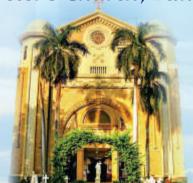
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Who Doesn't Want A Better World To Live In?

The problem is, that we have to **build** this world together ourselves, with God's Spirit to inspire and make possible: this then is the Kingdom of God that the Gospels speak of so often. So practically, what does this mean?

The funny story of Zacchaeus gives us important clues. Imagine! An important man of the community - the chief tax collector, actually climbing a tree like a monkey, just in order to **see** Jesus! There must have been some goodness in him to have **this** desire. And Jesus seemed to recognize him, as he unilaterally approached him and invited himself to his home. That's our first clue to building God's Kingdom: **associate** with the marginalized, the fallen and the outcast. Jesus gave such a privilege to Zacchaeus - totally unmerited and even unsolicited. And Zacchaeus immediately began building God's Kingdom from then on.

Two transformations were immediately effected by this encounter with Jesus. Zacchaeus suddenly became aware of the poor, the disadvantaged in the community and pledged half his wealth to them. Unbelievable! But he made a public commitment which would have been difficult to break. And secondly, Zacchaeus became aware of justice and especially the injustice he had himself perpetrated on others and decided to recompense the ones he

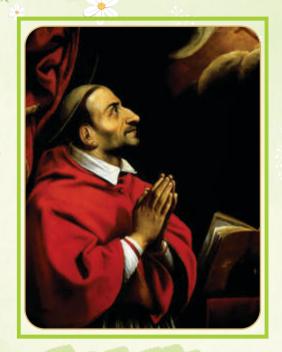
had cheated fourfold. Very generous, wouldn't you say?

If you want a better world to live in and especially if you want to create a better world for your children to live in, don't just hoard your wealth for them to use later; act according to Kingdom values and create that world which will be worthwhile handing over to them! (So many children of wealthy parents fight tooth and nail over property and live in animosity and even hatred of one another - God's Kingdom is far from them. Aren't the parents responsible?)

So many passages of the New Testament inspire us to build God's Kingdom in practical ways. Which is your favourite? And how do you act it out in your life? Spend some time this month thanking God for the loved ones who have gone before us and who left us a quality of life marked by Gospel values!

Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas, SJ





Saint Charles Borromeo (1538 –1584)

Feast 4th NOVEMBER

Charles Borromeo belonged to a Noble Family, wealthy and powerful. Yet from an early age, Charles resolved to dedicate his life to the service of the Church. During the Protestant Reformation, Charles Borromeo, along with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri, worked on the Catholic Reformation and founded Institutions for the Religious Education of the Clergy and the Laity.

Despite suffering from a speech impediment, the young Charles performed well at the University and earned a Doctorate in Canon and Civil Law. Recognizing his intellectual and administrative qualities, Pope Pius IV entrusted his nephew, Charles, with important offices in the Vatican, as also with the responsibility of governing the Papal States. Borromeo was appointed Administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. Since this was an ecclesiastical office, Charles realized that God was calling him to become a Priest. When his Father and Brother expired, Charles was urged to return Home to govern the Family Heritage. Charles chose to remain in the service of the Church.

He was ordained first to the Diaconate then to the Priesthood. He was soon ordained a Bishop and appointed Archbishop of Milan. Borromeo had already developed a reputation as a young, successful Reformer in Rome and he continued that mission in Milan – where the moral and religious life of Laity and Clergy needed much reform.

Archbishop Borromeo saw clearly that the greatest defense against the Protestant Reformation was the Restoration of Integrity to the Catholic Church. In pursuance of this Mission, he banned the selling of indulgences, ordered Monasteries to reform themselves and simplified Church interiors which distracted from the worship of God. His work of purifying the Church made him enemies among ecclesiastical and secular officials. On one occasion a religious person attempted to assassinate him with a pistol, but missed.

