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MOTHER MARY - HOPE AND DAWN OF SALVATION



From the PASTOR'S DESK

Mary - The Dawn of the Hope

My Dear Brothers and Sisters. Fraternal Greetings from your Brother Priest . as we are in the verge of celebrating the feast of the Nativity of Our Mother Mary, our editorial team has come with the apt and inspiring theme which states “ Mary as The Dawn of the Hope”. Cardinal Henry Neuwen says” in the birth of the Virgin Mary dawned new hope of salvation as she was privileged to bear our Author of our salvation and by giving birth to our Lord Jesus new era of salvation commenced.”

Thomas Merten one of the trapist monks states that when a believer goes through depressing moments of his or her life, return

to our mother Mary and he or she will find meaning and hope for life since She is the hope of the hopeless and helpless. It is really heartening to note that our Mother Mary always stands with the side of the saints as well as sinner offering consolation and healing.

It is enlightening to perceive in the scriptures that after the crucifixion of Jesus when the Apostles thought that all is lost, Mother Mary's presence rendered them hope and trust which eventually led to believe that Jesus would return. Thus ,we can conclude that she was chosen by the Lord to be the hope for the human race.

It is really educative to ascertain the spiritual fact that our recent environmental theologians asserted that Mother Mary remains as the model and hope of the new creation wherein the nature is cared and loved as she is the new Eve who not only cares for the redemption and the salvation of the souls but also for wholistic redemption of the nature and the universe at large.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters as we celebrate The Nativity of our Mother Mary let us pray with true sense of devotion and veneration so that She may bless us with hope, trust and faith at all time to come.

Mother Mary pray for us.



**Fr. Arul Manickam,
O.Praem**

PARISH SCHEDULE

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Mother Mary; Hope and Dawn of Salvation



- Fr. Pream, O Praem

On the joyful occasion of the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, we thank God for the gift of Mother Mary as our Mother, Mother of the Church and Mother of the Universe. She was prepared by divine plan of God to be the Mother of Jesus the son of God. For this reason she was conceived in the womb of her mother Anna without the stain of sin and her birth is considered by the Church as "the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation". Her birthday each year reminds us of the unfolding of the Mystery of our salvation. From the Annunciation to the Crucifixion of her Son, Mary was obedient to the will of God, offering herself totally to the salvation of humanity. Blessed Mother intensely and mysteriously united her life with Christ's mission of redemption. She

became her Son's faithful co-worker in accomplishing the work of salvation. On the altar of the Cross our Lord gave His Mother to John and through him to the whole Church. The gift of Mary to the Church was Jesus' last human act from the Cross. Mary, as our Mother, is the loving gift from Jesus Christ to every man, woman, and child in the family of God. Mary our blessed Mother stands at the very center of the mystery of redemption, a mystery which embraces each individual and all humanity. She is given as mother to every single individual and all mankind in relation to the salvation of us all. We have a mother on whom we can depend when it comes to our redemption, she leads us to Jesus her son who is "the way, truth and the life".

" May Our Mother Intercede for the Prosperity of Faith, Unity and Love in our families and especially in our Parish community"



Wishing You All Happy
Feast of Nativity
God Bless you all

Vianny Sunday



SUNDAY SCHOOL - PARENTS DAY



PRE-BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS - What and Why of it

- **Calist Rosario**

Pre-baptismal catechesis was conducted in our parish on 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th of June, 2023. Six couples along with godparents attended the session.

Pre-Baptismal catechesis prepares expecting parents for the sacrament of Baptism of the child. It is compulsory because it helps them in nourishing the faith of their child by practicing the Christian virtues. The focus is not only on the religious significance of the sacrament but also helps them to understand how to bring up their children in true Christian faith.

In our Parish this course is conducted once in every four months on two weekends i.e. Saturdays and Sundays from 7pm to 8.30pm.

The four sessions of this course helps the parents to deepen their understanding of love as they welcome their baby into their life. It also makes them aware of how to live their baptismal promises and how

parents have to make their continuous efforts to live their own faith in everyday life situations.

