



# THE PATRICIAN

*Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)*

November 2015

## MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

**“Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.”**

- Robert Green Ingersoll

This month we celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, when all communities across India come together in grand celebration. This unity, in a country as diversified as ours, speaks volumes about the community spirit of its people, united as one nation and as one big community! This month, we also celebrate the Communion of Saints!

The Christian values that we have imbibed are reflected in our enthusiasm to celebrate our unity and togetherness. These values give me the inspiration to share my thoughts this month on secularism. Tolerance and unity, in my opinion, are the basis of Christian living and it is these values that enable us to mingle easily with other religious communities and be part of this incredible India. This nation that has a rich history and culture of great forbearance, that defines each one of us, helps us play our part in creating beautiful communities around us.

A reminiscence of yesteryear—I recall my childhood when I grew up in a neighbourhood with people of different religions, cultures and thoughts, and more especially when every month there was a celebration of one religious festival or another and the streets and houses in the neighbourhood would be adorned. It was like one big family, in which was planted the seeds of tolerance and unity, and which I am proud to say has made me a more thoughtful and tolerant individual! It was through these celebrations—whether Diwali, Christmas, Eid or any other festival—that the sharing and togetherness was inculcated.

This month is one of the most vibrant of all—our CHILDREN, the “colours” of our nation, the leaders and visionaries of tomorrow—it is in them that we take pride as we celebrate CHILDREN'S DAY on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. I wish all the children of our Parish a Happy Children's Day and may Jesus be their guide and strength in their lives.

On All Saints Day, let us deep in our hearts pray to all the Saints of our Holy Church who are in Heaven, to give us the courage to become channels of Jesus'

Peace...where there is hatred let us bring His love; where there is injury let us bring His pardon; and where there is doubt, true faith in Him.

Jesus taught us these virtues by being an exemplary himself in tolerating various individuals, whether they were fishermen or tax collectors or Pharisees of those days, while yet trying to keep them in togetherness!

**“Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to God alone; Laughs at impossibilities, and cries it shall be done.”**

- Charles Wesley

God bless you all!

*Msgr. C Francis  
Parish Priest  
Vicar General - Archdiocese of Bangalore*

**All Souls Day - Nov 2, 2015**  
Masses at the Cemetery will be at 11am and 4.30 pm.

## GOOD MORNING!

We wish each other '**Good Morning**' but do we know what '**GOOD MORNING**' stands for?

- G** Get up
- O** Open your heart
- O** Open your mind
- D** Dedicate your day to God
- M** Meditate on God's Word
- O** Optimize your faith and hope
- R** Rebuke all evils
- N** Never doubt God's love
- I** Inspire someone
- N** Nothing should scare you
- G** Go out with joy

**So, I cheerfully say 'GOOD MORNING'!**

## EDITORIAL BOARD

Rev. Monsignor C. Francis  
Ms. Rosaline Farias  
Mr. Larry Furtado

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

We rejoice with The Daughters of St. Paul (Marian Zone) who celebrated the Centenary of their foundation, on 29<sup>th</sup> September this year. The religious order was founded by Bl. James Alberione in the year 1915 in Alba, Italy with the unique Mission of bringing the Gospel to the masses through the Communication Media.

The grand celebration began with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Jesuit Nivas Chapel, concelebrated by over 35 priests among whom were our parish clergy, with the Archbishop of Bangalore as the main celebrant. It was indeed a joy to see so many priests walk to the Altar! It was a beautiful and very uplifting service.

A program of felicitation, speeches and the Souvenir release followed at the St. Joseph's Auditorium, along with some light entertainment and a video presentation of the work done by the congregation over the years. The Sister Disciples of the Divine Master (which is a part of the Pauline Family) and some lay persons belonging to the Association of Pauline Co-operators were also an active part of the planning and festivities.

Archbishop Bernard Moras addressed the audience. In his address, His Grace congratulated the sisters for their good work, especially with regard to the Catholic Enquiry Centre in Viveknagar. He recalled the time he had worked with them in different roles throughout his Ministry. He also expressed his desire to have every institution in the Diocese become a place of CATHOLIC ENQUIRY.

*The new liturgical year starts on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> with the First Sunday of Advent. Those who wish to follow daily Mass readings should refer to Year C for Sundays and Year II for week days.*

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - November

Universal: DIALOGUE

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: PASTORS

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

A cake was cut to celebrate the occasion and the Centenary Song specially composed by one of the sisters, was sung on stage. The theme for the evening was 'Ever Onward' and 'Give Wings and Feet to the Gospel that it may Travel Far and Wide' echoing the vision of the founders. The evening was a showcase of talent by all those involved in the entire presentation!

