

THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)



June 2017



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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

"May the Heart of Jesus Christ be our school! Let us make our abode there. Let us study its movements and attempt to conform ours to them. Yes, O Divine Jesus, I want to live there." Claude de la Colombiere

June is the month of academic activity, the beginning of the school year, admissions to colleges and the lives of students so dutifully bound in the circle of education! I wish every one of our children a blessed and fruitful academic year ahead. Let all your dreams and aspirations of being successful in your studies be realized, with true faith and trust in Jesus! Begin your year with love for Jesus, and He will guide you all.

This month, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ushers in the devotion most dear to our hearts - in the Church and in every Christian household - with the promise of saving us from all the unendurable miseries, and taking us closer to God the Almighty Father. The all-powerful Heart of Jesus, our Saviour, guides us all with His infinite power of Love. Let everyone of us this month consecrate ourselves into the undoubtedly ever-caring hands of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let His Pure Heart be our source of divine blessing. Let us pray for forgiveness; for the strength to live a humble and tolerant life; for our good health; and for the growth and prosperity of our nation, which will give our society a feeling of well-being.

The Shrine of St. Anthony in the premises of St. Patrick's Church, was dedicated in the early 1950s. Every Tuesday there is a flood of devotees flocking to intercede with St. Anthony during the special Eucharistic celebrations

and prayer services. Our parish is indeed blessed with the shrine of this faithful intercessor, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, whether they are material goods or inner peace and tranquility, or anything else that we find is causing depression in our life! We celebrate the feast of this much loved saint in our parish on the 13th of this month.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Anthony, let our prayer be...

Loving St. Anthony, great wonder-worker, intercede for us that God may grant us our requests. St. Anthony, you had the happiness of receiving in your arms our Blessed Lord as a little child. Obtain for us from Jesus the favours that we desire from the bottom of our hearts. St. Anthony, servant of Mary, obtain for us a greater devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. St. Anthony, be our patron and our protector. Amen.

Even while our hearts are focused on our devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Anthony this month, I would also like to remind all the children of our parish to attend the Catechism Classes that are organized every Sunday in our Parish. This will help to build your inner spirit of faith and ensure the divine source of blessing in your lives. Dear parents of our children, I know that you are the main motivation and inspiration to your children in being truly Christian and I thank you all for that.

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy." Norman Vincent Peale

I wish you all a Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Anthony.

God Bless us all.

Msgr. C Francis
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FAREWELL



Fr. Julius Kumar, MSC Assistant Parish Priest was with St. Patrick's for the past one year. Fr. Julius oversaw the Faith Formation of the children and also was responsible for mentoring our youth.

Fr. Paul Raj, MSC was with St. Patrick's for about two years and has left for his pastoral ministry in Germany. He has been the spiritual director of all the Pious Associations like The Legion of Mary, the Society of Vincent de Paul and the Altar Servers.



Brother David was with St. Patrick's for a year during his Regency. He has been instrumental in training the children of St. Patrick's Boys' Home – he gave music classes, organized band training and gave special classes for the boarding children. He also assisted the Altar Servers and the Youth. He is now going for his theology studies to St. Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu, Mangalore.



Sr. Victoria from the Satya Seva Sisters has been with our parish since 2013. She worked as Sacristan and also helped in the St. Patrick's Boys' Home. She has been transferred to the Davis Road Convent.

The Patrician would like to thank Fr. Julius Kumar, Fr. Paul Raj, Brother David and Sr. Victoria for their services to the parish and wishes them the very best for their future ministry.

Scholarships for Minorities

Students desirous of getting scholarships for their education are advised to refer the below websites for information regarding Scholarships available to the minority communities:

National Scholarship Portal:

<http://scholarships.gov.in>

Govt. of Karnataka Minority Department:

<http://gokdom.kar.nic.in>

Karnataka Department of Minority Affairs:

<http://kmdc.karnataka.gov.in/>

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – June

UNIVERSAL: National Leaders
That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN JUNE

Jun 04: Solemnity - Pentecost Sunday

Jun 11: Solemnity – The Most Holy Trinity

Jun 13: Memorial - St. Anthony of Padua

Jun 18: Solemnity – Corpus Christi

Jun 21: Memorial – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Jun 23: Solemnity – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jun 24: Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Jun 25: First Holy Communion

Jun 29: Solemnity – Sts. Peter and Paul

OBITUARY (1ST APR TO 15TH MAY 2017)

7th April

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SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA



Saint Anthony of Padua is among the most popular saints of the Catholic Church. He was a great miracle-worker, preacher, and a profound scripture scholar, who allowed his entire being to be formed by the Word of God. He is also called the Wonder Worker due to the countless miracles that have occurred

through his intercession.

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal, on 15th August 1195. His father was a Captain in the Royal army. Being born to a wealthy family, his parents wanted him to be successful according to standards of the world, but the saint wanted to respond to the call of the Lord. After much prayer and reflection, he left home and joined the Augustine Abbey, where he mastered scripture and became a learned scholar.