To encourage people to live a better Christian life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example. He himself lived a very austere life with a heart overflowing with charity. When a famine struck Milan followed by the plague, many of the wealthy and powerful fled the city. Archbishop Borromeo remained. He used his own savings to feed the starving people. When that money was spent, he took loans and went deep into debt. He may have fed 70,000 people every day. Eventually, the Archbishop convinced the local Governor to return.

His selfless work of feeding the hungry and ministering to the sick, as also the heavy burdens of his Ecclesiastical Office began to take a toll on the health of Archbishop Borromeo, leading to his peaceful death at the age of 46.

Veneration of Charles Borromeo as a Saint began soon after his death with reports of numerous miracles worked through his intercession. It took just 26 years for Borromeo to be canonized. Whatever he had done in service of the poor, he had indeed done in service of his Master, Jesus Christ.

Community Sharing

4-Community Pilgrimage - Ascent To The Top Of Pilgrims Peak



Planning for the ascent began days in advance.

Mark.E of the B-Zar Team contacted the duBBI-Cross Team – "Can we make it up the Mount on 1st October. Conditions aren't favourable for the 2nd."

"What about Maff.E?" asked duBBI-Cross. "Her D'mon-Chin Team is setting up for 5th Oct", said Mark.E, "you could join them if you want to."

duBBI-Cross got on the phone to MAff.E. "Heard your team is planning to make the climb on the 5th. Mind if we rope in 2 more teams? We could string out along the route."

Maff.E was game for it. Mark.E said he'd change to the 5th too. 3 Teams – Good!!

Next - get permission from the Mount authorities. Communication at the top is always a challenge. A Core Team member had inside contacts but phone lines were down again. A Wireless call to the head was made. "The 5th is ok' he replied "but we already have a couple of teams booked so can only slot you in at 9:30am." An early morning ascent is ideal. To reach the top at such a late hour would mean climbing under adverse weather conditions.

"Our 3 teams are already at base camp" we pleaded. "We practically live here. Can you please slot us in earlier." The Wireless stopped responding. We were running out of time. The Teams put their Heads together again. "Let's go back to Mark. E's original date of 1st Oct. This time no permissions – we'll leave early under cover of darkness."

Arrangements were made for liquid-solid fortifications to be rationed out at the top after the teams had summited. Date-Time set, messages were sent out calling for members to team-up. Messages went so far out that a spiritual guru requested us to include EzM.E & her BaBaNaGa team as well. 4TEAMS!!!

And so it was that on 1st Oct 2022 at precisely 6:20am the 4 Communities of Bazar Road (B-Zar), D'Monte –Chinchpokli (D'mon-Chin), BabaNagar (BaBaNaGa) and Boran-BazarCross (duBBl-Cross) set out on pilgrimage for the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount. Our Sisters of St Joseph's joined us too. We had our own traffic wardens as always to guide us. Several seniors came directly to the Mount. We got there early so had a long wait before the 7:30am mass – but we all got seats. Fr Assis, priest-guide to 3 Communities, concelebrated with Bishop John – a good thing too since Fr Assis' powerful voice was a hoarse whisper that morning.

After mass the communities gathered outside for a short fellowship.

Bishop John came around congratulating all for making it.

Getting to the TOP is always easier when you TeamUP – and a lot more FUN too.

Holy Rosary, Holy Family, Mary Help of Christians, Queen of Peace

Archangel Raphael: Almeida Park Zone celebrated the Feast of the 3 Archangels on 29th September with a mass at 8.30 am with our Spiritual Director Fr. Baptist Pinto as the main celebrant and Fr. Juan as the concelebrant.

Celine Fernandes led the choristers Denise, Margaret, June and myself into harmoniously singing the hymns with Elton Vessaoker accompanying us on the keyboard.

Fr. Baptist gave a very insightful sermon on 3 of the 7 Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. He spoke about St. Michael being the Protector against Satan; St. Raphael, our Community's Patron Saint and also the Patron of all who are ill as the only Archangel mentioned implicitly in the New Testament meaning 'Medicine of God' and St. Gabriel meaning strength of God. Parul Menezes, our Joint Coordinator, eloquently read the reading from the Prophet Daniel.