Godparents also are required to attend only the last session preferably with parents though they are permitted to attend the course in their respective parishes or nearby parishes as per their convenience and submit the certificate before the baptism.

We advise both parents to attend this course in their early stage of pregnancy (i.e. 3rd or 4th month) to avoid inconvenience to the expecting mothers.



DONATION DRIVE FOR IRSHALGAD



**- Yannah Bird
(Our Lady of Perpetual
Succour community)**

On Wednesday, 19th July 2023, Irshalgad fort was struck with a major landslide where a portion of the Irshalwadi village was buried in a hill slide leaving hundreds of occupants crushed beneath the land slide. However, there are survivors who are grieving the loss of their families, friends and neighbours.

On 12th August, 2023; OLVC Youth Group had organised a trek to Irshalgad fort. However, owing to the circumstances and losses beared by the people living in the village located in Irshalgad fort, the trek got cancelled.

In order to help the occupants of the village, OLVC Youth Group in collaboration with the SVP organised a Donation drive. We requested our parishioners to donate the necessary items and essentials to help the villagers. The donation drive was held

between Monday, 24th July to Sunday, 30th July at OLVC, Nerul. Parishioners donated basic essentials required by the villagers like food grains, rainy wear, shoes, blankets, sanitary pads, clothes etc.

On 02nd August 2023, a few of the PPC, PYAT and SVP members along with a few youth visited the occupants living there to give them the articles donated by our parishners. The occupants were very happy and grateful for the huge number of donations they received. We spent quality time with them and also visited the school over there.

We received a huge number of donations from our kind parishioners which helped us to make this donation drive a successful one. We truly appreciate all the efforts everyone put into this donation drive to help the occupants meet their basic necessities and requirements.

Once again on behalf of the entire team we would like to thank all the parishioners who have contributed towards this initiative.



Mother Mary: The Beacon of Hope and the Dawn of Salvation



- Bro. Melton Soares

In the heart of our Catholic faith, Mother Mary stands as a symbol of unwavering hope and the herald of salvation. Her profound significance resonates through her role in the birth of Jesus Christ, and her steadfast presence continues to inspire believers across the world.

Mary's hope shines brightly through the annunciation by the angel Gabriel. Her acceptance of the divine plan, despite uncertainties, reflects her unwavering trust in God's providence. As she bore the weight of her unique calling, Mary's hope transcended the challenges, guiding her journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

The dawn of salvation finds its roots in Mary's role as the mother of Jesus, who became the embodiment of redemption

and grace. Her presence at the foot of the cross during Christ's Crucifixion underscores her profound connection to humanity's salvation. As Jesus embraced suffering for the salvation of mankind, Mary's maternal presence became a testament to the enduring bond between motherly love and the divine plan. Mother Mary's legacy of hope is a beacon that guides believers through their own trials.

Her intercession is sought for strength, solace, and the promise of salvation. In times of darkness, her example teaches us to hold onto hope, trusting that the dawn of redemption will eventually break through.

In the embrace of Mother Mary, believers find solace in the face of adversity; and in her connection to the dawn of salvation, they see the promise of eternal grace. Her story continues to resonate as a testament to the power of hope and the eternal light of salvation.



We are the Care-Takers

- Rita Suresh
St. Jude Community

It feels good writing an article for Reach Out after quite a long time. As a parent, and a teacher, there's something which has been affecting me quite strongly for a while – the cases of Depression and Mental disturbance, helplessness among our young and budding students. Why would someone so young want to end their life?

Is it the parental pressure, studies, peers?? I feel, as responsible adults, we should be able to identify the changes in our children / students. Make the environment of our homes and schools so comfortable that their voices can be heard. If its studies, then understand what would be their choice of vocation. It could even be sexual /

physical atrocities / mental trauma that they are going through. Communication is the Key. Speak to your children. Make it mandatory to have at least one meal of the day together as a family. At that time, cell phones should be kept silent and away from everyone. When we talk to each other, we could know what each one is going through. Teach girls to be independent in thoughts and boys should be educated at a young age to respect and protect the opposite sex. Even household chores could be divided so that no job is identified to be a stereotype or menial.