Fernando's life changed when he encountered the Franciscans in 1219. He was taken up by their evangelical poverty and simplicity. By divine inspiration, these missionaries went to preach the Gospel of Christ to the inhabitants of Morocco. Unfortunately, they were brutally martyred for their faith. This seized Fernando with an intense desire to suffer the same martyrdom. So he joined the Franciscan order and changed his name to Anthony.

His wish was to be sent to the missions in Africa, but God had decreed otherwise. St. Anthony barely set foot in Africa, when he took seriously ill forcing him to return to Portugal. On his return voyage, the ship, due to the storm, landed the Saint on the shores of Sicily. Here he met the Franciscans who gave him shelter and care and eventually sent him to a quiet convent in a place called Forlì (in Italy) to serve as Chaplain to the hermits.

Anthony's brilliance as a preacher was discovered by accident, when while attending an ordination ceremony, he was forced to deliver a sermon due to the absence of the preacher who had taken ill. His eloquence and learning amazed the congregation to such an extent, that when St. Francis of Assisi heard about it, he summoned Anthony and asked him to preach throughout Italy and also commissioned him to teach theology to the Friars.

It is said that wherever the saint preached, he drew such large crowds that no church was big enough to hold them - he therefore preached in the open air. He knew how to draw souls to Christ. Hence began a huge number of conversions. He performed many miracles; the sick recovered; many repented and received Christ as their saviour. He defended the truth of the Catholic faith with such effectiveness that many heretics returned to the Catholic Church. This inspired Pope Gregory IX to call him "the Ark of the Covenant."

He had a profound love for the Eucharist. It is believed that once when the saint was preaching, illustrating the reality of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the leader of the heresy who did not accept the teaching told Anthony, "if you want us to believe in the mystery, we will have a mule starved for three consecutive days, and thereafter the mule will be brought before the sacrament. If the mule disregards the hay kept before her and goes and kneels and adores your bread, I will then adore it and believe in it." Saint Anthony accepted the challenge. He prayed and brought the Eucharist at the appointed time. To the dismay of the crowd the mule giving no attention to the food, walked step by step to the Eucharist which Saint Anthony was holding, and respectfully genuflected on both knees before the sacred elevated host of Christ. The heretic, Bonillo by name, fulfilled his promise and converted with all his heart to the Catholic faith.

St. Anthony spent many hours at night in prayer and in intimate union with God. Once, a man who spent the night in the home of the saint found the Saint holding in his arms the child Jesus, who looked unspeakably beautiful and was surrounded with a heavenly light. This is why statues of the Saint often depict him holding the child Jesus.

Anthony travelled through towns, villages and cities and preached with unwearied zeal and also preached in countries like France and Italy. In 1227, he was elected Minister Provincial of Friars living in North Italy. Due to austere penance and intense preaching, his health began to fail. After receiving the last sacraments, he kept looking upward with a smile on his countenance, for he said, "I see my Lord". He breathed his last on 13th June 1231, at the young age of 36. He was declared a saint the very next year, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1946. One of his most noted sayings is: "the life of the body is the soul, and the life of the soul is God".

- Tina Fernandez

ROSARY PROCESSION ON THE 31ST OF MAY



The month of May is specially dedicated by the Catholic Church all over the world, to our Blessed Mother Mary. The Legion of Mary - English and Tamil – jointly conducted a Rosary Procession within the Church premises, to honour our Blessed Mother on the last day of the month. The procession which was held immediately after

the evening Mass, began at the old grotto, went up to the new grotto at the main gate and back. A beautifully decorated statue of Our Lady was carried in procession by the parishioners.

Feast of St Anthony the Wonder Worker (13th June)

10th June 2016 (Saturday) – Flag hoisting at 5:30 PM followed by Holy Mass in Tamil.

12th June (Monday): 10:00 AM Mass in Kannada, 6:00 PM Mass in Tamil.

Feast Day (13th June - Tuesday): Mass at 10:00 AM in Kannada, 11:30 AM in Tamil (special Mass for the sick). Mass at 6:00 PM in Tamil followed by a Car Procession and Benediction. Lunch will be given to all the faithful on the 13th of June.

Your support is requested towards meeting the expenses for the decoration of the chapel, chariot and lightings; and also for the lunch for the faithful. Interested donors are requested to meet the Parish Priest.



First Holy Communion will be administered to the children of our parish on 25th June 2017.

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 resume from June 4th and 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).



EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR COFFEE TABLE BOOK

We are happy to inform you that the Coffee Table Book of St. Patrick's Church is ready and will be launched on the 13th of August, 2017.

This limited edition publication has been well researched and has rare photographs that offer a glimpse into the 175-year history of our beloved Church. The book promises to be a treasured addition to your homes and libraries.

The book, which costs Rs. 1000 per copy, is currently being made available at a special pre-launch price of Rs. 600 per copy. You can contact either the Parish Office or your Zonal Representative to reserve your copy now.

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