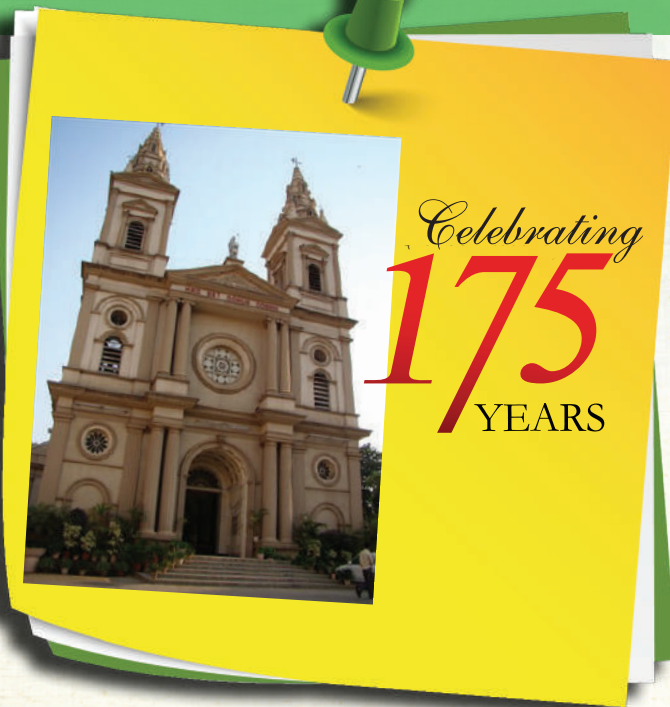


# THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)



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## MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

*“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.”  
Matthew 28:6*

The Holy Week—As Christians we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; His last hours with His disciples, the washing of the feet, the betrayal by “Judas Iscariot” one of His disciples, and His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday; His Passion and Crucifixion on Good Friday; and finally His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In the words of St. Paul: “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1Cor.15:54) Jesus reigns over death with the message “God is merciful.” Easter transforms our sorrow into Joy and Hope, our fear into Peace and Courage.

Jesus said “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

It is the love of Jesus that we celebrate this Easter season—His unconditional trust in God, His Heavenly Father, that He had a plan for Him to bring mankind closer to God.

I would like to share this beautiful poem as we celebrate Jesus’ Victory over Death and His Resurrection this Easter season.

The Love of Jesus

*This is love.*

Not that you spoke words of comfort, walked with the unclean and unloved, shared wisdom, bread and wine, brought healing into lives and challenged the status quo.

*This is love.*

That you spoke the Word of God, walked a painful road to the Cross, shared Living Water and Bread of Life, brought Salvation to the world and Died for the sake of all.

*This is love.*

It is a seed sown in the ground which germinates, blossoms and spreads its sweet perfume!

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all of you!

God Bless us all.

Msgr. C. Francis

Parish Priest

Vicar General - Archdiocese of Bangalore

## First Holy Communion

**The First Holy Communion for the children of our parish will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Preparatory classes will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and go on till May end. We request the parents to register the names of your children in the parish office along with the baptism certificate.**

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## PARISH NEWS

### Special Conference for Women - International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day, St. Patrick's organised a special conference for women, at which one of our very own parishioners, Ms. Stella Faria was the speaker. Ms. Faria is the President of Prema Jyothi Trust, which is dedicated to educating under-privileged children. It also serves people suffering from physical, mental, psychological or any other form of disability in relation to their health.

The subject of Ms. Faria's talk was the role of women in B-U-I-L-D-ing up the Body of Christ, which is the Church. She went on to explain what each of the letters in the acronym B-U-I-L-D stood for. **B** - the Body of Christ and Belief (Faith). Ms. Faria exhorted the women present to work actively towards building the Body of Christ and to pass on the Belief (Faith) to others. **U** - is to Understand. Women are called to understand their faith better.

**I** - is to Intercede at all times.

**L** - Love. God is Love. He created us out of that love and Jesus shed his last drop of blood on the Cross for us because he loved us. We should reciprocate this love by our works for others. **D** - Decision. God has given us the freedom to choose and we should make a decision to build and to serve.

Quoting from the scriptures, she said "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:14) and "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22). She encouraged the women present to actively seek out opportunities to build the Church by reaching out, joining some organization in the Parish, catechising, counselling etc.

In her closing remarks, she reminded the women that while working towards building the Body of Christ, they should not forget that "there is no victory without a battle, no triumph without a trial and no crown without a cross."



### Blood Donation Camp



As part of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of St. Patrick's Church, the St. Patrick's Youth Group organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 from 9am to 2pm. To inaugurate the event, the special Lamp was lit by Msgr. C. Francis, Parish Priest of St. Patrick's Church and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, Fr. Vivian John Monis, Assistant Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Dr. Latha Fatima and Sr. Jaya of St. John's Medical College Hospital.

The donation drive was set in motion by Rev. Fr. Vivian and Sr. Mary Gracelet, the first two donors. Out of hundred volunteers who came forward to donate blood, forty-five bottles of blood were collected from those who met the required criteria. The Parish is grateful to all those who came forward to donate their blood. The blood donor cards have been received from St. John's and the donors can collect the same from the Parish Office.



## GOOD FRIDAY

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John3:16)

Good Friday is the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. On this day, we commemorate our Lord’s passion, suffering and death. It is considered the most sacred moment in time and marked as a turning point in the history of the world, as this was the day that God incarnate suffered and died on the Cross, for the salvation of mankind. It is said, that those who contemplate Christ’s passion, often find a deep love and gratitude for the one who gave His life as a sacrifice for all. It is incredible when we consider all that Christ endured for our sake in the eighteen hours, from the time of His trial to His crucifixion at Mount Calvary.