Values should be inculcated at home, where children should be welcomed in decision making and made to feel accountable for their actions. These blooming buds are the Nation's future – they should feel treasured not burdened.



Know your OLVC Communication Cell

- Bernard Pereira

OLVC Communications Cell (erstwhile “Reach Out Magazine”) provides a platform to relay the spiritual, social, and cultural activities at Our Lady of Visitation Church, Nerul. **Saint Gabriel the Archangel** is our **patron saint** because the angel Gabriel is God's top angelic messenger. Throughout history, Gabriel has delivered God's most important messages to humanity. While the Reach Out was our primary mode of communication, the pandemic necessitated the use of other aids of communication i.e. audio-visual, website, etc.

Reach Out is the official Magazine of Our Lady of Visitation Church, Nerul. The Magazine is published thrice a year and has now moved to an e-magazine format. It is a



platform for budding writers to showcase their writing skills. It is a vehicle of communication not only to our parishioners but also to people of other Parishes. The Reach Out is a wonderful platform for all age groups – Children, Youth, Adults and Senior Citizens. It not only makes us aware of all the happenings in our SCC communities, cells and associations but it also tries to motivate parishioners to participate and get involved in the development of our Parish. We, the Editorial Team believe **“THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.”**

The **OLVC Visuals** is another off-shoot of the Communications Cell that was literally born during the pandemic to help parishioners participate in the mass using the audio-visual medium. It complements the mass by highlighting liturgical references and the theme, by encouraging participation in the hymns and keeping the parish abreast of the weekly developments through the notices.

Our **parish website** was revived during the pandemic. It is the “Go-To” website for both new and existing parishioners to know about the history of our Parish, the various cells and associations, the SCC co-ordinators for each community, the PPC members and the Executive Council, the Liturgy schedule, the various events conducted, etc.

Cell Leader - Bernard Pereira

Asst. Cell Leader - Varghese Joseph

Activities of Missionary Families of Christ (MFC)

- Mathew Panicker

MFC Conducts off line Liturgical bible study at AV room for all children in OLVC parish between age of 4 to 14yrs.

MFC also conducts offline LBS for adults after Thursday evening mass in the church premises for all Adult parishioners.

For the children of the MFC community, a monthly meeting is held which has mix of scripture & fun play time.

For the MFC community, we have a Theme Talk every month & also the MFC Nerul Chapter meets once a month.

A Household meeting is held every

Saturday where the members meet, pray & nourish themselves spiritually.



Celebration of Grandparents Day

-Lucy Nair
St. Joseph community

Grandparents are truly a blessing in our lives. They are the ones who have made our parents the way they are.

It is said "It is because of their upbringing that our parents love us immensely and care for us the same way our grandparents did when they were children." Keeping this in mind we the Senior Citizen Association of MMVK celebrated Grand Parents day on 23rd July Sunday. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharistic at 9.30 am followed by breakfast, Talk by Dr. James, games and Lunch.

Dr. James D'silva a parishioner gave a talk on how the senior need to keep going instead of a sedentary life. He said when going for a walk inform your near ones, he also mentioned that the address and the phone contact should be kept with them always to contact in case of emergency. Dr. James briefed all about the importance of health check up every 6 months

The retro hindi and English songs were sung by Jovita, Anthony, David and Bernard, the seniors were nostalgic of the good old

days of youth. The cherry on the cake was the line dance demonstration by Mrs Maxima Serrao.

Line dancing is a dance done by a group of people who stand next to each other in a line and all of them perform the same movements. She intends to start line dancing for the senior citizen of OLVC.

Fr. Prem, the Assistant of our Priest In-charge gave a talk on the responsibilities of grandparent towards their grandchildren. He said 'Grandparents feed a child spiritual wonder about the world.'

