



THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)

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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

“Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!” - Psalm 119:2

Jubilaeum Extraordinarium Misericordiae - Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy - What a great moment, when God in all His Mercy sent forth His only Son Jesus to be our guide and protector! For He cleanses our sins and saves us from the dread of our hearts and minds and keeps us from being engulfed into the flames of the fiery path, away from Faith in God!

We celebrate the Dodransbicentennial of St. Patrick's Church!

Our story is the story of generations of the Faithful, Faith Formators, Priests, Bishops, Archbishops and Popes - all laymen who believed in the power of FAITH which transformed the lives of so many over all these 175 years - from the time of bricks and mortar to the time of concrete - from the time of the steam engine to the gasoline run engines - from the time of acoustic telegraphy to the time of electronic mails – from the time of cloistered prayer to the time of congregational celebration of the faith - St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore has chimed along with the transition to the millennium! The heart and voice of all the parishioners, the spirit of tolerance towards community living, your Faith in God The Almighty and Jesus Christ His only Son, is what has kept the winds swaying hitherto and henceforth, a testimony to the great history of what St. Patrick's Church stands for, with the guiding principle - “Eucharist: the Sacrament - the path to our Creator, God The Almighty, through His only son Jesus.”

It is another blessing from the Divine, that I have been given a chance to shepherd and carry the Staff of Faith and Vision of Rev. Fr. Gailhot Jacques Henri (the first parish priest) to assuage one's hunger of being pious and a just human, to walk with belief, faith, trust and love - the core principles that have built up the Church as a witness to Jesus our Saviour.

This month of Tolerance - we commemorate Gandhi Jayanthi on October 2nd - Mahatma Gandhi had spread the message of truth and non-violence. In today's world the forces of aggression, intolerance and violence are unabated, and in the bid to conquer

supremacy, the basic morale of being human is not realized. He became an immortal spirit who guides us through the path of peace and non-violence. Let us ask ourselves these two questions - why are we intolerant towards each other? Why are we so appalling towards each other? The Year of Mercy focuses on this one thought - “God's forgiveness is so unabridged”. Let us pray for the virtue of tolerance while forgiving each other's intolerances.

Secular India - it is a joy to live in freedom of thought, speech and religion. The tolerance of myriad celebrations speaks of our Indianness and togetherness! Along comes another celebration - “Dussehra” - celebrating the victory of good over evil with wishes for prosperity.

I thank His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore and all the priests, brothers, nuns, and religious houses, parishioners, and all Catholics and all those who have been a part of the heritage and legacy of St. Patrick's Church for all the prodigious support. I, along with my assistant parish priest and team of priests, as well as the support staff of St. Patrick's Church say - Je vous en remercie! (my thanks to all of you).

Every joy we feel is a celebration!

God Bless us all!

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

On the occasion of the 175th Anniversary of the church, St. Patrick's will be releasing a souvenir. St. Patrick's requests your encouragement and support through advertisements in our Souvenir. The Rates for the advertisements are as under:

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COMMUNITY WEEK REPORT

The Community Week 2016 was celebrated in our parish between the 12th and 14th of August, with the theme, 'Merciful Face of the Father'. The celebrations were marked by active participation from all of the seven zones, which made the event a memorable and fruitful one. Although divided by zones, this event helped parishioners to get to know each other and work as one in their various activities.

After the inaugural Mass on 12th evening, which was celebrated by Msgr. C. Francis, the movie 'Sister Act' was screened in the Community Hall. The movie had everyone in splits at the antics of 'Sister Mary Clarence' while the lively choir music from the movie, set everyone's feet tapping. Free popcorn was distributed to all during the movie.

On Saturday 13th we were bowled over by the sporting talents of our young parishioners as they competed at cricket and dodge ball. The same evening, the much anticipated Bible Quiz was conducted by members of the youth. It was a nail-biting encounter as most of the Zones had put in a lot of preparation for the same.

On Sunday, immediately after the Children's Mass, Br. David with the help of the parish youth, conducted exciting tele-games for the catechism children. Simultaneously, glass painting, clay modeling and carom contests were conducted in different parts of the compound. There was no questioning the fact that the glass paintings and clay models truly brought out the theme of the community week beautifully. As the sun reached its highest point in the sky, the much anticipated throw ball and football tournaments kicked off for men and women respectively.

In the evening at 5.30pm, we had the thanksgiving community mass which was celebrated by our Parish Priest Msgr. C. Francis with the parish clergy.

Immediately thereafter, the celebration of true community spirit began in the community hall. The seven zones expressed their message by showcasing their talents through the artistic mediums of singing and dancing. Mr. Roger efficiently compered the program. The fellowship dinner soon followed with some lip-smacking food which was enjoyed by all.

The parish would like to thank: Mr. Dilip D'Souza and Johnny Caterers for arranging the dinner; Mr. Clinton and Mr. Clement for organizing this year's Community Week activities; the Ladies of Charity for sponsoring juice and snacks for our children; Mr. Francis Pinto for sponsoring shields and medals for games; and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul for sponsoring the rolling trophy for the Bible Quiz. The parish is also grateful to the Parish council and its secretary Mrs. Wilma Pinto, all the pious associations, boarding boys and the parish youth for their generosity of hearts and hands in organizing the Parish community day 2016.

