



# THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



“Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous New Year by believing. Believe in yourself. And

believe that there is a Loving Source – a Sower of Dreams – just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.” Sarah Ban Breathnach

It’s that time of year again – bustling streets with revellers, flashing lights and glitter all around, the smell of freshly baked cookies and cakes, wishes of New Year filling the air – so vibrant – an enormous state of gaiety – it is the celebration of the New Year, so welcoming with a spirit of Joy! I wish each and every member of our parish – A Blessed and a Faith-Filled New Year! May all your dreams come true and your goals be achieved with blessings from the Divine.

As we pray for 2017 to be a more wonderful year, let us also pray for peace around the world – the world is so filled with uncertainties due to terrorism, economic downturns and natural disasters. We must especially pray for the war-ravaged Syria – let there be resounding political resolutions to destroy terrorism and its atrocities.

There comes another milestone this month in our global politics – the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States of America on January 20th. Our best wishes to the new President of the United States of America.

Our New Year resolutions are ringing in our ears once again! And as we wish and hope that we will follow them diligently, I would like to share a wonderful blog that I read of Robin Sharma (the Author of The Secret Letters of the Monk who Sold his Ferrari) – “60 Tips for A Stunningly Great Life.” I picked a few of them—very inspiring resolutions that I would like to share—nothing special, but worth considering this year. *(Don’t settle for anything less than excellence. Forgive those who’ve wronged you. Have a vision for your life. Pursue your dreams. Honor your parents. Be a great teammate).*

I feel that in this globally-technologically progressive world, one has to excel in thought in order to determine one’s vision of making technology work in the simplest of life’s necessities. As India is moving to a digitally-oriented cashless economy, let our collective resolution be to stop the economic abuse by curtailing black money, and bring India into being a world economy leader with its rich base of digitally-oriented Indians that we have proved to be.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Wishing you all a Blessed and Fruitful New Year. And with trust in God, Jesus, our Saviour, the Holy Spirit, our Mother Mary and blessings from all the Angels and Saints, let the year ahead inspire us to live life in faith.

God Bless us all.

**Msgr. C Francis**

Parish Priest

Vicar General - Archdiocese of Bangalore



**FOOD  
FEST ON  
JANUARY  
15TH**

You are cordially invited to support the Missions by patronizing the Food Fest to be organized on Jan 15th 2017.

Those interested in putting up food, drink or game stalls, or wish to sell any other merchandise may either contact their Zonal Representatives or the Parish Office or +91-99452 78765.

Kindly contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a financial contribution.



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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BY FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN



The children of St. Patrick's Faith Formation classes celebrated Christmas in the Mini Hall on the 18th of December after the 8.30am Mass.

This year under the guidance of Fr. Julius, the faith formators planned a Christmas Tableau that comprised of 6 scenes, which besides depicting the Nativity of our Lord, also educated the audience about the Christmas tree, Christmas colours, the Advent wreath and the Advent candles.

Each scene was enacted by the children of one class under the guidance of the respective Faith Formator. Carols relating to the scene were also sung by the children after each scene.

The first scene, depicted by the children of classes 3 and 4, was about the Angel's message to the shepherds. This was followed by the children of class 5 staging the scene of the three wise men and their journey to Bethlehem to see baby Jesus. The children not only enacted the scene, but also explained the significance of each of the gifts given by the wise men.

The students of class 6 showcased the scene of the birth of Jesus in a stable and also explained the importance of the manger.

The fourth scene was about the Christmas tree where the students of Std 7 explained the significance and meaning of the Christmas Tree and the items used to decorate the tree.

The fifth scene was enacted by the post-confirmation students, who spoke about the importance of the advent wreath and the four candles representing the four weeks of advent and the Christmas colours.

The sixth and final scene was about the story of Santa Claus, which was performed by the students of Standard 7.

This was followed by the children of classes 1 and 2 performing to the songs Santa Claus Is Coming To Town and Jingle Bells. Santa Claus made his entrance and greeted the children. The program ended with a wonderful message shared by our beloved parish priest, Monsignor C. Francis.

