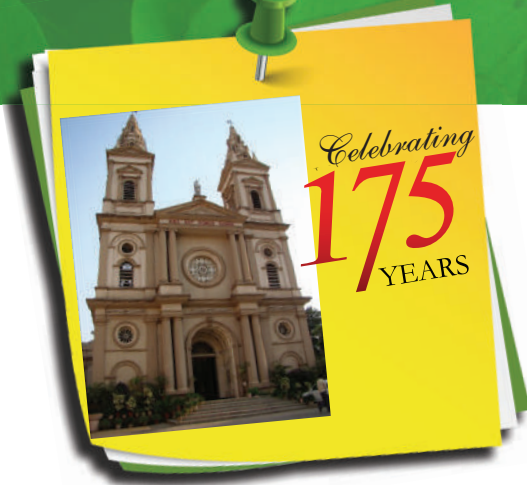


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Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

“My life has been dedicated to the noblest cause--that of the freedom of the country. Therefore, there is no rest or worldly desire that can lure me now.” - Bhagat Singh.

Come August, it is our pride that stimulates our love towards our motherland – India. There will be no other feeling greater than the breath we take in our free-land of India. We salute and respect all the freedom fighters, for they dreamt of “Free India” and we dream of a Globally Techno-India in all its buoyancy. This secular nation, so unified with its diversified culture, language, religion – makes us proud to be Indians. – Jai Hind!

We intercede with our Mother Mary to bless our nation with all prosperity and to protect our leaders, who toil undeterred with the arduous task of protecting our nation's sovereignty and its secular principles. As we celebrate the Assumption of our Mother Mary to Heaven, let us abide in her love and get closer to God the Almighty, and His dear Son Jesus Christ.

This month we celebrate the feast of St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. We pray to him for all the Parish Priests who serve in every Parish in every nook and corner of this world, that they may spread the message of love and tolerance.

The countdown has begun for the release date of the Souvenir and Coffee Table Book of our Parish, St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore. My heartfelt thanks to all, for your generous contributions and your innate helping nature which makes me proud to be a part of this Parish!


This is indeed a month of festivity, for it is a month of community activities! I request all the parishioners to be present, to take part, and to give this parish yet another memorable day

that can go down in history for coming generations, at this historical Church.

God Bless us all.

Msgr. C Francis, Parish Priest

Vicar General - Archdiocese of Bangalore



Hurry!! Buy Your Coffee Table Book Now!

The much-awaited release of the COFFEE TABLE BOOK on the History of St. Patrick's Church will take place on the 13th of this month. The pre-launch discounted offer price of Rs. 600 per copy can be availed of only until 13th August. The price of the book will be Rs. 1000 per copy thereafter.

Proceeds from the sale of the Coffee Table Book will directly go to the St. Patrick's Outreach Programme.



ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH PROGRAM (SPOP).

A 3rd batch of medicines have been delivered to the Cluny sisters dispensary at Kadisenahalli. Generic medicines have been sourced thanks to guidance of Dr. Bobby Joseph, Head of Community Medicine at St. John's Medical College.

The villages continue to be starved of rain and we are meeting our commitment to pay for water tankers for the school during the dry spell.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY



In the hustle and bustle of daily life be it family, work, school or even commitment to the Parish, monotony can easily set in. However, the 26th of July this year was remarkably different as the elderly Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church got together to celebrate the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of our Blessed Mother.

According to tradition, Saints Joachim and Anne lived a devout and simple life of voluntary poverty, and were very generous to the poor. After long suffering from infertility and praying for a child, both Joachim and Anne in their old age, were visited by an angel who announced that they would give birth to a very special child. It was from their holy and chaste marriage that the Immaculate Conception was brought into the world. Today, St. Anne is the patroness of wives, expectant mothers, pregnancy, women in labour, grandmothers and childless couples. St. Joachim is the patron saint of fathers and grandfathers.

The boys from St. Patrick's Boys' Home put up an entertaining performance comprising hit songs and dance which made the audience tap their feet and hum to their catchy tunes and choral chants. Mrs. Jennifer D'lemons emceed the programme and conducted games with a delightful variation and a bible quiz – all of which were highly appreciated by the attendees. With sumptuous snacks for all, this was followed by a special Mass at 5.30 pm for the senior citizens.

- Cynthia Fernandes

THE JOY OF FORGIVING

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive your trespasses”. (Mt 6:14-15).

The above Scripture leaves us with no choice. We ‘must’ forgive however hurt we may be. It is not optional at all. Jesus himself showed us the way when He said on the Cross: “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do” (Lk 23:34). He actually made excuses and pleaded for his enemies!

In Romans Ch.12:14 St. Paul says, “Bless those who persecute you”. It is not easy to forgive when we are hurt and angry.

However, we cannot go by our feelings. I have discovered that forgiving others is nothing but a ‘firm decision’. So, when someone hurts me, combining the words of Jesus and Paul, I have learnt to pray ‘from the heart’: “Father, I ask You to forgive this person and to bless him/her abundantly.” This prayer acts like magic. All hurt and resentment just disappears!

Bangalore Catholic Enquiry Centre is situated above Infant Jesus Shrine, in Viveknagar. On Thursdays, non-Christians flock to this Shrine. We keep a table with free Catholic literature for those who want to know more about Jesus. Each of us co-workers has a very unique, personal, and effective way of ministering to seekers of Christ.

I try to give the Message of Salvation by quoting the Scripture 1John 1:7 which says: “The Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanses us from all sin”. I also pray with them for their intentions. I make it a point to ask seekers if they have been deeply hurt by others in life’s journey. I tell them that they need to forgive in order to experience the peace of Jesus Christ. I ask them to close their eyes and bring to mind, one by one, those who have hurt them. Without intruding on their privacy, I ask them to try and ‘make excuses’ for those people and then help them to offer those persons their forgiveness and blessing. In the end, it is wonderful to see the joy on their faces.