Grandparents should never speak negatively about either of the parents to their grandchildren, instead they must always encourage love, forgiveness, unselfishness and understanding

The co-ordinator of Adhata Trust was invited by Senior Citizen Association to brief the group about the Adhata Trust and the activities they conduct for the Senior Citizens which is to be started shortly by Don Bosco Nerul. It creates accessible, equitable, inclusive, safe and age-friendly environment for older people. Safe spaces, in which to develop personally while retaining their autonomy, and continuing to contribute to society.



Independence Day- Chief Guest Capt. Ronald D'Souza speaks...



Capt. Ronald D'Souza

Our Father in heaven, we give you thanks for bringing us together on this glorious occasion of the 77th year of our Independence with our fellow brothers and sisters of this parish. We give you thanks for the freedom we still have to enjoy the gifts you have bestowed on us. May we be able to share it with all our countrymen, especially those living in remote and far-flung areas.

The number 7 and 70 shows up often times in our scriptures. 7 represents both a whole and complete creation and a journey to that completeness. 7 was symbolic in ancient Eastern and Israelite culture. It communicated a sense of fullness or completeness. And as Jesus said, we need to forgive seventy times seven.

Today we should consider ourselves twice as fortunate on this 77th year of our Independence. We pray 70 times 7 that the secular fabric of our country, which our freedom fighters gave their lives for remains intact for generations to come.



SUMMER CAMP - 2023



“Where strangers become friends and friendships lasts forever”

- Melrisha Dsouza

The youth of OLVC organised a summer camp (from 22nd May to 27th May 2023) for the children of the parish. A sum of Rs. 300 was taken as fee, which included snacks.

I have been attending these summer camps since I was a small child and every year it was totally different, but the fun was just the same. I always used to admire the youth back then who would do their level best to make it a memorable experience for us. Being a part of the youth for the first time, this year and helping with the planning and eventually execution, was a new experience all in all.

The response of the children and parents was awesome and we had around 50 registrations by 21st May 2023.

Day 1 was about introduction along with the theme for the day Music and Dance. The kids were so enthusiastic about everything we taught them, from dance to music and even games.

Action songs like Chada, Nachunga Gaunga, etc were a real hit with the kids. At the end of Day 1 we played the most classic

game of dog and the bone.

Day 2 was all about nature, the activity planned for the day was Tree Plantation, the children were asked to get hand gloves and face masks for safety measures. A total of 10 plants were planted along the left side of the basement. On this day a new system was introduced, which included prize money coupons of Rs. 25, 50 and 100. The deal was to collect these coupons and whoever had the maximum number of these till the last day will get a prize.

Day 3 was called the 'Disney Movie Day'; we screened the movie Incredibles 2. For this day the children were asked to wear their favourite Disney character t-shirts, it was like a pool of Spiderman's and Mickey Mouse's that day. Even the youth (volunteers) wore their favourite characters.

Day 4 included Arts and Crafts. Here, the children were divided into six groups with one volunteer leading each group. The first activity for the day was hand print painting, each group was provided with a paper plate filled with poster colour paints. The paper plates kept rotating in the various groups and the result was a quite colourful! The second activity was divided into age categories, the children aged 6-10 years were given templates to colour along with crayons, and the rest i.e. children aged 10-14 years were asked to depict the creation story and what God created on each day.



SUMMER CAMP - 2023 (Continued)...

Day 5 the second last day of the camp was best out of waste day. The kids were again divided into two groups with four volunteers each. They were asked to get newspapers and glue. The object made was a pencil stand.

Day 6 the final day was all about fun and games. This day started with prayer like all other days, followed by a small bible quiz. The indoor and outdoor games followed next, the children were divided into two groups, one of which went for outdoor games (football and dodgeball) and the other stayed on the first floor playing passing the parcel but with a twist. These groups switched every 30 mins. By 11 o'clock, all the children were back on top and settled. It was time for the prize distribution of the colouring/ drawing competition as well as the highest coupon count. We welcomed our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Arul Manickam O. Praem who then gave away the prizes. As a small token of our appreciation to the children, the youth had printed a calendar and completion certificates. I am not sure if the kids will remember everything from this camp but one thing all of them will remember is the lemon juice, which they got everyday along with the delicious snacks.