Blanche Fernandes, our Animator and Eucharistic Minister, adorned the Church with lovely white lilies and the altar with white and red Anthurium flower arrangements. She also read out the Prayers of the Faithful which included the names of the dear departed members in the last 1 year - Edward Pereira, Ashley Dias, Nazareth D'Silva, Lynette Menezes, Jeanette Pereira and Ancella D'Souza.

Then followed a fellowship in Our Lady's Room with a light snack and refreshment and a mingling session mostly in threes, exchanging general news and views.

In October, our Community conducted the Rosary at the Grotto and at the Almeida Park Cross. We commemorated Diwali at the Rosary on the 24th by distributing sweetmeats to those who attended and at our Zonal Meeting thereafter. 31st October will be the finale of our Rosary which will be followed by a fellowship and perhaps a cluster meeting and mingling session pertaining to our upcoming BMC elections and the importance to exercise our vote.

Our PR Coordinator **Daylyn Rodrigues** invited us to the reopening of Prof. Almeida Park, which looked beautiful at Diwali and was inaugurated by our former Municipal Corporator Asif Zakaria. The Almeida family was there and they spoke eloquently. Other political stalwarts, ALM members, members of Mumbai Citizens Forum and social activists were present.

Mission Sunday: We set up a food and white elephant stall with zucchini cake, farsan and soft drinks as well as wine glasses, candles, table mats, novels and children's books, soft toys, shirts, tops and shoes. Generous donations were also made towards the Ashagad Mission.

Sharmeela de Vas - Coordinator

Blessed Carlo Acutis - A Testimony

The relic of 15-year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis was received by St. Peter's Church on the night of Thursday October 13th. Parishioners visited the Church to pay homage to the relic and seek the blessings of Carlos Acutis.

A Parishioner, Ms. Matilda Susan Dias, has narrated a healing through the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis. A year ago in November 2021, she fell very sick and from then on was unable to walk freely. She could only shuffle or hobble around. This was confirmed by people from the community. They also confirmed the apparent healing that has taken place.

In a letter to Fr. Frazer, Ms. Dias - known as Suzie to her friends - gives this testimony:

"On 14th Oct this year, I was in a very bad state. I could not even stand for the previous 8 to 10 days. I mostly sat on the sofa with feet up to relieve the pain. Finally I could not bear it anymore so I took a rick to a parlour to do a foot massage. Since St Peter's Church was nearby and I wanted to see the relic, I decided to walk to the church. I was in pain...but I walked, pain and all. People used to look at me with pity whenever I walked. I used to put my head down and walk. Did not want to see the look on their faces. I entered church and prayed.

I stood up to go back and as I turned and started to walk my attention was on those who were also praying and at first I did not notice my walking. As there were not many people, my attention went back to my feet and I realized I was walking in strides which I could not do earlier and it dawned on me that I could walk normally. With the joy that I felt, it seemed that I could run and as I reached the main door, I finally realized I could fly if I wanted to, I was free!!

Like a bird kept in a cage for one year and finally the door is opened; the steps the bird takes and the realization that it was free to fly - I underwent all those emotions. Did not know what to do. There were 2 men standing outside the porch and I interrupted them and told them I could walk. I should have run back in the church to thank God for the miracle. I went back the next day. We should not be like the lepers who once healed did not come back; just one came back.

I have told all this to the people who had seen me not able to walk. I have to thank God and Carlo for setting me free and healing me."

Matilda Susan Dias, Carvalho House, 39 D'Monte Street, Bandra

We thank God for this healing through the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis and we pray that many more will be touched by God's healing love when they come to Him in faith.

