Camp in the parish hall, aimed at creating awareness on preventive healthcare and encouraging families to take charge of their health. The camp began at 6.30 am. The atmosphere was filled with a spirit of care and concern, as parishioners began arriving for their check-ups. A dedicated team of medical professionals generously offered their time and expertise. Parishioners had the opportunity to undergo routine tests including CBC, Lipid, kidney and liver function, blood sugar and others along with basic health consultations at subsidized rates. As participants moved from one table to another, they not only received medical guidance but also warm encouragement from the Women's Cell members, who ensured that everyone felt comfortable and cared for. Tea and biscuits were served to the parishioners who underwent their tests. Out of the total of 91 parishioners who took advantage of this health checkup camp at our parish, 49 chose ProSelf Advance (Rs 2500/-), 29 chose ProSelf Easy (Rs 1250/-) and the remaining 13 chose other minor checkup packages. Many parishioners expressed their appreciation for the camp, noting how convenient and reassuring it was to have such

itself. The day concluded with a note of gratitude from the Women's Cell and the BCS. Thanks were extended to the medical professionals, volunteers, and parishioners whose participation made the camp a success. Special thanks to Fr. Vishal who meticulously arranged the setup of the health camp and ensured smooth functioning. Special thanks to Melvin, Felix and the entire BCS team who were present till the end for their support provided to make this a successful event. Above all, heartfelt thanks were offered to God for guiding this initiative, which truly embodied the Christian spirit of service, care, and compassion. The Medical Health Check-up Camp not only addressed the physical health needs of our parishioners but also strengthened the bonds of fellowship and community. It was a beautiful reminder that when we come together in faith and service, we not only nurture healthier bodies but also build a stronger, more caring parish family. Wellness begins with awareness

Parish Women's Cell cares for you!

-Women's Cell



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Catherine Vaz & family.*





THE GIFT THAT RETURNS

Bible Verse- “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, Will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
— Luke 6:38

QUOTE - “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” — Mother Teresa
Living the Message Today

As the world grows faster, busier, and more digital, the true meaning of Christmas often gets lost in the rush of shopping, parties, and social media posts. Yet, beneath all the noise, the message of Christmas remains simple and timeless — a call to love, share, and bring hope. The birth of Jesus in a humble manger reminds us that real greatness is found in humility, simplicity, and compassion.

As we celebrate this holy season, may we carry its values beyond December — letting peace, generosity, and compassion shape our everyday choices. In doing so, we live out the timeless truth of Christmas: that love came into the world, not to be admired, but to be shared. Christmas invites us to rediscover the joy of presence over presents

No gadget or gift can replace the love shared through time spent with family, a word of forgiveness, or a hand extended in help. When we live with compassion, humility, and faith, we reflect the true meaning of Christmas

A True Story of Giving

There is a very interesting story told of Jeane Marie from France. This girl was working as maid and her madam was very understanding and caring towards her. She was a very devout girl and liked to go for mass every day. She had made a vow that she will take care of homeless person in the area. She will give breakfast and food to the homeless person every day. One day she fell ill and was hospitalized for a month. Madam waited for her to return but since she could not get better, madam found another maid. Since she was in the hospital, she had lost her job and money. Little money she had, she managed to give the homeless man some food and went to the church for mass. After the mass, a young man approached her and said “you look tensed and worried, what happened.” She narrated her story.

He said, don't worry, there is a lady in the vicinity and she is searching for a maid. He took her to the residence of the lady and went away. As she knocked, the lady opened the door. Jeane Marie asked her whether she needs a maid. Lady was surprised, since she did not tell anybody about it. Jeane Marie looked at the photo in the house and she said that's the person in the photo who brought me here. Lady was surprised and said that gentleman was dead one year back and he is my darling son. Jeane Marie was called in and she narrated her life story. The lady said, herein, you will be staying in this house, not as a maid but as a daughter.



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merwyn Basil Pereira



Reflection

The story of Jeane Mare reminds us of a deep truth: as we give, so we receive — not always in material ways, but in peace, joy, and love that fill the heart. When we share what little we have, God multiplies it.

