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What Would Ignatius Have Done?!!

The Jesuits are celebrating the 500th Year of the Cannonball Moment in the life of Ignatius, which transformed him and set him on his mission - and this turned out to be very fruitful for the establishment of God's Kingdom. So what would Ignatius have done if he had entered in the 21st Century? **Well, Ignatius of Loyola perhaps would have joined the Franciscans !!!**

See the evidence: a very prominent Jesuit Cardinal took on the mission and vision of Francis of Assisi – he even took on the name “Francis” and the Church calls him Pope Francis! “Laudato Si” takes up a lot of the cultural priorities of St. Francis and “Fratelli Tutti” also cites his example. So a Jesuit Pope, with Ignatian discernment, takes up the agenda of the Franciscans. That's how the Spirit works!

Pope Francis gives us indications of what Ignatius would have done had he been in our times. Firstly he would have wanted to **reform the Church**, as the Pope's intention for this month clearly states; and this would mean breaking down clericalism, empowering the lay vocation, giving women their rightful place in the Church, viewing people of other Churches and other Religions as also having authentic experiences of God – in short, implementing Vatican II.

Secondly Ignatius would have worked to **change public policy**, in order to bring about a more equitable economic system - we know that Ignatius gave importance to people of influence in his days. Doing

works of charity to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of an unjust economic order is not sufficient as a strategy to help the poor.

Thirdly, Ignatius would have **worked to restore our Common Home** - the Planet, through changes in spirituality, values, lifestyle and technology.

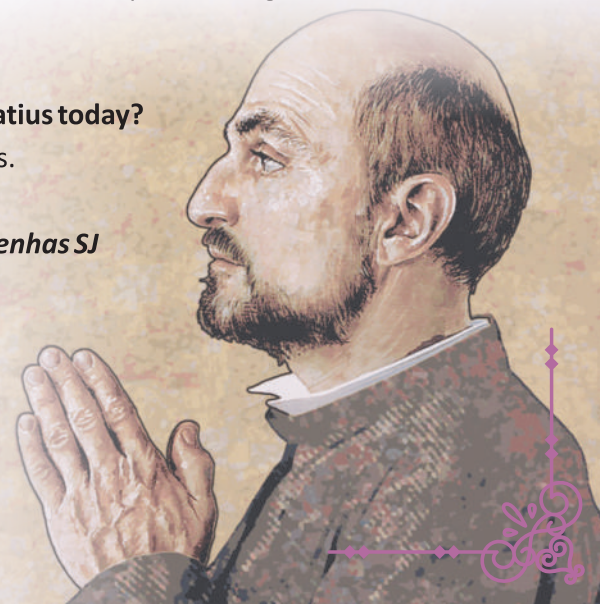
The fourth task would be to bring about a **change of attitude to refugees** and migrants, so that they would be met with hospitality and compassion. Bringing peace in the midst of conflict situations through reconciliation is also a part of this agenda.

Finally Ignatius would have found ways to **connect young people with God**, a connection which seems weak at the moment, with the youth not finding Church relevant to their needs and culture. Of course, it's quite possible that they are finding God outside the Church!

And who is Ignatius today?

Each one of us is.

Frazer Mascarenhas SJ



Saint Peter Julian Eymard

(1811-1868)

Born in France, Pierre-Julien's deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist was revealed when as a little boy he left home and was found in the Church, standing on a high stool close to the Tabernacle. "I am here, listening to Jesus," he explained.