-Reewan Alvares

EVENT	WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP
Cricket for boys	1. St. Antony's Zone; 2. St. Francis Xavier's Zone
Dodgeball	1. St. Antony's Zone; 2. Marian Zone
Bible Quiz	1. St. Paul's Zone 2. St. Francis Xavier's Zone
Glass Painting	1. St. Antony's Zone 2. St. Peter's Zone
Clay modeling	1. St. Peter's Zone 2. St. Antony's Zone
Carom	1. St. Antony's Zone 2. St. Peter's Zone
Football	1. St. Antony's Zone 2. St. Peter's Zone
Throwball	1. Marian Zone & St. Peter's Zone 2. St. Antony's Zone & St. Francis Xavier's Zone

IMPORTANT DAYS IN OCTOBER

- Oct 01:** Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Oct 02:** Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
- Oct 07:** Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 09:** Administration of Confirmation at St. Patrick's
- Oct 10:** Celebration of 175 years of St. Patrick's Church
- Oct 18:** Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
- Oct 23:** Mission Sunday
- Oct 28:** Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - OCTOBER

Universal: JOURNALISTS

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: WORLD MISSION DAY

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

EXTRACT OF POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She "is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old.

Mercy finds its most noble and complete expression in the Incarnate Word. When we welcome and follow Jesus by means of the Gospel and sacraments, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, become merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful; we can learn to love as he loves us and make of our lives a free gift, a sign of his goodness (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, 3). The Church, in the midst of humanity, is first of all the community that lives by the mercy of Christ: she senses his gaze and feels he has chosen her with his merciful love. It is through this love that the Church discovers its mandate, lives it and makes it known to all peoples through a respectful dialogue with every culture and religious belief.

Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service. Together with the evangelizing and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people's problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate, and at times, fresh way: in caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures, and by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations, harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, cooperation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care for the poor.

In many places evangelization begins with education, to which missionary work dedicates much time and effort, like the merciful vine-dresser of the Gospel

(cf. Lk 13:7-9; Jn 15:1), patiently waiting for fruit after years of slow cultivation; in this way they bring forth a new people able to evangelize, who will take the Gospel to those places where it otherwise would not have been thought possible. The Church can also be defined as "mother" for those who will one day have faith in Christ. I hope, therefore, that the holy people of God will continue to exercise this maternal service of mercy, which helps those who do not yet know the Lord to encounter and love him. Faith is God's gift and not the result of proselytizing; rather it grows thanks to the faith and charity of evangelizers who witness to Christ. As they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that he has given us: his life and his love.

The mandate of the Gospel to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20) has not ceased; rather this command commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary "impulse", as I noted in my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (20).

This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who ordered that to this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth.

May Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place; He who renews personal relationships, cultures and peoples, and who fills all with joyful mercy.

SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA: THE "ICON" FOR THE POPE'S HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

For all those of us who watched the canonization of Mother Teresa of Kolkata at St. Peter's Square on 4th September 2016, it was indeed a joyful and overwhelming moment. People came from all countries of the world, crossing all barriers of cast, creed and religion to witness this special event. So what makes Mother Teresa of Kolkata, canonized by Pope Francis, a saint and Indians proud of her? The simple answer my dear friends, is love and obedience to God! Her love for Jesus was so great, that she followed Christ into the slums, to serve Him amongst the poorest of the poor. For almost four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor, the abandoned and suffering. She crisscrossed the globe pleading for support, and inviting people to see the face of Jesus in the poor and needy. Her life's mission was driven by her love for God and her empathy towards human suffering, very much like Jesus during His ministry on earth!

Mother Teresa put aside a sheltered and comfortable life in exchange for the destitute, abandoned and lost people in society. She truly embodied Jesus' promise: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are the members of my family, you did it to me' - Mt. 25 vs. 40. Mother Teresa's focus was 'the works of mercy'. She believed in being Christ to

others and in seeing Christ in others. Mother Teresa spent the major part of her life in searching out the lost and abandoned, just as our present Pope Francis, who in this 'year of mercy' searches for the lost souls. Let us, therefore, try our best to emulate St. Teresa of Kolkata in our way of life and help make this earth a more peaceful and happy place for all to live in.

"A Life not lived for others is not life" - Mother Teresa

-Ms. Tina Fernandes

Obituaries:

1. Joachim Vincent Saldanha - 12/8/2016 - St. Peter's Zone
2. Yvette Vaz - 13/8/2016 - St. Thomas Zone
3. Leonard Victor Noronha - 18/8/2016 - St. Paul's Zone

All Souls Day - Nov 2, 2016

Mass at the Cemetery will be at 11 am and 4.30pm.

This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis.

- Pope St. John Paul II

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR PARISH

- a) **Daily Mass:** 6am, 6.30am (Tamil), 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm. Saturday evening Mass at 6pm (Sunday Liturgy).
- 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.
- 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. Walter Fernandes +91-9901904718).
- 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).

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