We recall the events prior to the crucifixion—Christ’s agony began in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He suffered in body, soul and spirit, for Christ knew that the hour was nigh when He would be betrayed by one of His own apostles, Judas Iscariot, who would hand Him over to the enemy—thereafter, the humiliating events of His trial and cruel torture and the most arduous journey to the place of crucifixion.

The Jewish rulers abused Christ from the onset, when He refused to answer the high priest in the manner that they expected. They beat Him with their fists, tormented and mocked Him verbally and physically. Pilate had Jesus scourged violently to pacify the crowd, although he found no guilt in Christ. The religious leaders of Israel decided to kill Jesus, because they thought that if he continued to work signs and wonders, it would threaten their own positions. The Roman soldiers insisted that Jesus carry His cross to the site of crucifixion, in spite of his weakened condition. Jesus stumbled and repeatedly fell under the weight of the heavy cross, along the main public highway to Golgotha. The worst was yet to come—death by crucifixion, the most painful and terrible death. The Scriptures record our Lord’s utterances during His final moments on the Cross, from which we can draw strength and courage for our own walk on this earth.

On the Cross, Jesus served as the true great High Priest before His Heavenly Father. There is more meaning to the death of Christ on the Cross than just the visible suffering, incredible pain and ignominy of such a horrible death for one who was not only innocent, but the very Son of God. God had to abandon His Son, so that we might be spared that awful fate. This is the central message of the Cross and the reason for Hope. If we truly believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ, we have eternal life; this is the eternal truth. God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son does not have life.

During His final three hours on the Cross, Christ paid for the sins of the whole world. At this time, Christ our great High Priest became the sacrifice. At 3 pm that day, a strange and terrible darkness came over the earth; Christ was cut off from

God and man. Jesus, the innocent sinless Lamb of God, was made to be a sin offering for us and suffered the ultimate shame, humiliation and disgrace of being hung on a cross. Christ’s final words on the cross “It is finished” meant that the redemption of mankind was accomplished. And then He commended His Spirit to His Heavenly Father.

On that day, death died, as the Son of God expired. The temple curtain was ripped into two from top to bottom, indicating that the way into the Holy of Holies was open and tombs around Jerusalem were emptied, as many rose from the dead. From this, we understand, as Paul says “God’s kindness is meant to lead us to repentance.” Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. The death of Christ calls us to choose life in the light of eternity—a life of compassion not resentment; a word of acceptance not rejection; a heart of forgiveness not revenge; a life to share not hoard. Christ’s teaching calls us to choose life over death and love over evil. Good Friday gives us the assurance that Jesus has defeated the powers of evil and death. For in Christ there is victory. He reigns as King Supreme for all eternity; the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End.

*Tina Fernandez*

### IMPORTANT DAYS IN APRIL

- Apr 09 : Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
- Apr 13 : Holy Thursday
- Apr 14 : Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
- Apr 15 : Holy Saturday
- Apr 16 : Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection
- Apr 23 : Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 25 : Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist
- Apr 28 : Memorial – St. Louis M. Grignon de Montfort
- Apr 29 : Memorial – St. Catherine of Siena

### Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions – APRIL UNIVERSAL: YOUNG PEOPLE

**That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.**





## Coffee Table Book and Souvenir

St. Patrick's will be releasing a Coffee Table Book (CTB) and Souvenir

to commemorate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The books will be released soon after Easter and the date for the same will be announced shortly.

St. Patrick's is grateful to all the generous donors, advertisers and parishioners for helping to collect the targeted amount. The surplus collected will be used towards the St. Patrick's Outreach Programme, through which St. Patrick's will be aiding a poor village parish around 90kms away in Chikkaballapura District and which falls under our Archdiocese.

The Coffee Table Book will be launched with a special EARLY BIRD Offer which will be open for 15 days after the release of the Book. During this period, the Book will be made available for a discounted price of Rs. 600/- only per copy. Thereafter the price will revert to its regular price of Rs. 1000/- per copy. Delivery will be from St. Patrick's Parish Office and any postage requested will be paid extra by the purchaser (in advance). All the sales proceeds of the Coffee Table Book will be assigned to the St. Patrick's Outreach Programme.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday (Apr 9, 2017)

**8.30am: Blessing of Palms** before the 8.30am Mass at the Parking Lot, followed by a solemn procession to the Church. Blessed Palms will be distributed outside the church after the 9.45am, 11am and 6pm Masses.

### Maundy Thursday (Apr 13, 2017)

**6pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper** with washing of the feet. After the Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be kept at the Altar of Reposition for public adoration. Adoration in different languages will be as follows:

Kannada / Konkani	: 8pm to 9pm
Tamil	: 9pm to 10pm
English	: 10pm to 11pm
Malayalam	: 11pm to midnight

### Good Friday (Apr 14, 2017)

#### Timings for Way of the Cross

8am	: Konkani
9am	: English
9am	: Special Way of the Cross for Children in the Mini Hall
10.30am	: Tamil
6pm	: <b>Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross</b>

### Holy Saturday (Apr 15, 2017)

#### 7pm: Easter Vigil Service

**Masses on Easter Sunday (Apr 16)** will be as per the regular Sunday schedule.

**Please note that the Holy Week Triduum Services in English will be held at St. Joseph's Commerce College Grounds.**

### Timings for Confessions during Holy Week

Tuesday, Apr 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, Apr 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 noon and 4pm to 6pm  
Thursday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 noon.  
Saturday, Apr 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm and 4pm to 6pm.

### Errors in March Issue

**The Editorial team regrets the multiple printing errors in the March issue of The Patrician.**

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