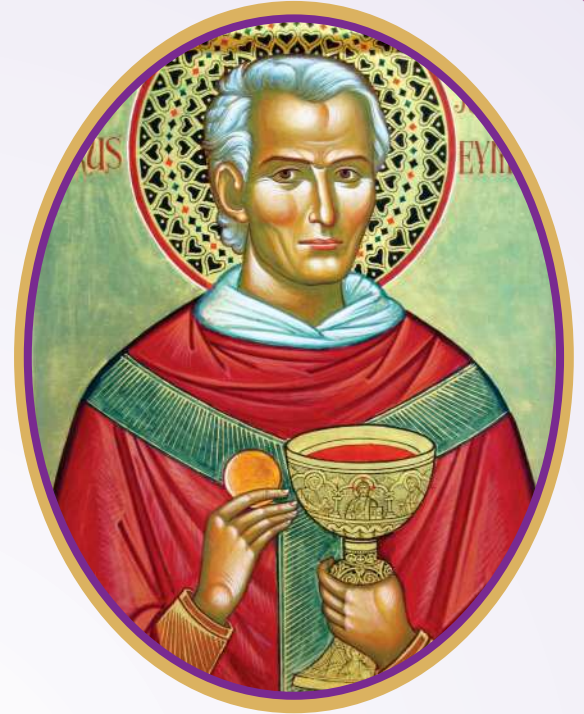
Peter Julian's first attempt to join the Seminary ended in serious illness. He tried again, and at age 23, was ordained a Diocesan priest. Despite persistent health issues, Eymard was an amazingly energetic and hardworking priest. Naturally drawn to contemplation, the demands of his ministry made it impossible for him to live a purely contemplative life. Eymard soon joined the Religious Congregation, the Society of Mary. Throughout his life, he had an intense devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. He enjoyed going on pilgrimage to various Marian Shrines throughout Europe.

It was Eymard's apostolic work for the Society of Mary that would put him in contact with his first love - Jesus in the Eucharist. Father Eymard was especially effective at preaching Eucharistic devotions. It was on one such occasion, on Corpus Christi, that he had a powerful experience that would change the course of his life. While carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession he experienced an intense desire to "bring all the world to the knowledge and love of our Lord in the Eucharist." In 1856, he made the painful decision to leave the Marists in the hope of founding a Religious Congregation dedicated to the Eucharist.

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, which Peter founded, alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. They worked with children preparing them to receive their First Communion. They also reached out to non-practicing Catholics, inviting them to repent and begin receiving Communion again. Eymard also directed his ministry to the young workers, the "rag pickers," and others who made up a large segment of the labour force of Paris.

Eymard's understanding of the Eucharist was not limited merely to adoration and reparation but to reaching out to those who were estranged from Jesus and evangelizing them. Gradually there was a deepening of Eymard's Eucharistic devotion – from a spirit of reparation to a spirituality of loving surrender to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In 1858, together with Marguerite Guillot, Eymard founded the "Servants of the Blessed Sacrament", a Contemplative Congregation for Women.

Eymard has inspired people around the world to live a more dynamic and transformative Eucharistic life by uniting regular participation in the Mass, times of contemplation and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and service to others in Christ's name. Eymard was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962. John Paul II named Eymard "Apostle of the Eucharist". May our celebration of the Eucharist proclaim the liberating love of God and inspire us to generously offer our service to build up a world where there is justice and peace.



Feast
2nd AUGUST

Fr. Aubrey A. Mascarenhas SJ

Community Sharing

St. Martin's Community: The members of our community held a virtual celebration to felicitate Parents / Grandparents / Elders on July 25 at 7 pm. Yes, we were physically distant but emotionally and spiritually closer than ever.

No celebration begins without giving praise to God. We sang hymns of praise and thanked God for his presence with us in the form our parents. Incidentally, all the prayers and hymns were collated by the youth of our community.

After the initial thanksgiving prayer and hymns glorifying God, we had the Gospel reading about the prodigal son to remind us about how unconditional the love of God is towards his children and the unconditional love of parents towards their own children.

Then followed the main event; the children of some of our members' families set the stage on fire, in this case our screens. From a lively, fun and entertaining dance by a 7-year-old girl to a couple of melodious popular songs by children's groups. It delighted the hearts of the parents and elders who participated in this celebration.

And finally, what could be a better way to end a celebration than an exciting game of housie. All in all, it was a fun evening and definitely helped give back to parents at least a teeny tiny fraction of the endless things they do for us.