The function concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Superior of the Bangalore community, Sr. Vimala Savarimuthu, who then invited everyone to partake of the sumptuous dinner. We are grateful to God for blessing our parish with this congregation of sisters and for the help they render to the parish. We also pray that they may be blessed with a more fruitful second century of Ministry!

### Mission Sunday Programme

There is a proposal to organize a fund raising event, by way of a food fest, for the Missions. The date and time will be intimated shortly. We sincerely seek the whole-hearted cooperation of the parishioners for the success of this event. Kindly come forward to generously do your bit for the Missions.

### Parish Mission

St. Patrick's will have a Parish Mission from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Mission programme will start with the evening Mass at 5.30pm and will end at 8pm daily. Further details will be shared later this month through the Sunday Announcements.

### IMPORTANT DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 : Solemnity of All Saints
- Nov 2 : Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Nov 9 : Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Nov 12 : Anniversary of Consecration of St. Patrick's Church (1899)
- Nov 21 : Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Nov 22 : Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Also, memorial of St. Cecilia, patroness of church musicians
- Nov 29 : First Sunday of Advent; beginning of new liturgical year 2016
- Nov 30 : Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

### OBITUARY (16<sup>TH</sup> SEP TO 15<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2015)

1. Edgar Fernandes 19/9/2015 - St. Peter's Zone

### My WOW Journey to see the Pope!

Serrans Worldwide rejoiced because our prayers were answered! Our patron, **Junipero Serra** was to be canonized! We came together on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, from all over the world, to celebrate the canonization.

The excitement began when Serra International was informed that the Vatican would allocate special tickets to the Serrans to attend the canonization Mass. Since I was going to be in Toronto for the summer, I immediately emailed Serra International to reserve 2 tickets for me. However, we did not receive any news from the Vatican until 10 days before the event. Uncertainty and excitement, at the same time, kept building up and Serra International was inundated with emails asking Yes? No? And then, just a week before the canonization, I got an email from our Executive Director to say that we were allotted a limited number of tickets, so lots would have to be drawn and the lucky ones would be informed. More suspense!

The wait was unbearable; but 2 days later I got another email to say my name was the first one to be drawn! Would I attend? I could not contain my excitement. Of course I would attend! How could I not? This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

The excitement of the Pope's visit had filtered through—even to the U.S. immigration counter in Toronto! “You are going to be in Washington when the Pope will be there? You have a ticket for the canonization Mass? Wow, you are so lucky! How I wish I was going too!!” These were the comments I received while I sailed through the U.S. immigration and customs.

The scene in Washington was unbelievable. They had never seen so many people at one time, who had come just to be in the same city as the Pope, in the hope of getting even a glimpse of him. There were thousands of excited people. Wherever we went, the buzz was “The Pope is coming, the Pope is coming”.

We had to wait in line outdoors, for 2 hours, to clear security but the time flew - people chatting, sharing experiences from where they had come, lay people, priests, seminarians, women religious, all waiting to get through security, some singing, some chanting “Viva Papa”. Even the weather joined in the celebration as it was such a beautiful warm and sunny day in contrast to the previous day which was rainy.

Amidst all this chatter, suddenly the bells of the Basilica began chiming loudly and continuously, announcing that our Holy Father was arriving. We were still in the security line and the crowd began chanting excitedly “Viva Papa” and screaming with excitement, waving their flags, craning their necks to get a glimpse of him as he passed by. Just a glimpse seemed enough. To be present at the Mass was unbelievable. We were finally seated barely 5 minutes before the Holy Mass began.

The singing was out of this world. Mass was celebrated partly in Latin, Spanish and English and each person was given a kit with the Mass booklet in three languages and pictures of St. Junipero Serra, and believe it or not, a rain poncho. We were seated with people from different parts of the world, each one answering the responses in their own language. The Serrans alone had come from across the U.S. and from 10 other countries.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, looked his cheerful self and delighted the crowd by making his entrance to the grounds in the Popemobile. What joy for this massive congregation of 24,000 lay people, 3,000 seminarians all in their clericals, Cardinals and Bishops looking most resplendent, Priests and Religious in their colours. It was all so magnificent. The Mass was celebrated outdoors, on the east portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. and one of the 10 largest in the world. It lasted about 1-1/2 hours, ending with the Archbishop of Washington thanking His Holiness on behalf of everyone.

The Eucharistic celebration was over, and it left us with a happy, joyful and unforgettable spiritual experience. It took us nearly 2 hours to get back to our hotel, yet we were in the mood to celebrate the Sainthood of our patron Junipero Serra and our encounter with our Holy Father! 240 exuberant Serrans and guests celebrated with a sumptuous banquet that lasted nearly 3 hours.