-Lourdu Benisha



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions  
- JANUARY

Universal: CHRISTIAN UNITY

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN JANUARY

Jan 01	: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Most Holy Mother of God
Jan 03	: Feast of the most Holy Name of Jesus; Feast of St. Elias Chavara
Jan 04	: Novena begins at Infant Jesus Shrine, Viveknagar
Jan 08	: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 09	: Ordinary Time begins
Jan 14	: Feast of Infant Jesus Church and Shrine; Feast of Blessed Devasahaya
Jan 16	: Feast of St. Joseph Vaz
Jan 18 to 25	: Christian Unity Octave
Jan 24	: 69th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral
Jan 25	: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
Jan 26	: Republic Day; 43rd Anniversary of St. Mary's Minor Basilica, Shivajinagar



### Obituary

(16<sup>TH</sup> NOV TO 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2016)

**Mario Miranda**

17/11/2016 - St. Peter's Zone



## CAROL SINGING & GOSPEL CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS



As a part of the 175 Years Jubilee celebrations of St. Patrick's Church, the St. Patrick's Youth (SPY) organized a Gospel Choreography and Carol Singing competition on 18th December. The event witnessed participation by some of the finest talents in Bangalore from different parishes and colleges.

Mr. B. N. P. Albuquerque, former DGP, was the Chief Guest for the programme. The event began with the marching band from the St. Patrick's Boys Home escorting the dignitaries into the hall. This was followed by a short inaugural ceremony wherein, Mr. Albuquerque highlighted the importance of the youth coming together on a common platform and witnessing a sharing of talent.

A total of 11 teams participated, including our very own SPY members who put in a lot of practice prior to the event. The judges for the Gospel Choreography event were reputed artists, Mr. Vivek and Ms. Joyce D'souza. The theme for the Gospel Choreography was 'Mercy'. The competing teams gave it their best and thrilled the cheering audience! The team that emerged victorious was our very own St. Patrick's Youth who amazed the judges with the way they emphasized the theme. The St. Joseph's Evening College choreography team bagged the second prize.

The much-awaited carol singing competition began with the thunderous and resonating nightingale voices of our St. Patrick's Church Choir who performed on a non-competitive basis. The judges for the Carol Singing competition were Mr. Thomas Rego and Mr. Jeswill, two

accomplished musicians with an ardent love for music and the Gospel. As the choirs sang their hearts out, it reminded the audience of that holy night in Bethlehem when the herald of angels sang glory to God and rejoiced at the birth of Christ!

The Serenata Chorale from St. Joseph's College of Commerce emerged victorious and the boys from Bhakti Bhavan secured the second prize.

It was definitely an evening to be remembered and the St. Patrick's Youth proved yet again that the future of St.



Patrick's Church is indeed in very good hands... at least for the next 175 years!

**-Roger Joseph Lurshay  
St. Patrick's Youth**

## FOOD FEST ON JANUARY 15TH



St. Patrick's Church will be organizing a food fest on the 15th of January to collect funds for the missions. This will be part of the parish's contribution for World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith (one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies).

The food fest is expected to have an extensive menu – mouth-watering varieties of pork, mutton, chicken and fish; delicious dosas and appams, an assortment of tempting desserts, thirst quenching beverages and more.

As described by Pope Saint John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches us how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world” (see Redemptoris Missio 81). In a message delivered during a World Mission Sunday, the Pope said: “The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity, distributed in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world.”

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics

from around the world are so urgently needed. Offerings from Catholics in India, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Mission dioceses – about 1,100 at this time – receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. In addition, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for assistance, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year. The world's national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

Parishioners are invited to give their kitchens a break, and support the missions by patronizing the fest, while simultaneously mingling with their fellow parishioners.

Besides contributing to the financial support of the missions, parishioners can also support the missions by offering their prayers and sacrifices. The life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the Missions, offers Catholics insight into how we may fulfill our Baptismal responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus without ever “going to the Missions.” St. Thérèse dedicated her life to the Missions by offering her prayers and her personal sacrifices – her pain, her loneliness, her suffering – for missionaries and those whom they served.



**SOUVENIR COMMITTEE REPORT :** The St. Patrick's Souvenir committee is grateful to you our dear Parishioners and well-wishers for making us commitments of donations towards the coffee-table book as well as for advertisements in our St. Patrick's Souvenir to be released in March 2017. Against the requirement of Rs.5.50 Lakhs, we have received 2 Lakhs so far and we are confident our parishioners and well-wishers will donate generously to make it happen. Thank you in advance and may you and your family have a wonderful year ahead.

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