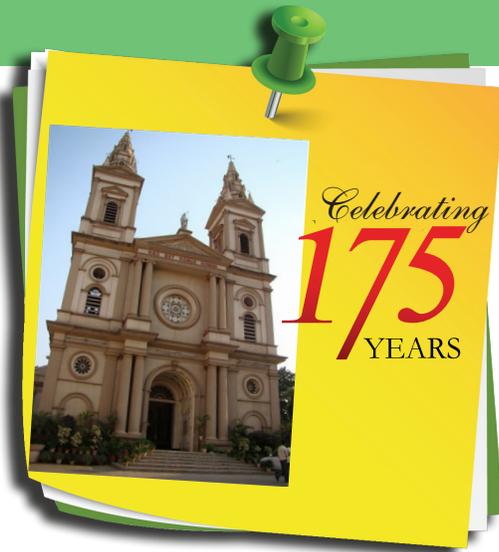


# THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)



July 2017



## MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

*“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”— St. Augustine*

This month we celebrate the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle - one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Thomas refused to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus, The Saviour and in order to convince him, the Resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples a second time when Thomas was present, and the Lord said to Thomas: “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” And Thomas replied “My Lord and my God.” (John 20:27-28). This gives a whole new perception to our understanding of what ‘faith’ and ‘trust’ mean, especially in our world of today.

St. Thomas’ apostolic work in India of spreading the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus was of such great magnitude that the Faith with which he exclaimed “My Lord and My God” stands as a true testimony to our conviction to being Christian. It is not that we only profess our faith when we are in dire straits, but at every moment of our lives, for so great is the power of Faith that it moves our burdened minds and hearts to invoke the Divine Strength and find solace in the very presence of that Divinity. Our intellectual minds, try without success to achieve the impossible, by our works of faith! I know many of us would have felt this Divine Force in our lives. Let Faith and Belief be the true core of our Christian values.



This month we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as well, one of the several Marian apparitions instrumental in bringing us together in Faith and Devotion to God, the Almighty Father, through Jesus her son. Let our lives be blessed, for such is God’s love for us that He will always protect us.

It gives us a sense of great pride as we put together our efforts in bringing forth the Coffee Table Book on St. Patrick’s Church – the history is so beyond our times, that it will surely bring the devotion in us to the fore, for our pride stands tall – St. Patrick’s Church. The Souvenir of our Parish too is in the budding process. I request that all of you be a part in making this Coffee Table Book and The Souvenir a success—two of the milestone achievements of our Parish--and ask you to cooperate and have the teamwork going as it has always been.

Children of our parish, please make sure that apart from your academic commitments you also devote yourselves to take part in church actively – attending Eucharistic Services and Catechism classes and volunteering on Sundays or parish days to assist the elders. This will be a formative process for you. I request all the parents to be an inspiring guide to them.

God Bless us all.

Msgr. C Francis  
Parish Priest, St. Patrick’s Church.  
Vicar General-Archdiocese of Bangalore.

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## ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Marking the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish, the launch of the St. Patrick's Outreach Program (SPOP) received an overwhelming response from the Parishioners during the 11am Sunday Mass on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

With his blessings Archbishop Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras has encouraged SPOP to be a model for other Parishes across the Diocese. The SPOP team is all set to make this vision a reality.

Msgr. C. Francis inaugurated the outreach program and highlighted the vision of the Church in reaching out to the needy Parishes across Bengaluru.

With the objective to uplift the living standards of disadvantaged communities, Kadisenahalli and its surrounding villages (around 101 kms from Bangalore city) have been chosen. The SPOP team is working on empowering the Parishioners to help build and develop themselves in a sustainable and entrepreneurial manner.

The project focuses on providing access to livelihoods, to basic infrastructure in rural communities, capacity building, education and skill development of youth and school children in select villages. Kadisenahalli can develop into an ideal spot for exposure of our youth to rural challenges.

### Challenges faced by the Villagers

The villagers are facing challenges in three critical areas - water scarcity, healthcare and educational facilities.

### Water Scarcity

All open wells are dry. Most bore wells are perpetually dry and most other bore wells dry up during summer, making residents travel long distances for drinking water. The school children depend on water brought in by tankers during summer. Most bore wells are over 1300 feet deep and water is contaminated by fluoride, calcium and hardness leading to health issues such as waist & back pain and gradual organ damage.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – July

UNIVERSAL: Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

## Health



Awareness on basic health & hygiene are most important, otherwise diseases spread easily. The Sisters of Cluny Convent in the village have a medical dispensary and conduct regular health programs. The SPOP team would like to train local

health volunteers on basic first aid, pregnancy and neo-natal care to bring healthcare to the villages. Without the Sisters' clinic, villagers would have to travel about 14 kms for medical attention. Medicines have been purchased for the St. Joseph's Dispensary at Kadisenahalli.

### Enhancing the Level of Education

The kindergarten run by the Sisters teaches English. English schools are in the town, 14 kms away. The SPOP team will provide an English teacher at the local Kannada medium school to teach kids the English language. This will help make them confident adults and improve employability.