I am grateful to be a part of the youth for this programme; it was a wonderful experience handling the children, planning

each day, checking the requirements, etc. Hoping for a better response from the youth volunteers and a larger group of children for the next year, it is truly something you won't regret.

Summer Camp 2023- Parent's speak

- Jovita Dsouza
John Bosco Community

The summer camp organised by the Youth of our parish was the most fun filled experience for the kids. At first I was not sure how a mixed age group of children coming together would be handled. But to my surprise it was so well managed that the children have created friendship bonds beyond their age.

Singing, dancing, art and craft, tree plantation, movie time, quiz time and games. Every minute of the 4 hour sessions were engaging and action packed. I am sure just like my son Yohann every child looked forward to the next day. The daily snack and juice provided were also scrumptious.

Hats off to the planning committee for a well planned summer camp. We appreciate the Youth for all the effort they have put in and We look forward to more interactive and engaging sessions for our kids.



Legion Outreach visit

- Bro. Donny David

“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared and forgotten by everybody, I think that is much greater hunger, much greater poverty than persons who have nothing to eat”. Said Mother Teresa.

On March 26th, We OLVC legionaries paid a visit to the Jyotish care Center a destitute home. Patients brought to this care Center are either severely handicapped have lost their memory, disability, despondency, dejection fears, and chronic illness or are depressed. It has a capacity to provide care and shelter to 30 residents. 4 Nuns and 2 helpmates take care of: Complete personal hygiene, preventive action for bed sores, timely medication, nutrition and supplements; feeding liquid or solid diet and maintaining hygienic conditions. It is a painstaking job that requires lot of commitment, patience and dedication. We

Legionaries assembled together along with nuns and residents sang songs, prayed and shared snacks. One of the residents even danced with joy.

Here it was ensured that a person who is not fully capable of self-care can maintain the highest possible quality of life, according to her individual preferences, with the greatest possible degree of independence, autonomy, participation, and human dignity. We did witness when tantrums and temper flared how amicably it was handled. They take care of every patient very efficiently. The visit left a deep impact on our conscious and on us. We were more sensitive than what we were when we arrived; sensitive towards the elderly. The visit was an epiphany. Each one of us was determined to stand by our parents and elders, through thick and thin. The residents at the old age home had motivated us all with their hankering hearts and unwavering hopes and smiles.



YOUREKA!!!!



-Trisha Sawant
Little Flower Community

On 16th July 2023, olvc youth group organized the most awaited youth orientation event *youreka*. This year the theme was colourful minds. Personally I was intrigued to know what this theme exactly means. On the day of the event I was excited to interact with new members of the youth group and participate in the games and activities organized. The event began with my favourite ice breaker called human bingo followed by getting into groups allotted during registration. We also had a lot of unique spot prizes in between the event. Then the office bearers introduced us to the new term's council and gave us a brief on how the youth group works and upcoming events. We also had a session conducted by Mr. Eldrin Goes. After the session I understood

the meaning of the theme which is "different people with different mindsets coming together as one community". The session somewhere down made me realise how all of us i.e., the youth can bring about a change in this world when all of come together and become one. I loved the fact that Eldrin made the session interactive and in a simpler way explained us our duties and responsibilities as youth. Post lunch we had an amazing band performance which was performed by our very own boys of the OLVC youth group. Following the band performance we had several games lined up which were extremely fun and last but not the least we played the treasure hunt. We ended the day on a good note with a 10 minute DJ session.

Lastly the President gave the vote of thanks and distributed the prizes to the winners of the games organized.

The first event of the youth group surely started with a bang, can't wait for more such events!



