



THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)

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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

Heraclitus, one of the greatest philosophers of Greek culture, once said "The only permanent thing in this world is *Change*." In other words, *Change* is inevitable. We live in a world filled with change and uncertainties. No human being can undo this fact and no wise man will try to do so. The only thing we can do is to cultivate a lifestyle wherein we could face *Change* with a proper disposition. And, as Christians, we are called to be people of hope and are always called to face *Change* with a positive outlook.

God is unchangeable. He neither has a beginning nor an end. But, whenever this unchangeable God comes in contact with nature or humanity, then changes, newness, renewals and revivals occur and the Holy Bible is witness to this fact. For instance, the very act of creation that we read about in the Book of Genesis is a great change attributed to God the Father. The conversion of heart of sinners and the redemption of humanity in particular, and the world in general, which is also a change, is attributed to God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The work of Sanctification attributed to the Holy Spirit is also a change in deed.

Change, therefore, is not only the sign of newness but it is also proof that God is still concerned about us. He loves us and is at work in our world, in our society, in our community, family and personal lives. And how joyful should we be, when as a parish community we have got three changes in our Parish! We have a new Parish Priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. Francis who was installed on 28th of June, a new Assistant Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Sunny Richard J. and a Manager &

Correspondent for our Educational and Vocational Institutions, Rev. Fr. Edward David.

Rev. Msgr. C. Francis is an experienced, humble and jovial person filled with community spirit. In all the places he has served as a parish priest, he has been successful in building up a good and healthy parish community. He is a man of great plans and ardently intends to execute them, with great zeal. I am certain that he has a great plan for our parish too.

Rev. Fr. Sunny Richard is both a creative and a spiritual priest. He has served as Assistant Parish Priest at St. Antony's Church in T.C. Palya for one year. He is well known for his preaching, catechism and engagement with the youth.

Rev. Fr. Edward David was previously the Financial Administrator of the Arch Diocese of Bangalore and he is known for his sincerity and commitment. He is generous enough to help us in our parish activities.

My dear parishioners let us thank God for giving us these three new priests. Please pray that we, as parish clergy, may fulfil the ministry God has given to us and that we may be faithful to His call and mission. May God by his grace, goodwill and power bless us and keep our parish community lively, united, prayerful and peaceful in the years to come.

Fr. Mac Donald Fernandis
Asst. Parish Priest

LADIES OF CHARITY

The very first Conference of the LADIES OF CHARITY was established in France in the year 1617, as a result of the great concern and deep anguish expressed by a French woman, Louise de Marillac, who approached her Parish Priest, Vincent de Paul, to report the extremely inhuman conditions of a family living in sickness and dire poverty on a farm in her hometown. Together, Louise de Marillac and Vincent de Paul appealed for assistance from their Parish congregation, so that they could provide the much needed help to the family.

Help poured in from all sides and they were able to put the family back on their feet. However, the help that arrived was too much, at one time, and they had

to devise a plan of action to manage the material help that was pouring in. So they organized a group of ladies to provide this service to the needy around them, and thus was born the Association of the Ladies of Charity, which is now spread around the world! Moreover, a similar organized group for men was established under the name of the Society of Vincent de Paul, who also do charitable works worldwide. Pope Pius XI who canonized Louise de Marillac, proposed her as the model of the LADIES OF CHARITY.

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ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY WEEK

St. Patrick's will be celebrating Community Week over two weekends this year, namely 1st/2nd and 7th/8th/9th Aug 2015. A committee, formed for the purpose, has put together a plan of various events to encourage greater participation of all age groups. We encourage each one of

you to be present, both to participate and to cheer others on. Those interested in participating may contact your respective Zonal representatives. Contact details of the Zonal Representatives are available at: www.stpatricksbldr.com

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sat, Aug 1		1. 5-a-side Soccer for Boys between 10-15 yrs (2pm onwards)	Variety Entertainment
Sun, Aug 2	1. Carrom (After 8.30 am Mass) 2. Minute to win it (After 9.45 & 11 am Mass)	1. 5-a-side Soccer for Adults (15+ years; After 11am Mass) 2. Dodge Ball for Women (After 11am Mass)	
Fri, Aug 7			Movie & Popcorn Night (6.45 pm)
Sat, Aug 8		Housie (5.30 pm)	Bible Quiz (6.15 pm)
Sun, Aug 9	1. Sports for Kids (<15 years - After 8.30 am Mass) 2. Glass Painting and Banner Making (After 8.30 am Mass)	Thanksgiving Mass (5 pm)	1. Bible Fashion Show (6.15 pm) followed by Zonal Choirs 2. Community Dinner (8.15 pm)

POPE FRANCIS ON THE ELDERLY

On 26th July, the Church keeps the memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In keeping this day, the Church remembers that Mary, like any other human being, was subject to the authority of her parents and lovingly obeyed them. Being the grandparents of Jesus, Joachim and Anne are patrons of grandparents. Reproduced below are some of the Holy Father's teachings on the themes of old age.