Be The Light

'Celebrate Life', they say. But in a country like India, we celebrate festivals - that's how we celebrate life! Life is synonymous with festivals because in India there are more fiestas than you can count. There are festivals for every reason and every season. We celebrate national festivals, religious festivals, harvest festivals, Thanksgiving, New Year, Children's day, Teachers' day etc. All these celebrations add a spark to our daily routine lives.

During festivals, colours and chaos at the local market are common sights. Streets and homes are decorated with lights. Music fills the air. The grandeur of festivals are felt by all in the neighbourhood. People of many cultures come together to celebrate.

Irrespective of which festival we celebrate, we start the annual Saaf Safai a month in advance, discovering things we have unnecessarily hoarded, but yet can't part with. We run to the local tailor to get that special outfit stitched hoping no one else copies the same pattern. After multiple fitting sessions the dress is finally ready to wear. The preparations are incomplete without a trip to Crawford market. We buy gifts for friends and family and of course make a whole lot of sweets to share and eat.

However, all these preparations are meaningless if we don't prepare our minds and hearts, if we never let go, if we never think of the less fortunate. Every festival is a time to start anew, to show we care, to change for the better, to unite us as a family and as a community. The rich and vibrant festivals of India are a testimony to our diverse tradition and culture. Festivals are integral threads in the tapestry of life that weave together faith, religion, history, ethnicity, tradition and togetherness.

This Diwali, as the flame of the diya continues to burn on, let us not forget that we too can be the light in the lives of others. Just as Christ is the light of the world, let the Festival of Lights remind us to spread HIS light to all.

Before the light of the Diya is extinguished, we will light the advent candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy in preparation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. And THAT is why Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year.

दिया जलाओ, रोशिनी फेलाओ

Rheanka Ferreira



AGERA - Harvest Festival

St. Peter's Confraternity celebrated Agera, the Harvest Festival on 2nd October. The word "AGERA" is derived from the Latin word 'AGER' which means field or farm and "AGRICOLA' which means farmer.

The Confraternity follows the practice set down in the Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-4) where Yahweh instructs His people who settle down in the promised land, "you shall take the first fruits of your land, place them in a basket and present it to the priest in office who will place it before the altar of the Lord, your God."



The Confraternity celebrated this event in grand style with a procession from Bazaar Road junction with people dressed in traditional East Indian garments, an East Indian band in attendance and a horse carriage (rainkla) in which Fr. Assis, our Spiritual Director rode. Fr. Frazer, Parish Priest also joined in the procession towards the Church.

Fr. Baptist celebrated the 9 am Eucharist and blessed the first harvest of fruits and paddy sheaves which he placed at the altar. In his homily, Fr. Baptist commended the Confraternity in promoting the East Indian culture.

Fellowship was held after the mass in Our Lady's Room with tea and light snacks. The celebrations concluded with a colourful entertainment programme and a sumptuous lunch of East Indian delicacies at Pioneer Hall.



St. Peter's Confraternity

Inter Religious Summit For Harmony

Pope Francis traveled to Kazakhstan in the middle of September to participate in the VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions. Kazakhstan has been organizing such congresses every alternate year since 2015 and the Pope appreciated the same.

Extracts of Pope Francis' Keynote Address at the Opening and Plenary Session of the Congress:

The pandemic, between vulnerability and responsibility, represents the **first of four global challenges** that I would like to set forth. Those challenges call us to greater unity of purpose. We must not fall into illusions of omnipotence fostered by a technological and economic progress that is of itself insufficient: not to let ourselves be taken in by the superficial allure of consumerism, since material goods are for man and not man for material goods.

That brings us to the **second global challenge**, one that has a special claim on believers: the challenge of peace. Let us free ourselves of those reductive and destructive notions that offend the name of God by harshness, extremism and forms of fundamentalism, and profane it through hatred, fanaticism, and terrorism, disfiguring the image of man as well.