So this Christmas, let us give not out of abundance, but out of gratitude. Let us bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair, and warmth where there is loneliness. For in giving, we truly receive — and in loving others, we encounter the love of Christ Himself.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to give with love and joy, to share our blessings with others, and to keep Your spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

-Philip Pereira



VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AS A PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE DEAD

A cemetery is not only a final resting place but also a silent witness to history, remembrance, and faith. In November, as the Church turns its focus toward remembering the departed, the faithful are invited to participate in the sacred tradition of gaining plenary indulgences for the souls in purgatory—an act of charity and spiritual solidarity that affirms the enduring bond between the living and the dead.

The first eight days of November offer a special opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, making this time one of prayer, reflection, and gratitude. On 8th November 2025, the Eksar Zonal members visited Gorai Cemetery to pray for the departed souls of our loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them. We gathered to pray the Rosary, reflecting on the life of Christ and entrusting the souls of the departed to God's mercy. Each mystery was offered with heartfelt intentions for their eternal rest.

Standing by their graves evoked memories filled with love and longing, while the serene atmosphere of the cemetery brought comfort and peace. United in faith, we concluded with a final prayer and hymn, entrusting all souls to God's eternal care.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



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*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Gilbert William D'souza & family.*





WALKING WITH MARY: PILGRIMAGE TO KARJAT

On 23rd August 2025, thirty parishioners of St. John Bosco Church, accompanied by Fr. Vishal and Deacon Dieudonné, undertook a grace-filled pilgrimage to Karjat.

At Our Lady of Fatima Church, the group celebrated the Eucharist and listened to the remarkable story of the church's treasured Fatima statue—one of five sent by the Holy Father, found unclaimed at Karjat station. Pilgrims also venerated the relics of Sts. Jacinta and Francisco and the Jubilee Cross.

At the Don Bosco Yuva Centre, the Rosary Garden, Stations of the Cross, and an outdoor Divine Mercy chaplet offered moments of deep peace and spiritual renewal. Fellowship over tea, vada pav, and shared laughter strengthened community bonds.

Grateful thanks to the Jubilee team, led by Fr. Manuel Murzello, for organizing a meaningful and memorable day. Pilgrims returned home feeling they had truly walked with Mary and grown closer to Christ.

-Jubilee Committee



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*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Carmelito D'costa - Devotee of Mary Help of Christians*



PILGRIMAGE TO VELANKANNI SHRINE

On 11th October 2025, 55 parishioners of St. John Bosco Church, Borivali, along with Fr. Manuel Murzello, embarked on a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Our Lady of Velankanni Shrine, Bhatebunder, Uttan.

The journey began with prayers, hymns, and the recitation of the Holy Rosary on the bus, fostering a spirit of unity and devotion. Upon arrival, pilgrims enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast before assembling for a prayerful session, including the Jubilee Cross Prayer, Divine Mercy Rosary, and Jubilee Prayer, culminating in the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Manuel, enhanced by the soulful hymns of the choir led by Francis Fernandes. Nestled amid the tranquil sea and green hills, the shrine, with its beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother and the tall cross, offered an ideal setting for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. Many pilgrims climbed the 215 steps to the cross, an experience both challenging and deeply rewarding.

The journey concluded with a Bible quiz, fellowship, and a packed lunch of hot biryani at the parish. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to the Jubilee Committee team—Virginia Rebello, Cynthia D'Silva, Melrina Mascarenhas, Angeline Fernandes—and Fr. Manuel Murzello for organizing a well-planned, spiritually enriching pilgrimage.

The day left participants with renewed faith, strengthened fellowship, and lasting memories of devotion and hope.

-Jubilee Committee

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Francis & Isabel Martin





POPE LEO THE XIV - Invitation To The Faithful For Prayer And Peace

Rosary Procession for World Peace

On Tuesday, 7th October, the universal Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. To mark this special occasion, the Parish Liturgy Team of St. John Bosco Church, Borivali, organized a Rosary in procession with the intention of praying for world peace.

The statue of Our Lady was beautifully adorned with fresh flowers, enhancing the sacred atmosphere and drawing hearts closer to our Blessed Mother.

The Rosary commenced at 6:00 PM, with our Parish Priest and Rector Rev.Fr Manuel Murzello leading us in the recitation of the Angelus, drawing a sizeable and enthusiastic gathering of parishioners. The Rosary was reverently recited in multiple languages — English, Konkani, Marathi, Hindi, and Malayalam reflecting the rich cultural diversity of the community.