Bjorn Fonseca

95 - NOT OUT

*NO! It's not a cricket match - It's my age!
In the Book of Life, I've turned a page.
That I've made it, this far - It's only by God's grace.
By His will, I'm still a living member of the human race.*

*At this stage, I know I could not get by on my own,
But my family lovingly cares for me and
I don't feel all alone.
Our homes are side by side of one another,
Thus they were able to care for their father while alive,
and now their mother.*

*Topping it all, we live in Bandra in the Parish of St. Peter
In my book - there could not be anything sweeter.
Keep giving aid to old folk who are alone -
and make no mistake,
God will reward you greatly - you are doing it for His sake.*

*One favour I would ask - if I may,
Remember me and my family today, when you pray.*

Marie D'Souza

Pope's Intentions Aug 2021



The Church

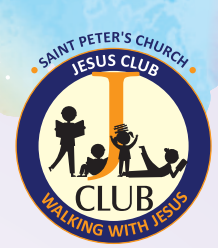
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
INDIA



The Colourful Shades Of Parenting



On the 25th of July we had the joy of experiencing an enriching webinar hosted by the Jesus Club entitled the 'Colourful Shades of Parenting'. Each child has a colourful identity that is unique and parenting celebrates every hue they represent, no matter how great the challenge may be.

Dr Richard Pereira and Canice his wife, shed light on the various difficulties that were encountered by the model family Mary, Joseph and Jesus, drawing focus to how they dealt with each situation. Truly an example we can imbibe from at all times in our daily encounters as parents.

They stressed on the importance of prayer. Their family motto: Gaze upwards, look inward, reach outward and press forward, with the hope of a better tomorrow.

Their family survival tool kit for Covid times consisted of: The role of the Father and Mother; disciplining, setting priorities, being grateful, growing in holiness and focusing on building strong relationships through our responsibility of handing down the faith; by being a witness to God's Word.

Fr. Gerard then took us on a journey revising the promises made between ourselves and God. All soaked in the relevant eyeopeners that we can keep in mind especially when the going gets tough!

1. Children have been given to us to take care of, but they belong to God. We will be held accountable if we fail in our duty.
2. We must be obedient to the will of God.
3. Educate our children - not just the act of sending them to school, but accepting children lovingly from God and bringing them up according to the laws of the church and in the practice of the faith.

The family is the anchor that provides faith to children. The faith (Jesus) is the greatest gift we can give our children. Prayer is not enough our children's relationship with our Lord should be built through the living examples of their parents, and the love they have for each other. The three most important places in the life of a child are: a. The Home b. The School of Values c. The Domestic church

Our final speaker was Dr. Wilona Annunciation - a consulting psychiatrist and a mental wellness coach. She deftly tackled challenges faced by parents through her own family experiences and stressed on the need to focus on building the relationship between parents and children:

1. Helping our children to adjust and manage change. Embrace 'change' and support your child while keeping values intact.
2. She stressed on the need to be prepared for the influence of friends on our children. The camaraderie between children and their friends will always be there, but we as parents need to dwell on developing and enhancing a growing relationship with our children that needs to adapt and accommodate changes with passage of time
3. Social media de-addiction - restricted access to gadgets and electronics. A much needed touch point had many cobwebs of doubt cleared.
4. Discipline - We as parents must be friendly with our children(plan fun activities)But we cannot be their Friends... we are their Parents and need to correct and guide them.

The webinar was anchored with inimitable expertise by our very own teacher, Bunny Cardoz. A touching 'Thank You' music video dedicated to our parents and grandparents showcasing emotive family pictures of our Jesus Club children and their families paved the way for a warm conclusion by Fr Baptista who expressed his thanks on behalf of the Jesus Club teachers, students and parents, to our dedicated speakers for their valuable contributions in guiding parents through the various challenges faced in today's world.

A beautiful start to what we hope was an even more beautiful day!

Marina Fernandes

Here is the YouTube link for those who would like to experience this webinar that was attended by nearly 300 individuals on Parents Day. Thank you for your whole hearted participation

<https://youtu.be/B3nSPB85ZTw>



Being The Good News In The Domestic Church

All of us are looking forward to making our Parish Theme for the year “Being the Good News in The Domestic Church” a Living Reality. Every family, occasionally finds delight in some form of gossip. To be the Good News in the Domestic Church, why not ‘Gossip the Gospel’?