Sales of the Coffee Table Book have been encouraging. A considerable number of non-Parishioners have showed interest in the Outreach program (encouraging us with direct donations) and also by booking a copy of the Coffee Table Book. Moving forward, the Coffee Table Book will also be promoted at different parishes across Bengaluru. **All proceeds from the sales go directly to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.**

- *Naveen Fernandes and Sameera Fernandes*

### IMPORTANT DAYS IN JULY

Jul 03: Solemnity – St. Thomas, Apostle of India

Jul 22: Feast – St. Mary Magdalene

Jul 25: Feast – St. James, Apostle

Jul 26: Memorial – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jul 28: Memorial – St. Alphonsa

Jul 29: Memorial – St. Martha

Jul 31: Memorial – St. Ignatius of Loyola

## PENTECOST NIGHT VIGIL

“Arise, cry out in the night, as the evening watches start; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him.” Lam 2:19. This was what was witnessed on the night of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, as the faithful from across our diocese came together at St. Patrick’s for the Pentecost Night Vigil to experience the fresh anointing and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Vigil, which was organized by the BCCRS (Bangalore Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service), started at 9 pm and carried on up to 5.30 am. The focus was on “strengthening and building the body of Christ” through spiritual renewal. Services in different languages were held in different parts of our Parish Campus and a few neighbouring complexes, while all the language groups got together at 4am in the compound of St. Patrick’s Church for a multilingual Eucharistic Celebration.

For the English service, Bro. Donn D’Souza led the praise and worship, which set the crowd on spiritual fire. Rev. Fr. Sandeep Menezes broke the Word of God and explained the meaning of Pentecost. Rev Fr. Britto who is the spiritual director of the Renewal for the Archdiocese of Bangalore, led the congregation in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by the anointing and laying of hands.

The multilingual Holy Mass was celebrated at 4 in the morning, by His Grace, Most Reverend Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore. In his homily, he highlighted how the Holy Eucharist is a precious gift to mankind and that those who receive it, have everlasting life. He concluded his homily by saying the darkness in our lives can be expelled by the light of the Holy Spirit.

- *Tina Fernandez*

## CAREER ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

With the support of the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. C. Francis and the Asst. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Bala, the Light of Christ Covenant Community conducted a Career Exhibition for the children of our Parish. The exhibition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 at St. Patrick’s Utility hall from 10 am to 1 pm. The prime objective of the exhibition was to orient students who had passed their board

exams to various career options open to them. The exhibition was based on the theme of career clusters which covered a wide range of careers available for students. A session on, ‘How to make a wise Career Choice?’ was conducted by a Light of Christ Covenant Community member who is a Developmental Psychologist with 15 years of experience in the field of Career Guidance and Counselling.

Around forty people attended the exhibition. The participants included students and their parents. The participants shared a lot of positive feedback about the exhibition and thought that it fulfilled the purpose that they had in mind.

- *Christopher Correya*



## WELCOME AND GOODBYE

The Patrician team welcomes Deacon Thooyanathan F, MS and Brother Maria Anthony both of whom have been appointed to our Parish.



**Dn. Thooyanathan** belongs to the congregation of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. He is in St. Patrick's as part of his Diaconate Ministry and will be with us until his ordination, which is expected to be sometime in January 2018. Dn. Thooyanathan will be assisting our Parish Clergy during the Mass, in distribution of Holy Communion

to the sick and will also be in charge of the Altar-servers, during his stint here.



**Brother Maria Anthony** is from St. Anthony's Church in TC Palya and belongs to the diocesan seminary – St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary. He is doing his Regency Programme at St. Patrick's Church and will be in charge of St. Patrick's Boys' Home.



The Patrician would also like to thank **Sr. Grace Mary** from the Satya Seva Sisters, for her services to our Parish. Sr. Grace Mary came to our Parish in 2009 and was initially serving in the

Sacristy before moving on to take charge of the St. Patrick's Boys' Home, besides also working at the St. Patrick's Nursery. We wish her all the best in her new assignment at Kollegal.

## Community Week 2017

29 <sup>th</sup> July, Saturday	6:00 PM	Inaugural Mass followed by Community movie
30 <sup>th</sup> July, Sunday	10:00 AM	Cricket / Dodgeball
5 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday	2:00 PM onwards	Glass Painting / Clay Modelling
5 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday	7:00 PM	Variety Entertainment Programme - The best programmes will be selected to perform for the Prize Distribution and Release of the Coffee Table Book Programme on the 13 <sup>th</sup> of August.
6 <sup>th</sup> August, Sunday	10:00 AM onwards	Football / Throwball
12 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday	7:00 PM	Bible Quiz
13 <sup>th</sup> August, Sunday	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Mass
13 <sup>th</sup> August, Sunday	6:30 PM	Prize distribution, release of the Coffee Table Book and Fellowship Dinner

## RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR PARISH

- Daily Mass: 6am, 6.30am (Tamil), 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm. Saturday evening Mass at 6pm (Sunday Liturgy).
- Sunday Mass: 6am (Kannada), 7.15am (Tamil), 8.30am (Children's Mass), 9.45am, 11am, 6pm.
- Shrine Mass: Every Tuesday at 10am in Kannada and at 6pm in Tamil.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday 6pm to 6.45pm.
- Adoration Chapel: Exposition every day from 6am to 7pm. On Tuesdays, exposition up to 9.45pm.
- Confessions: Every Saturday 5pm to 6pm at the Adoration Chapel.
- Altar Servers Meeting: Every Saturday immediately after 1.15pm Mass.
- Faith Formation for children: Will resume from June 4<sup>th</sup> and will be held every Sunday after 8.30am Mass – up to 10.30am.
- Legion of Mary: Meetings every Monday at 4.15pm (Contact Ms. M. Menezes + 91-9845426746).
- Legion of Mary (Tamil): Meetings every Sunday from 8.30am to 9.30am (Contact Mr. John Leonard +91-9916896446).
- St Vincent de Paul: Meetings every Tuesday at 6pm (Contact Mr. Walter Fernandes +91-9901904718).
- Ladies of Charity: Meetings every first Thursday of the month at 4.30pm (Contact Ms. Stella Monga +91 8147971118).
- Counseling Centre: Open every Tuesday and Friday between 4.30pm to 6.30pm. (Contact +91-80-25587213).

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