- The first decade was recited at the portico.
- The second, third, and fourth decades were prayed in procession, stopping at designated points along the route.
- The fifth decade was recited inside the church, culminating the spiritual journey.

Following the decades of the Rosary, the Litany to the Blessed Mother was solemnly chanted by Rev Fr. Ranson Dsouza, adding a deeply devotional tone to the evening.

It was truly an evening well spent in prayer and reflection, honouring Mama Mary and uniting in a powerful plea for peace across the world.

- Parish Liturgy Team



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Aaria, Iris & Zayn*



FR. MASCHIO CUP 2025

On Sunday, 30th November 2025, the youth of St. John Bosco Church, Borivali participated in the Fr Maschio Cup, a private football (men) and throwball (women) tournament organised by DBYS Matunga for Salesian institutions. The parish was represented by two football teams and one throwball team, all well-prepared through weeks of rigorous training.

In the football tournament, both teams were placed in separate pools alongside teams from Resurrection Church, Virar; Dominic Savio, Andheri; and Salesian institutes from Kurla and Nerul. While Team A faced a tough outing and finished last in their group, the experience proved to be a valuable learning opportunity. Team B performed impressively, winning their first two matches and emerging as strong contenders. However, a narrow loss in their final league match cost them a place in the semi-finals, and they finished second in their group.

The highlight of the day was the outstanding performance of the women's throwball team. Competing against DBIT Kurla and DB Communications Kurla, the team won all their league matches, topped the points table convincingly, and were crowned Champions of the Fr Maschio Cup – Throwball 2025. Their unity, discipline, teamwork, and confident play earned widespread admiration and marked a proud moment in the parish's sporting history.

-Don Bosco Youth





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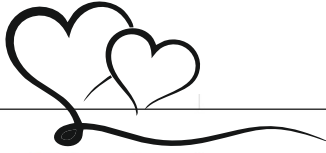
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"Happily Married"

Dt. of Marriage	Name	Zone
03-05-2025	Wilfred Brito & Clara Monteiro	Old MHB
10-05-2025	Ajay Wayeda & Pooja Parsi	Gorai 1
19-10-2025	Savio Vaz & Cefran D'souza	Yogi North
30-10-2025	Octavian Vaz & Sanjana Parikh	Gorai 2
16-11-2025	Domnic D'Souza & Dipti Chikhale	Gorai 1
21-11-2025	Savio D'cunha & Sharon Fernandes	Eksar
13-12-2025	Elvis Gonsalves & Vaibhavi Modi	Babhahi
20-12-2025	Kelvin Castellino & Jessica Fernandes	New MHB - A



"Baptised in Jesus"			
Baptism Date	Name	Parents	Zone
28-12-2024	Ari Anson	Sherrin & Anson Antony	Vazira
26-04-2025	Eliora Pereira	Pearl & Kevin Pereira	Old MHB
27-04-2025	Liam D'souza	Chrysann & Noel D'Souza	Thane
14-09-2025	Iyawa Sequeira	Priyanka & Ryan Sequeira	Chikuwadi
30-08-2025	Theo Fernandes	Devika & Ramson Fernandes	Old MHB
17-08-2025	Leon D'silva	Tejaswini & Aston D'Silva	Gorai 2
18-10-2025	Alanna Fernandes	Valerie & Nelson Fernandes	Yogi Nagar
14-12-2025	Blossom D'souza	Natasha & Christopher D'souza	Gorai 1 D
14-12-2025	Annaiah Fernandes	Pooja & Bob Fernandes	Gorai 2 C



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 - Shanti Sagar Prayer Group





"Resting in Eternity"