Let us now turn to a **third challenge**, that of fraternal acceptance. Today we find it hard to accept the human being. There exists a throwaway culture. Many of our brothers and sisters die sacrificed at the altar of profits, amid clouds of the sacrilegious incense of indifference. Our migrant brothers need to be accepted, accompanied, promoted and integrated. And let us learn also to be ashamed: yes, to experience that healthy shame born of compassion for those who suffer.

One **final global challenge facing us is that of** care for our common home. We think, for example, of deforestation, illegal commerce in living animals and intensive breeding. The mindset of exploitation is in fact destroying the home in which we live. It is essential, then, to encourage and promote the protection of life in every one of its forms.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us go forward together, so that the journey of the religions may be increasingly marked by friendship. May the Almighty set us free from the shadows of suspicion and insincerity, and enable us to cultivate open and fraternal friendships through frequent dialogue and luminous sincerity of purpose. Only in this way, along this path, in these dark times in which we live, will we be able to radiate the light of our Creator. Thank you, all of you!







There was a 35 point Declaration by the Participants after coming to a Common Position at the end of the Congress with Jews, Christians, Muslims, Eastern religions. It will also be distributed as an official document of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly. It was attended by 17 delegations from 23 countries and was attended by over 100 representatives from 50 nations of the world.

In his Address at the Reading of the Final Declaration and Conclusion of the Congress, Pope Francis talked about "women" besides "peace". He endorsed the need to defend their dignity and to improve their social status as equal members of the family and of society. Women must be entrusted with greater positions and responsibilities. And lastly, the third word he talked about were the "young". Young people are messengers of peace and unity, in the present and in the future. Let us put into the hands of the young opportunities for education, not weapons of destruction! And to listen to them, without being afraid to be challenged by their questions.

Election Consciousness

Seminar By St. Peter's Bombay Catholic Sabha Unit.

On 9th October 2022 the St Peter's BCS unit organised a seminar 'DON'T (just) VOTE' in the Assembly hall with a view to awaken the consciousness of us the Electorate. Seminar was open to all.

There were three Guest Speakers:

Ms. Vidya Telang - an Election Commission Officer. She was requested to speak on the reforms introduced by the EC. An avid sportswoman she had earlier represented the Railways in Cricket for 25 years. There were a lot of questions thrown at her and she fielded them very well.

Ms. Lillian Pais - a member of Agni (Action for good Governance & Networking in India) for 20 years and their co-ordinator for H/West Ward for over 8 years. Works tirelessly with the BMC and the public to keep our city clean. An active member of our Care for Creation Group. Ms. Pais spoke on increasing voter turnout & knowing our candidates.

Mr. Dolphy D'Souza - the now newly elected BCS President. A civil activist with several roles - Mumbai Project Lead - Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Former National Vice President - All India Catholic Union, Committee Member - People's Union for Civil Liberties, Member - District Legal Services Authority Mumbai City. Mr D'Souza spoke on the responsibilities of citizens and our active participation in the electoral process.

Several points worth noting:

AGNI associated website: mumbaivotes.com (includes Candidates' info, performance reports)

Voter Help sites: https://ceo.maharashtra.gov.in/Default.aspx and https://www.nvsp.in/

Election Commission Camp in our church-school premises: 9th Nov ~ 8th Dec - new/unregistered voter enrolment, correction of Voter ID details, etc. Form 6B available online.

New registrations require Aadhaar Number: the danger is that voter profiling on the basis of religion is then possible. Registered Voters do not have to link Aadhaar with Voter ID.

Election Dates are typically the day before a holiday/s: and the middle-class & above head out on vacation forfeiting their votes. Candidates get voted into power by the gullible poorer sections instead of by the so-called 'thinking' class.

'My vote doesn't count' is a misconception: citizens have the power to bring about change and have demonstrated the same (examples were given).

Suggested revival of the campaign to enlighten school children and through them get their parents & relatives to vote.

BMC Budget 2022~23 Rs.45,949 crores. Each Corporator given Rs.10 crores for beautification & repairs: it's all our money.