The Gospel tells the good news that God has made us in His own image and likeness. He loves each of us intimately, passionately and unconditionally.

The Gospel of Jesus invites us to:

Appreciate each person as a gift of God. Bless and be a blessing. Celebrate differences. Dialogue and enrich our family life. Encourage belongingness. Forgive unconditionally.

Give without counting the cost. Heal the emotionally wounded: we are ‘wounded healers’. Inspire and be inspired. Journey an extra mile. Kindle the fire of God’s love in and around us. Love one another as Jesus loves us.

Marvel at God’s handiwork in nature. Nurture the seed of faith within. Open our eyes and see Jesus in others. Participate in the Eucharist and be bread for the needy. Qualify to be ‘the salt of the earth’. Re-create in us God’s own Spirit. Support the cause of justice.

Transform, to be ‘the light of the world’. Unite to untie the knots and bring about peace and harmony. Vitalize the weak and the voiceless. Welcome the last, the least and the lost. Xray and be transparent in our relationships. Yield goodness and kindness. Zoom in, to empower the helpless and the hopeless.

The Gospel message is most powerful and challenges us to be the Good News in every life situation. All of us have moments of inspiration and enlightenment that we treasure. When we share these with others, we enrich their lives and strengthen their faith. We can do it even with our friends of other faith. Let us use every opportunity to ‘Gossip the Gospel’ for **BEING THE GOOD NEWS IN OUR FAMILY, THE DOMESTIC CHURCH.**

Sr. Sumitra Putthur



Light, Hope, Love – The New Order

Light overpowering darkness
Hope replacing despair
Love winning over hate
Is the message of Jesus risen

Darkness, despair descended on me
At lower court declaring me complicit
Of waging war against the State
As such not deserving bail

And what was the evidence?
Some documents planted in my computer
Which were supposedly addressed to me
Something I myself was not in the know

My co-accused colleagues
Assured me this accusation is nothing new
They too have been accused similarly
I was thus consoled to be in their good company

But fight we will till the end
Not so much just to save our skin
But to speak truth to power
Counting all the while you all are with us
in mind and heart.

Fr. Stan

Feast Of Our Patron Saint - A Heavenly Celebration

The feast of St. Peter, as per the Church calendar, was on Tuesday 29th June 2021. However, we at St. Peter's Parish commemorated the day on Sunday 4th July 2021.

Fr. Felix D'Souza was assigned the responsibility of putting up a half hour online cultural program.

What followed were pre-program "teasers" and WhatsApp invitations which sure went a long way in getting a good virtual audience.

The "go-to" person, Darryl Loyola, is the evergreen battery. Entertainment runs in his veins! With sketchy directives on the content of the program, he immediately succeeded in infecting the happy virus to two others! Nothing daunted the 3 buzzing bees (Darryl/Victoria/Janet) and despite the multiple challenges of time, space, prevailing restrictive conditions, they were buzz... buzzing with ideas.

Blessed by the Holy Spirit and influenced by 'The Spirit in the Bottle', thoughts, jokes and current social media trends flew faster than could be captured on their "smart" devices. Soon... the skit evolved, aptly titled **#Simon Peter Wants to Know** a la 'The nation wants to know' in Arnab's bellowing voice. More on the curtain raiser follows.

The evening began with a Quiz on "How well do we know our Parish Team?". Some interesting and easy questions that could be answered by speed dialing one of 3 mobile numbers.

*With prizes including
One Way Ticket to Heaven!!*



Act II: Two parishioners sharing a tête-a-tête... Lo and behold, pleasantly surprised with a visit from the one and only, St. Peter, who troubled and exhausted, is unable to comprehend the sudden and shocking exodus from earth. There has been a Knock-Knock-Knockin' on Heaven's Door so he decides to personally investigate the matter.

What follows is a full-on update on the super fantastic teamwork at St. Peter's Parish and the vibrancy of activities – Reaching Out, Touching Me, Touching You... Touching Lives in the times of a raging pandemic. Beautifully portrayed with short clippings by the SVP, The Jesus Club, Confraternity, the Youth, and more.

Some great quirky dialogues on how everyone and everything is ONLINE.