Maurice D'Souza
Date of Death : 11-11-2025
Zone - Jayraj Nagar



Denis Joseph Fernandes
Date of Death : 23-10-2025
Zone - Chikuwadi B



Gracy D'Souza
Date of Death : 19-10-2025
Zone - Vazira Naka



Francis Misquitta
Date of Death : 15-10-2025
Zone - Gorai 2 D



Francis Lancelot D'Cunha
Date of Death : 09-10-2025
Zone - Chikuwadi



Mathew John Victor D'Souza
Date of Death : 27-09-2025
Zone - Jayraj Nagar



Shanta Parmar
Date of Death : 25-09-2025
Zone - Old MHB



Franklin Waswald Alberto Albuquerque
Date of Death : 18-09-2025
Zone - New MHB



Ruby B Gudinho
Date of Death : 08-09-2025
Zone - Eksar



Ignatius P Vaz
Date of Death : 31-08-2025
Zone - Yogi Nagar



George Clement D'Souza
Date of Death : 13-08-2025
Zone - Gorai 2



Joseph Sebastian
Date of Death : 04-08-2025
Zone - Yogi Nagar



Robert Marcel D'Souza
Date of Death : 26-07-2025
Zone - Jayraj Nagar



Mathilda Irene Cynthia D'Souza
Date of Death : 17-06-2025
Zone - Yogi Nagar



Madhuri Paxio Cardoz
Date of Death : 16-06-2025
Zone - Gorai 1



Pauline Waghmare
Date of Death : 24-07-2025
Zone - Gorai 1



Nicholas Henry
Date of Death : 23-10-2025
Zone - Gorai 3B

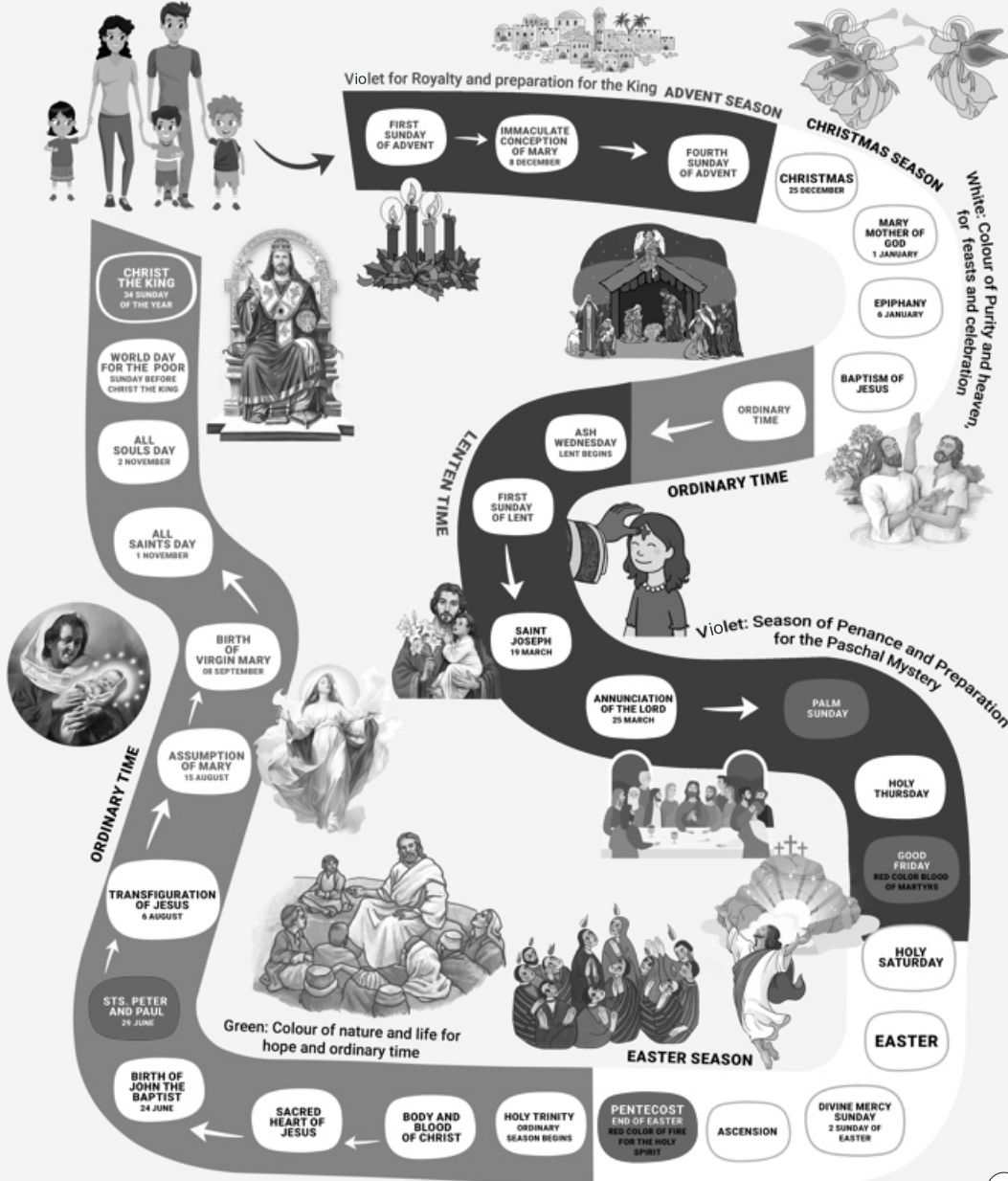


Bartholomew Pereira
Date of Death : 25-07-2025
Zone - Gorai 2





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Felix, Leticia, Fiola & Floyd Aranha.





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MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday was joyfully celebrated on, 19th October 2025, at Don Bosco Church, Borivali, where parishioners gathered with open hearts to support the noble cause of building a new church in Nagpur.

The highlight of the celebration was the Mission Fete—a vibrant and colourful showcase of traditional, homemade dishes that reflected the love, unity, and generosity of the parish community.

From spicy pork vindaloo, rich sorpotel, and the much-loved fugiyas, sanna, and beef cutlets, to sweet delights like patoli, kheer, and payasam, every dish was lovingly prepared with devotion. Adding to the festive cheer, homemade wine infused with black pepper and raisin brought families and friends together to savour cherished flavours rooted in their cultural heritage.

Enhancing the joyful atmosphere, the Sunday School children entertained parishioners with fun games and lively performances. Their enthusiasm, innocence, and energy filled the day with smiles and highlighted the vibrant spirit of the church's youth.

Every meal served and every contribution made has helped bring the dream of a new Nagpur church closer to reality. Mission Sunday 2025 at Don Bosco Church was truly a memorable celebration of faith, community, and heartfelt generosity.