The intensity of the attendees' interest could be judged by the fact that very few partook of the light refreshments offered despite reminders. While the attendance could have been better, we were pleased to have several BCS Deanery members including Deanery Councillor Mr. Gordon D'Silva as well as nuns and priests including our Spiritual Director Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas.

Mr. Dolphy D'Souza commended the unit for organising the event. We are committed to holding more such events. We invite parishioners to join our unit and help make a difference.

Be More, Be Magis

As young adults and working professionals, we are constantly caught up in the hustle culture. We've been told to do more, to work harder, to keep deadlines and to move up career paths. But it is at the cost of our interior journey.

In the midst of this hustle the Bombay Jesuits organized MAGIS 2022, a youth event that challenged us to make an inward pilgrimage and live the Gospel message. The theme was "Beyond the Ordinary."

Magis, a Latin term meaning more or greater, is a key element of Ignatian spirituality. It is all about the ongoing growth and self-questioning of how one can live a bolder and better life being more compassionate and loving. Magis offers an opportunity to share a unique experience through its 4 pillars: the Eucharist, Magis Anubhav, Magis Circle and Examen.

This year the event, Magis 2022 was held in our very own Parish for the first time, over a stretch of 4 days from 22nd Oct to 25th Oct. Over 200 youth from different parts of Mumbai, Vasai, Nasik, Talasari & Nagaland participated in it. Besides 12 young and dynamic Jesuit priests, 20 nuns and 20 scholastics (brothers) also participated in this event.





The youth were registered and accommodated in St. Stanislaus school and St Joseph's primary and secondary school. They were then divided into 15 groups to participate in the varied activities that were part of the Magis Anubhav followed by Magis Circle. This went on for 2 days.

Magis Anubhav was a well-crafted outreach programme where the youth were engaged in several activities, each distinct from the other. These included beach cleaning, visiting a home for the aged, visiting red light areas, interacting with people from the LGBTQ community and also visiting a Gurdwara. 'Anubhav' signified the necessity of cooperation and communication that challenged us to leave our comfort zones and have a brush with reality. This was the most impactful and enriching experience.

After returning, the Magis Circle was conducted, where the youth were again divided into groups. This proved to be one of the most crucial parts of the programme where every participant got to share their experience and views on the various activities that were part of the Anubhav outreach. Magis circle was significant because, *EVERYONE SPOKE AND EVERYONE LISTENED.* There were no right or wrong answers. There was this atmosphere of trust and respect which helped everyone to share their deepest feelings and strongest emotions.

At the close of day, a very spiritual Taize prayer session was held on the first day and a vibrant Jesuit Gospel band performed on the next. Varied other sessions and games were also conducted to build fellowship, unity and trust. This very successful event was made possible by the hard work and devotedness of many, spear-headed by our youth director, 'the assiduous' Fr Assis Rodrigues S.J. together with the collaboration and cooperation of our Sisters Rita, Maria, Lalita, Jenny and Althea. We cannot forget the contribution of Fr Praful Ekka who offered a helping hand in the hospitality committee. We are ever grateful to Jesuit Superior Fr Baptist Pinto and our parish priest Fr Frazer for their wholehearted support and help.

#Refill Don't #Landfill - Again

In the recent past, the Care for Creation group has been promoting the Refill concept to reduce plastic and packaging waste. On Sunday, 30th October we had another drive in the church compound to enthuse more parishioners to participate in this eco-friendly concept.





Earth Corner

The common question still asked is: why should I refill when my traditional cleaners cost the same? By refilling you only pay for the product, not the packaging making low-waste living easy. Even if you are the only person in your community refilling, you will be saving 600 gm of plastic from reaching a landfill every month. On Sunday despite the scorching sun, 80 litres of liquids were dispensed which directly saved 24 kg of plastic containers from entering the landfill or oceans. Imagine the environmental impact we would have if we all refilled! Do give this a thought!