No room for gloom

No lockdowns to stop us

We care, We share

We hope, We dare

We are a chosen generation

A highly impressed St. Peter returns to the pearly gates after assuring ALL OF US @The Parish of a reserved place up there!!

So, c'mon dear parishioners, reach out, share your skills, your talents and Heal the World, make it a better place for you and for me and the entire human race.

If you missed the program, no worries. Rewind @St.Peter's YouTube channel.

Janet D'souza



The Life Of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ

- Discernment In Process

I write about Fr. Stan because I was his Court-appointed Guardian, who was the only one allowed to meet him while he was in Holy Family Hospital in Judicial Custody and I spent many hours conversing with him during the month before he succumbed to illness. Fr. Stan showed great courage in facing his illness, the maltreatment he received in Taloja Jail and the choices he made which brought him there. I had been following his case since the time Arun Ferreira and Vernon Gonsalves had been arrested and at that time Stan himself had an FIR filed against him, his house raided and his computer confiscated. I asked Stan if that FIR, which the Court had refused to cancel, was not warning enough for him to desist from the work he was doing with the Adivasis of Jharkhand, which obviously was being found inconvenient by the then Jharkhand Government.

Fr. Stan explained how he found thousands of young Adivasis being arrested for protesting the taking over of their land for commercial purposes and languishing in jail without trial as they were accused of terrorism. He spoke of the survey he and his Jesuit colleague did of these Adivasis and how he filed a Petition in the Jharkhand High Court, giving the evidence of his survey and asking for the release of these people. He pointed out that he could not leave them in the lurch and that he was ready to pay the price. This was Stan Swamy. But how did he reach this position?

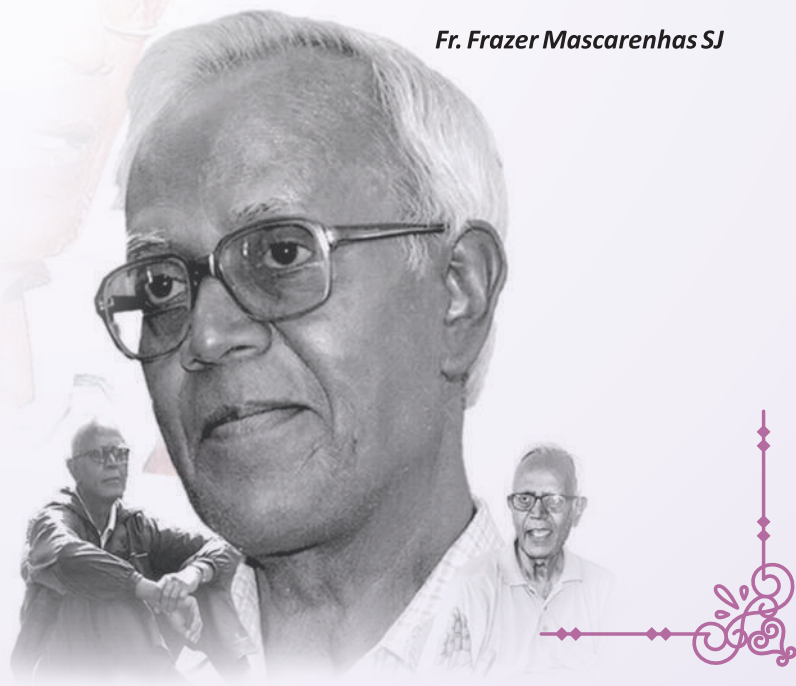
In a video interview with Journalist Tapan Bose, Stan had explained how, when he was in charge of the boys of a Tribal Boarding in Chaibasa during his early Jesuit formation, he had observed the open exploitation of the adivasis and the feeling of helplessness his boys felt in the face of this. That was when he decided that God was calling him to make a difference in the lives of these people. After his academic term as Director of the Indian Social Institute Bangalore ended, his discernment led him to go to the grassroots in Jharkhand and to work for the implementation of the Constitutional provisions for Scheduled Tribes, which were largely observed in the breach. His institute Bagaicha, in Ranchi, did conscientisation work with the adivasis, empowering them to claim their rights. This is what brought him into direct conflict with the State and with the big commercial interests which were keen on exploiting the rich natural resources which belonged to the Adivasis. Fr. Stan spoke of not being at all involved in the Bhima Koregaon matter, of not even knowing many of the activists and lawyers who were arrested in the case and of being implicated simply because of his justice work in Jharkhand.