VIANNEY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 10th August 2025, the parish family of St. John Bosco Church joyfully celebrated Vianney Sunday, honouring the devoted ministry of priests in the spirit of St. John Mary Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.

The celebration began with a solemn procession of priests and hymns of praise. The Sunday School children explained the significance of the day, followed by a meaningful homily by a layperson reflecting on the life and virtues of St. John Marie Vianney.

After Holy Communion, the priests of St. John Bosco Church and Bosco Boys' Home — Fr. Manuel, Fr. Aloysius, Fr. Mario, Fr. Cletus, Fr. Ranson, Fr. Vishal, Fr. Roshan, Fr. Roy, and Fr. Donald—were felicitated by the PPC members and Sunday School children with gifts, handmade cards, and a spiritual bouquet.

A cake-cutting ceremony added to the joy. The celebration concluded in the church hall with cultural performances, games, and fellowship over a shared meal. Vianney Sunday 2025 was a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the gift of the priesthood and the loving service of our shepherds.



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*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Lucas, Bernadine & Durran Dmello.*



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OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

On Sunday, 7th December 2025, the Parish celebrated the First Holy Communion of twelve children during the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass. The children who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time, alongside their parents and families, were Ashel, Nyra, Angel, Kenneth Machado, Skyler, Theodore, Brent, Kenneth Solanki, Kian, Jayden, Platon, and Brylan. The children were prepared for this important sacrament by the catechists Ms. Maria Thomas and Ms. Vilita Dsouza, under the guidance of Mrs. Juliet Miranda and Mrs. Vina Prabhu. The Holy Mass was solemnly celebrated by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Manuel Murzello, who was the main celebrant, along with the concelebrating priests Rev. Fr. Flovi D'Souza, Rev. Fr. Vishal Lopes, Rev. Fr. Mario Vaz, and Rev. Fr. Aloysius Furtado. The students actively participated in the liturgy by reverently reading their commitment cards during the Mass and joyfully presenting a beautiful thanksgiving action song. The celebration was further enhanced by Pranali and her choir team, whose melodious singing added to the prayerful atmosphere. The Parish also gratefully acknowledged the dedicated service of the sacristan, Mr. Sudhir Toppo, who meticulously ensured that all arrangements for the Mass were well in place, making the Eucharistic celebration a truly grace-filled and memorable occasion.



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