All glory to God for showing us the way to experience the JOY of FORGIVING.

- Lalita Menezes

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – August

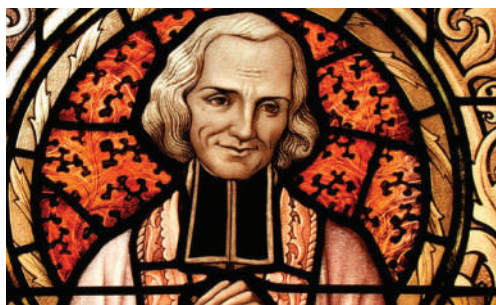
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That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN AUGUST

Aug 01	: Memorial–St. Alphonse Ligouri
Aug 04	: Memorial – St. John Vianney
Aug 06	: Feast–Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 08	: Memorial – St. Dominic Guzman
Aug 10	: 76 th Birthday of Archbishop Bernard Moras
Aug 13	: Prison Ministry Sunday
Aug 14	: Memorial – St. Maximilian Kolbe
Aug 15	: Solemnity – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 20	: Archbishop Bernard Moras’ feast day; also Justice Sunday
Aug 22	: Memorial – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 28	: Memorial – St. Augustine
Aug 29	: Memorial – The passion of St. John the Baptist
Aug 30	: Memorial – St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal

ST. JOHN VIANNEY



“I love you, O my God and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life.” These were the words often spoken by Saint

John Vianney, a humble and holy man, who barely succeeded in becoming a priest, but who converted a thousand sinners.

St. John Vianney better known as “Cure of Ars” is also venerated as the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. He was born in France on 8th May, 1786. Young John had a great desire to become a priest, but he had to overcome many difficulties in learning, and for this reason the teachers doubted his vocation. But finally, he was ordained at the age of 32 and in the year 1818, he was made Parish Priest of Ars, a small village in France. It was in the exercise of his function as Parish Priest, in this remote French hamlet, that he became well known throughout France and the neighbouring countries for his saintly life, mortification and persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession.

People were drawn to him in large numbers due to the grace which radiated from his personality as a priest, and the Saint in turn was determined not to lose a single soul. His sermons were simple and were drawn from daily life. He breathed faith and instilled the love of God in people’s hearts. He preached on God’s mercy, and it is said that staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. He possessed a supernatural knowledge, for he had the ability to see the soul in its nakedness, freed of its body and would exactly tell in what state the soul was. He healed the sick, especially children.

The Priest of Ars subjected himself to a strict fast, his whole meal consisting of two black breads and one or two potatoes cooked in water. He slept on a bare mattress. For forty years his food and sleep were insufficient for human existence, yet he laboured with unfailing humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness. He spent much time in prayer and mortification. He used to hear confessions for as long as 13 to 17 hours a day. People from neighbouring villages and towns stood in long queues for confession and to hear the Saint speak.

On the 4th of August in 1859 Fr. John Vianney gave his soul to God. He had been the Parish Priest of Ars for 42 years. In 1925, he received the highest honour of the Church by being canonised and placed in the list of Saints. One of his most noted sayings was: “Prayer to our soul, is what rain is to the soil.”

- Tina Fernandez

ST. PAT’S VINCENT DE MED CARE



Furthering its mission of serving the poor, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of our Parish has established a Health Clinic named St. Pat’s Vincent De Med Care, in our Parish premises. Through this clinic, the SVP aims to take care of the health needs of their adoptee families, the children of St. Patrick’s Boys’ Home and the other parishioners of St. Patrick’s Church.

The clinic was inaugurated on the 18th of July by our beloved Parish Priest, Monsignor C. Francis. The clinic currently has 3 doctors on its panel – Dr. Michael, Dr. Joseph Varghese and Dr. Richard Lurshay. Dr. Michael has been a Consultant Physician at Bangalore Baptist Hospital for 25 years. Dr. Joseph Varghese is a General Practitioner and has practised at Republic Nursing Home, Sindhi Hospital and Holy Cross Hospital in Madhya



Pradesh as a General Practitioner. Dr. Richard Lurshay is a Paediatrician with Fortis La Femme Hospital in Bangalore and has been closely associated with our Parish. He has been offering his services in the past to the adoptees of the SVP and the children of St. Patrick’s Boys’ Home.

The clinic will be open every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm. Consultation and medication at the clinic will be free.

COMMUNITY WEEKEND 2017 –SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

St. Patrick's invites all parishioners to participate in our annual Community Week programmes. The schedules for the events in the month of August are as under. Please join in and make the Community Week a big success.

Date	Time	Events
5 th August, Saturday	2:00 PM onwards	Glass painting / Clay modelling
	6:00 PM Evening Mass will be at 5pm	Variety Entertainment Programme - The best performances will be selected to entertain at the Prize distribution and release of the Coffee Table Book on the 13 th of August.
6 th August, Sunday	10:00 AM onwards	Football / Throwball
12 th August, Saturday	7:00 PM	Bible Quiz
13 th August Sunday	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Mass
	6:30 PM	Prize distribution, Release of the Coffee Table Book and Fellowship Dinner

Syllabus for the Bible Quiz

6-12 years: Gospel according to Matthew, Chapters 10-20

13-30 years: Book of Sirach

Above 30 years: Gospel according to Mark

Additional Syllabus:

1. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): Part 3, Section 2 (The Ten Commandments), Paragraph numbers 2083- 2557
2. Identify the Saints
3. St. Patrick's Church history and up to date general information

Kindly read the NRSV Version of the Catholic Bible

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: Will be held 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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