The price one pays for objecting to the exploitation of disadvantaged people in our country can be seen not only in the

incarceration of Fr. Stan but also in the neglect and even abuse he faced in Taloja from the jail authorities. The Sipper incident has been widely reported but what is more significant is the almost non-existence of medical facilities in the "Jail Hospital" – which Fr. Stan declared as "a misnomer, because all that was given there for any ailment was Paracetamol". And after 8 months, in May 2021, when Fr. Stan actually fell ill with symptoms that could have indicated Covid19, he was not administered the RT-PCR test, even when he was sent twice to the Government-run J.J. Hospital. How professional medical personnel can justify to their consciences, the sending of an under-trial back to Taloja without taking such a test, is indicative of severe pressure. And giving Fr. Stan the first dose of the vaccine in jail, even though he was very unwell, is also medically inexplicable. But though Fr. Stan withstood all this, it took a toll on his health and his strength. On arrival in Holy Family Hospital after the High Court ordered this, Fr. Stan was put straight into the Covid ICU, because all indications, including a C.T. Scan, showed symptoms of Covid and these were confirmed the next day by the RT-PCR test. With his lungs affected and his Parkinson's progressed from neglect (he had difficulty even in swallowing), Fr. Stan's 84-year old heart was not able to withstand the strain and while he himself was looking forward to medical bail that was likely in such a situation, Fr. Stan succumbed in hospital.

Did Ignatian discernment play a part in Fr. Stan giving such courageous witness to his commitment to justice? He remained a Jesuit through and through, he valued prayer and Holy Communion and he was still looking to contribute to the lives of others. Ignatian Spirituality was evident in his readiness to pay the price for what God had called him to do.

Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas SJ



Our Parish (Cheaters Of St. Peters)

(May be sung to the tune of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious)

*Our parish is St. Peter's
It's the best there is in town
That's 'cause its run by Jesuits
(Do others run theirs down?)
Our patron is St. Peter
And a fisherman was he
We wonder how he ran his church
When he was all at sea*

*Our parish fathers come and go
Though some we've laid to rest
While others claim theirs are better
We know ours are the best
They're all so very sprightly that
You can't tell young from old
Some joints may now be alloys
But their hearts are solid gold*

*Across the street there is a 'house'
Where nun would dare to stay
Except those in the habit
Of 'All Work & Prayer - No Pay'
They claim they are all Sisters
And their Mother is the boss
Our Fathers proudly say they are
The Daughters from a-Cross*

*Our parish groups are Spirit-filled
None giving up the Ghost
Though some of them are dyeing
There's still Hope & Life for most
The Legion of Our Ladies
Still puts up a valiant fight
Battalions they could put to shame
With just their widows mite*

*Now 'Mission' used to mean those fathers
In a distant land
And 'Vision' was the thing that blurred
When drinks got out of hand
This Vision-Mission Statement
In our parish should be banned
We still do all the same things
But we make them sound so grand*

*Our parish caters to all types
So if you wake up late
You may not make the sermon
But there's breakfast at the gate
Hot coffee for the cold hearted
And soup for weakened souls
The rich stop as they drive in
Ordering yet another 'Rolls'*

*Now parking is a grave issue
Old folk - of cars beware
They keep going round in circles
Trying to park within The Square
Our dead we charge for lying low
While cars above run free
Let's build a pay-n-parking lot
Beneath the cemetery*

*Most folk you'll find are scared to death
Of dying - 'cause you see
To reach those Pearly Gates
You have to pass through Purgatory
But there's a secret door for us
It's just for you and me
We're the Cheaters of St. Peters
And our patron holds the key*

Terence Cardoz

Adding The Newest “R” To Save The Environment... Refill

Many of our everyday household items are available in “Single-Use” packaging which we promptly dispose into the garbage without a second thought. In reality only a small amount of this waste is recovered and recycled while a major portion ultimately reaches the landfill, leaches into water bodies causing catastrophic effects on the environment in the long run.