Let's reduce plastic and packaging waste by buying refill home care products every time. Be a responsible consumer... #Refill don't #landfill

Care for Creation Team





Review

- **1.Elections:** The term of the present PPC will end in April 2023; a new PPC will take over w.e.f. June '23. Coordinators and Heads of Associations who have already finished two terms (6 yrs) will not be able to continue; those completing only 1 term are requested to stand for elections for the 2nd term. Communities which have no obvious successor should approach every family of their zone and encourage potential members to stand for the elections, which will be held after the Easter Zonal Masses.
- **2.** On-line Masses: The Archdiocese is contemplating discontinuation of live streaming Masses. Our Parish has therefore decided to retain only one per day: on weekdays at 8.30 am and on Sunday at 9 am. The Sat evening 6.15 pm mass will not be live streamed.

Agenda

- **1. Faith Formation Topic:** We are all concerned about the prevalent religious and economic emergency. In response to the worsening economy, religious intolerance, communal violence and depressing agricultural situation, the PPC decided to take up this topic for this month with Fr. Frazer making a presentation on Sun 16th Oct at 10:50 am.
- **2.** *Mission Sunday (22nd/23rd Oct):* A Priest from Ashagad will give a short talk; a few tribals will stand with donation boxes. Envelopes for contributions will be distributed and these may be handed over to the Parish office during the following week. Coordinators / Animators will contact members of their respective Communities to register at the Receptionist should they want tables for setting up food or white elephant stalls, etc.
- 3. Fellowship Sunday: Deferred to November due to the Mission Sunday stalls.
- **4.** Christ the King Feast Sun Nov 20th: There's a possibility of a procession from our Church to Fr. Agnel's as this is a special year for them. If this is not confirmed, we will have processions from different zones coming in and assembling on the School grounds.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: The relic of the 15-year-old Saint was brought to our Church on the night of Oct 13th. Communities were invited for 4 half-hour Prayer services from 9 am to 11 am on Sat Oct 15th.

Parishioners were cautioned about a group begging around the Church premises. All are requested to inform the Security personnel if you come across such a group

New Assistant Administrator: Brijesh Parmar has been taken on for the campus. He will help in putting up content on the Church screens at weekend Masses.

Keystone Bulletin: Parishioners who want a hard copy of the Keystone should inform their respective Co-ordinator / Animator.

AOB



We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans & victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection





Born in Christ

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D/o Irwin & Ann Sequeira D/o Kevin & Trini Tauro

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Mary Mekwan	60	Chinchpokli Road





On the 2nd of October, was the feast of the Guardian Angel. At the 8 am Mass, the children of Std. IV, sang a hymn on The Guardian Angel. A short video about God sending us an Angel, was screened.

The children of Std. III put up a beautiful skit on the 'Our Father'.

Emphasising that God forgives the wrong we do... provided we too forgive those who have hurt us.

Now who are our Angels?

Angels are powerful, smart spirits that obey God's commands and praise him with singing.

A Guardian Angel is a type of angel that is assigned to protect and guide a particular person.

In order to find out who my Guardian Angel is, I must sit still, close my eyes, calm my mind and ask my higher self for the name of my Guardian Angel. The name will then be placed in my head. If no name comes to mind, it might be that my guardian angel is inviting me to give him a name.

I know when my Guardian Angel is talking to me, when I hear a voice, either inside my head or a voice that seems to come from outside of me, even when no one else is around.

I become an Earth Angel, when I don't like to make others angry and try my best to keep the peace and help anyone who is in need. We can ask our Guardian Angels to help us by praying to Him.

Here is a little poem on the Guardian Angel, for you to enjoy...





My Guardian Angel.

I love my Guardian Angel
He gives me strength and hope.
Protects me when I am fearful
Sends courage to help me cope.
He stands with me when I am lonely
And lifts me when I am low
When I need Him, He just knows
I thank my Guardian Angel
For being forever by my side
My friend, my rock, my comfort
My hero and my guide.

Teacher Celine Fernandes