- "A Christian community in which closeness and gratuitousness are no longer considered indispensable, would lose its soul with this. Where there is no honor to the elderly, there is no future for the young." (04.03.15)

- "How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses 2 points?" (*Evangelii Gaudium*)
- "No elderly person should be treated as an "exile" in our families. The elderly are a treasure for society." (Twitter @Pontifex; 11.01.14)
- "We can observe the fourth commandment by loving visits to our aging grandparents." (Twitter @Pontifex; 26.05.15)

*The Patrician wishes
Fr. Edward David
a very Happy Birthday (Jul 25)*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - July

Universal: POLITICS

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: THE POOR IN LATIN AMERICA

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN JULY

03.07.15 - Solemnity of St. Thomas, Apostle of India

26.07.15 - Ss. Joachim and Anne; Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

31.07.15 - St. Ignatius of Loyola; Founder of the Society of Jesus

OBITUARY (16TH MAY TO 15TH JUN 2015)

1. Mary Prescilla - 31/5/2015 - St. Anthony's Zone

THIS IS OUR FAITH: THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Last month, Mother Church celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) and Daniel, hoping to clear his doubts about the sacrament of the Eucharist, as usual has a lot of questions for Theo.

Daniel: So Theo, before you pounce upon me, I must clarify that I receive the Eucharist every Sunday. The only problem is that I don't entirely understand it, and I've forgotten most of what I learnt during my catechism.

Theo: I am glad that you receive the Eucharist regularly. And, I can very well understand you having difficulty in grasping the whole concept of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Daniel: You do understand?!!

Theo: Sure, I do. It is one of the most common doubts of an average catholic and also an issue, time and again, raked up by our non-catholic brothers.

Daniel: Firstly, what does the word 'Eucharist' mean?

Theo: At its basic level, it means 'thanksgiving' and if you remember, when Jesus took bread, He broke it and He 'gave thanks'. The Eucharist was instituted by Christ himself at the Last Supper, the night before he was crucified.

Daniel: Ok. But, why is it so important to us?

Theo: You see, the reason it is so important is because our Lord Himself has commanded us to receive Him in the Eucharist. It is a very clear and direct instruction in the Gospel according to John. In fact, in John chapter 6, in the six verses 53 to 58, Jesus six times repeats the instruction to 'eat his flesh and drink his blood'. *"If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you will not have life in you" (John 6:53)*. He is clearly telling us, that we are not living a life that we truly ought to, **until we are living this life in Him, with Him and through Him**. In other words, the very core of our life has to be drawn from His life, and there is no better way to do this than by receiving the same Christ, in the Eucharist.

Daniel: Wow! He must have really meant for us to eat His Body and drink His Blood, if He repeated it six times in six sentences!!

Theo: Absolutely, Danny! When He said these words, He was NOT talking figuratively or symbolically. Yes,

it did shock the disciples for they found the *"teaching hard"* (John 6:60) and they stopped going about with Him (John 6:66). So long as the signs and wonders were there to be seen, they followed Him; the moment they were asked to believe in something their Jewish custom found abominable, they walked away. They did not want to believe it, as it required them to come out of their comfort zone. If Jesus was speaking only figuratively, He would have clarified to His disciples as He did in Matt. 16:5 regarding his message to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. Instead, at the Last Supper, He repeats this message again when He takes bread and says "Take, eat; this is my body" and He then takes a cup and says "Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood..." That the early Christians too believed it was the body and blood of Christ they were receiving, is clear from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 10:16 where he refers to the "cup of blessing" as "participation in the blood of Christ" and the "bread which we break" as "participation in the body of Christ."

Daniel: Amazing how so many Christians have difficulty believing such a clear teaching!

Theo: You are right, Danny. The Church very clearly teaches that the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially present in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. He is present under the sacramental veils, with the fullness of His divine attributes, as well as all His human nature. This is called the **Real Presence**. Yes, there is a mystery at work here. God is present in a veiled form. Remember, the risen Lord while walking with the disciples to Emmaus, though 'really present' was able to hide His identity and the moment *"He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them...they recognized Him."* (Luke 24:30-31).

Daniel: Yet, so many of us partake in this mystery with such irreverence and in a casual manner!

Theo: Sadly, yes Danny. Would we go to receive a great leader or star the way we approach the Eucharist? Of course not! The day we realize **WHO** we are receiving and the eternal impact that it has on our souls, we would respond in a better fashion! Take care, Daniel. See you soon.

*Anil Thomas,
Institute for World Evangelisation, ICPE Mission*

LADIES OF CHARITY (CONTD.)

The organization of the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's Church was born on 11th June 1956, under the guidance of the then Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. L. Vampeene and his Assistant Rev. Fr. Jovita de Souza. The Ladies have, over the last 59 years, been a powerful instrument of the Parish's Mission in reaching out to the poor and needy and now also serve in various other capacities according to the needs of the Parish. Since economic conditions today have improved greatly, sickness and poverty have become less of a concern. The Association now assists the Parish in various other areas, one of the main services being the management of the St. Anthony's Shrine on Tuesdays, from 6.00 am till 10.00 pm. The Bread donated at the shrine on Tuesdays, is distributed by the Ladies on Wednesday morning to various deserving orphanages and charitable homes. Besides these, a mid-day meal for the less privileged students of the St. Patrick's Composite College, medicines for the needy, funeral expenses (in part) for the poor, occasionally rations or a free meal for the poor are funded by the organization. Home visits, of those who seek help from the organization, are carried out by the ladies whenever the need arises.

Some of the ladies assist the children of the St. Patrick's Boys' Home with their studies every evening, and also render any other help when required, to the Sisters who manage the home. Birthday parties, once a month, are organized for these children, along with gifts. To help foster fellowship among the parish community, every Sunday a 'Fellowship Breakfast' from 8.00 am to 12 noon is managed by the Ladies.

A lot more can be done and opportunities to render help do arise, but additional members are greatly needed, to join hands in our endeavour to serve. We appeal to the ladies of our parish to please come forward and be enrolled and render help to serve the Church and its people.

Rosaline Farias
Member, Ladies of Charity.

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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. Moses +91-9844178155)
- 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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