The “Refill” concept was touched upon in the Keystone February 2021. A mini survey was conducted at the time which revealed that a number of the FMCG majors in India like Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL), Proctor & Gamble(P&G), Godrej Ltd were marketing a number of their detergents in large refill packs to reduce packaging and shared their cost saving to their customers through discounted prices.

We had noted that the UK counterparts of Unilever and Proctor & Gamble had introduced their customers to the concept of Refill Stations for a range of products from cleaning agents to cosmetics and tea powder in October 2020 targeting to make 100% packaging material, reusable or recyclable by 2030. Recently TerraCycle USA has joined hands with brands like Coca Cola, Heinz, Unilever, Nivea and Danone introducing customers to “Zero Waste Shopping” across 20 countries worldwide.





In India, HUL targeted to make their packaging material 100% recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025. This was an exciting moment for us environmentalists. Coincidentally in February at the time of publication of our previous article concrete steps were taken and a pilot refill station was installed at Reliance Smart in Acme Mall, Santacruz West but was not operational due to the second wave of the Covid pandemic. This June the project has started and a comparative Refill Station price list for products available is below.

Regular Refill Pack	MRP	Acme Mall Price	Refill Station Price
Comfort Fabric Conditioner	Rs. 225.00	Rs. 203.00	Rs. 166.00
VIM Dish washing Liquid 750 ml	Rs. 170.00	Rs. 130.00	Rs. 85.00
Surf Excel Top Load 1.02 lit	Rs. 199.00	Rs. 169.00	Rs. 139.00

We appeal to everyone to use this facility to promote the “Refill” concept which will encourage other companies to adopt the same environmentally friendly practices. To take this forward we would appreciate anyone who has contacts in companies like HUL, P&G, Godrej etc. to share them with us so we may can as a community contribute significantly to this cause.

***Let's REFILL ... Let's get More for Less!! ...
Let's Save Money and the Environment!!***

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PARISH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS July 2021

Review

1. Updating Clusters: Animators are in the process of updating contact information for families in their respective clusters. In case there has been no contact with your animator in person or by phone / email, it could be because your family is not registered in the Parish census. You may then please inform the Coordinator of your zone details of your family to enable registration.

2. Confirmation: Parishioners are urgently requested to contact their Coordinator / Animator if any members of their family (Std XI students, age 16-17 years or above) would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

3. Archdiocesan Courses: The Archdiocese has offered a Course on, “The Role of Women in the Church”. Our Parish ‘Women’s Cell’ is in need of new recruits. If you are interested in joining this Cell, please obtain details from your Coordinator / Parish office.

Agenda


Parish Theme: Six Coordinators presented their community members’ suggestions on the Parish theme of ‘Being the Good News in our Domestic Church’ based on the attitudes and values outlined in Fr Frazer’s session, mentioned below:

i) We are people who **show compassion to** the less fortunate and the **disadvantaged** by sharing our resources, by being kind to domestic helpers and generous with common utility workers (municipal, hospital, police).

ii) We are **honest** and **neither accept** bribes (of any type) nor **give** bribes to get our work done.

iii) We use our **professional qualifications** to **better the lives** of others and not only to earn a living.

iv) We really **believe in equality** among all God’s children, including with those of lower economic and social groups. We believe in the **equal abilities of people** from the all sections of society. We look at others from the point of view of them being human, instead of being influenced by labels for different types of people.



v) We really believe in the **authentic religious experience of people** of other religious faiths. In other words, we respect the faith and traditions of other people.

vi) We engage in **common action through ALMs** or other structures for bettering the lives of people in the locality through cooperation. We work towards having a common platform to discuss issues of the local community in Bandra.

vii) We are people who **dialogue much** (especially in conflict situations) and make efforts to **build friendships** with all.

viii) We involve in **public policy making** and join in **campaigns for justice**.

Suggestions will be sought from all the Communities and thereafter an Action plan will be finalised to work at our Parish Theme for the year.

Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas SJ

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