Tribute to Rev. Fr. Moses Dantes

On the occasion of Vianney Sunday

"Praise, Praise, Praise be to Jesus, the Living Word". A refrain we have sung for many a mass as the response to the proclamation of the Gospel. Talk about offering one's talent in the service of God. For those who attended the funeral of Rev. Fr. Moses Dantes, would have possibly heard for the first time, the Afternoon Prayer (Office of the Dead) a portion of the Liturgy of the Hours. The tune was composed by Fr. Moses. Many of the parts of the Mass we sing during our weekday and Sunday liturgies are his compositions.

He was a man who modeled himself on our patroness, Our Lady of the Visitation. Always reaching out to the young through Music and Liturgy. He was a man of deep Christian conviction and did not sit on the fence of political correctness.

He believed in dialogue. Any conflict, and he would not only suggest or advise to sit and talk but actually moderate that conversation irrespective of the outcome. He believed that all have been endowed with talents and not necessarily the same. He also believed that talents need to be in service of the One who



has blessed us with them. Should fame touch our feet, so be it but it should never go to the head. He believed a good leader is one who makes more leaders. The youth in our parish is a living example of that charism. He never let a teaching moment go by whether it was in a swimming pool with the youth or the corridor with a young adult. He believed in the Council's call of having full and active participation of the congregation in the liturgy.

Despite his weaknesses and struggles and the Lord knows them better than we do, he persevered. Never let time dictate terms. Many found his homilies challenging and many a times long. But like those of the Fathers, they were a mirror to all of us whether we liked it or not.

All of us have an intercessor added to our ever so long and growing list. But let us also pray for him so that we may join him in singing praises to our Lord and King, Christ Jesus.

Laudetur Jesus Christus, in saecula saeculorum, Amen!

Women's Cell Activities

Activities performed by the women cell members Of Our Lady of Visitation church Nerul.

Members visited the Jeevan Jyoti centre at Kharghar. Br. Basant, in-charge is doing wonderful work of handling around 46 inmates which includes abandoned handicapped people, HIV people and cancer patients.

Hats off to Br. Basant's selfless dedication. He maintains the place so spotlessly clean and takes care of the inmates with love and dedication.

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan these inmates had a Rakhi on their wrist which

was tied by the women cell members. The day became so special to each one of us as we succeeded in bringing a smile on the faces of these long-forgotten brothers.

The women cell members contributed

Some material items for their use and comfort.

Another women cell member gave the contact details of Dr. James Thomas and his wife from DY Patil hospital who were ready to freely attend to the sick of this center.

We helped a poor old woman in a Municipal hospital for the treatment who was suffering from heart attack.



May devotion to our Mother

The Rosary (/ 'rouzəri/; Latin: rosarium, in the sense of "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"), also known as the Dominican Rosary, The power of the Rosary is immense. Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic Church. Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to Our Mother of God. If we continue to recite it Mother Mary will not leave us alone to live in sin, she will lead us to her son. By her yes she became the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship, grace and trust in God. Looking up to Mary we can learn from her humility and example of total surrender to God's plan. Mary is the Mother of the Church, she becomes our guide and inspiration. By this devotion we pray to her to intercede to her son for our intentions in most difficult moments of our life as a child does.

Month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary and it is the occasion of a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to our Queen of Heaven.

During this month of May2023, we legionaries of Our Lady Of Visitation Praesidium conducted Rosary for the sick and homebound in our parish. Our presidium planned and organized home visits seeking for the sick and homebound members in our parish for 2 month and then scheduled the Rosary request for the sick members. In the privacy of their home, offering up to Mary from their hearts an

especial fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. We carried along with us a statue of Mother Mary which we left overnight at their homes, for family prayers and intentions.

We visited 23 homes, prayed with the sick & homebound members and family members and also administered Holy Eucharist when requested. We experienced great joy in spending time with them and they too felt very happy to share their hearts pain and joy as they go through in their difficult moments. The Rosary is highly emphasised in the life of the legionary and others. Through the Rosary a seed is planted and faith will grow. One should pray the rosary daily. Our Mother has promised many graces to those who pray the rosary daily. We legionaries who are in her army also see it as our mission to spread this devotion.