Serrans around the world also celebrated - each Club in their own way, in their parishes. In Bangalore the Serrans offered Thanksgiving Masses in several parishes across our Archdiocese on September 23, 2015 and came together to watch the entire proceedings on TV.

*Jeanette D'souza*  
- St. Peter's Zone; President - Serra Club of  
Bangalore



### WORLD PEACE DAY

**World Peace Day**, observed on September 21<sup>st</sup> of every year, is dedicated to world peace and specifically to the absence of war and violence.

In order to mark the importance of universal peace, we at St. Patricks Church celebrated "World Peace Day" on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. The children and the faith-formators were dressed in white to commemorate the occasion. In his homily, the deacon gave a meaningful message on how to maintain peace within oneself and with each other. Symbolic offerings were made during the 8.30am Children's Mass. **An image of a frowning face** - to signify the choice of love, compassion and forgiveness over anger, resentment, revenge and hatred; **a wall clock** - to represent our availability to God, to the needy and to oneself; **pictures of a horse and a donkey** - to signify how Jesus chose a donkey over a horse to show that He is the "Prince of Peace" and not a "Warrior"; **a globe** - to represent our world torn apart by violence and hatred. **Bread and wine** were offered with a prayer to transform each one of us to have a larger heart to embrace one another in spite of our differences and to maintain peace.

After the Mass, the parish priest along with the congregation set free a dove and some balloons outside the church.

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR PARISH

- a) **Daily Mass:** 6am, 6.30am (Tamil), 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm. Saturday evening Mass at 6pm (Sunday Liturgy). On Nov 2 (All Souls Day), Mass at the Cemetery will be at 11am and 4.30pm.
- b) **Sunday Mass:** 6am (Kannada), 7.15am (Tamil), 8.30am (Children's Mass), 9.45am, 11am, 6pm.
- c) **Shrine Mass:** Every Tuesday at 10am in Kannada and at 6pm in Tamil
- d) **Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday 6pm to 6.45pm
- e) **Adoration Chapel:** Exposition every day from 6am to 7pm. On Tuesdays, exposition up to 9.45pm.
- f) **Confessions:** Every Saturday 5pm to 6pm at the Adoration Chapel
- g) **Altar Servers Meeting:** Every Saturday immediately after 1.15pm Mass (Contact Fr. Mac Donald Fernandis +91 8971216787)

### ECOLOGY DAY

God created the Universe, which was formless, by his Eternal Word. God blessed human-kind and made us the stewards of the earth. We have a great responsibility to protect, share and conserve its resources in order to live in accordance with God's will and in harmony with one another.

**Ecology Day** was celebrated in our parish on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who is recognized in the Church as the patron of ecology due to his love for both the Creator and creation. Fr. Sunny gave a beautiful homily to draw awareness of God's love for us and how each one of us must be responsible for conserving and protecting the environment. To commemorate the occasion, symbolic offerings were made during the 8.30am Children's Mass. **A sapling** - to remind us about the importance of plants and to encourage us to grow more trees; **water** - to remind us about our responsibility to use water wisely and preserve its sources; **soil** - to remind us of the difficulties the farmers face such as drought, floods and debts; **a fish** - to represent all the living beings created by God.

After the Mass, Fr. Mac Donald planted a sapling to stress the importance of growing more trees and to remind us to be more responsible towards our mother earth and our fellow human beings.

*Reji Danny*

*Faith Formator, St. Peter's Zone*

- h) **Faith Formation for children:** Every Sunday after 8.30am Mass - up to 10.30am.
- i) **Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Monday at 4.15pm (Contact Ms. M. Menezes + 91-9845426746)
- j) **Legion of Mary (Tamil):** Meetings every Sunday from 8.30am to 9.30am (Contact Mr. John Leonard +91-9916896446)
- k) **St Vincent de Paul:** Meetings every Tuesday at 6pm (Contact Mr. James Sequeira Ph: +91-9341252624)
- l) **Ladies of Charity:** Meetings every first Thursday of the month at 4.30pm (Contact Ms. Stella Monga +91 8147971118)
- m) **Counseling Centre:** Open every Tuesday and Friday between 4.30pm to 6.30pm. (Contact +91-80-25587213)

St. Patrick's Church  
15-K Brigade Road, Bengaluru  
Phone - +91-80-25587213  
Email: st.patricksbblr@gmail.com  
Facebook.com/stpatricks.church.9  
Twitter.com/patrickschurch  
Website: www.stpatricksbblr.com

**Office Timings:**  
Daily: 9am - 5pm;  
Lunch timings -1pm to 2pm;  
Saturday: 9am to 1pm;  
Sunday: 9am to 12.15pm

Please contact us at  
patricianblr@gmail.com for any  
feedback/contributions.

(For Private Circulation Only)