Know thou, sweet Mary Whereto I aspire? This hope to love thee, this is my desire.

***Our lady of Visitation Praesidium.
Legion of Mary.***

This is dedicated to our Legionary brother Ozwald Pereira who took active part and was with us throughout the rosary. On June 12th we were saddened to hear of his passing away. The end of the campaigning has come and a legionary lies nobly dead. He is confined in legionary service. "May the souls of our departed legionaries and the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace".



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

- Lourdes Ramchandran

Fr. Arun, Director from Vincentian Ashram, Chembur organised a trip to Holy Land, some of us from OLVC joined them. We were 70 in all.

We visited a no.of places, to name a few:

River Jordan where Fr. Arun poured water on our heads as a sign of renewal of baptism. The grotto where Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, Mary's well and St. Joseph's workshop. At Cana, couples renewed their marriage vows. The church of Nativity - birth

place of Jesus in Bethlehem. Church of Ascension, Lord's prayer place, garden of Gethsemane and Basilica of the Agony, last supper room, descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on Pentecost, Went inside the Holy Sepulcher, Calvary, golgotha where Jesus was crucified. Visited Jesus' tomb. We also visited the birth place of John the Baptist, visitation church, Bethany the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (tomb). It was a great experience to all. We thank the Almighty God for blessing us to see the Holy Land of Jesus!



FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM - BORN IN CHRIST

Sr	Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Address
1	22.04.2023	Aviana	Amit D'Souza	Trishna Gogoi	A-1201, Emerald Bay, Sec. 14, Nerul(W)
2	11.05.2023	Johanna	Neethi Nathan	Jenisa Nelson	E-1/28, C-8, Sahyog Apt. Sec.10, Nerul(w)
3	16.05.2023	Monika	Prakash Gosavi	Hira	House No.123/02, R.No.3, Sect.28, Nerul(W)
4	17.06.2023	Rose	Ian Puthiyaparambil	Sunanda Panigrahi	T.603, SBI Colony Sec.13, Nerul(E)
5	02.07.2023	Nathan	Sunny Thangavel	Vinita	202 Pacific Tower, Sec.27, Nerul(E)
6	23.07.2023	Thea Elysse	Noel Raphael	Shraddha	B-403, Juhi Avenue CHS, Sec.50(old), Nerul(W)
7	30.07.2023	Kenneth	Francis Gonsalves	Lynette Corona	302, Keystone Solista, Sec.38, Nerul(W)
8	13.08.2023	Cynthiya	Sanjeev Paul	Prajakta Paul	B 21/6 SBI Colony, Sec.13, Nerul(E)
9	13.08.2023	Carolyne	Sanjeev Paul	Prajakta Paul	B 21/6 SBI Colony, Sec.13, Nerul(E)
10	13.08.2023	Georgie	Darwin David	Elsa Merly John	A 4-04, Shiv Parvathi CHS, Sec 21, Nerul(E)

MARRIAGE - UNITED IN CHRIST

Sr	Date	Bridegroom Name	Brides Name
1	15.04.2023	Nikhil Shedge	Christa Lucinda
2	27.05.2023	Xavier Fernandes	Larissa Rashmi
3	04.06.2023	Amol Suhas Shirsat	Shashi Shivshankar
4	09.07.2023	Rohan Panicker	Suchita

BURIAL - RESTING IN CHRIST

Sr	Name	Date of Expiry/Burial	Age
1	Lovisa Sequeira	18.04.2023	61 years
2	Victor Mathias	21.04.2023	77 years
3	Infant	17.05.2023	New born
4	Leo Thomas	18.05.2023	65 years
5	Jaya Mary	01.06.2023	73 years
6	Ozward Pereira	13.06.2023	57 years
7	Cicly Vincent	17.06.2023	85 years
8	Maclyn Fernando	30.07.2023	2 years
9	Xavier A. Britto	10.08.2023	76 years

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