




# The Patrician

*Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)*

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## Message from the Parish Priest



**Msgr. C Francis**  
Parish Priest  
Vicar General  
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Bangalore

**HEAVENLY ABODE – God's Paradise that is filled with His Divinity.**

November is a special month in the Church's calendar. And we Catholics are privileged to commemorate All Saints Day and All Souls Day this month, for Life is so beautiful and the 'after life' even more beautiful - for God is the one who takes care of the souls—He is 'Eternal Life'.

As society adapts to the rapidly changing technology and the positives and negatives that go with it, we tend to either ignore or give less importance to our Christian traditions and beliefs and to these special days set aside by the Church. I earnestly request the younger generation to pray on such special days and to re-live the Catholic Faith that binds us closer to Jesus.

This is also the month to celebrate the innocence of children! Jesus himself chose to come as a child to be among us humans! Let us celebrate Children's Day, rejoicing in the beauty of the innocence and openness of children, thus reflecting the image of God Himself.

Our State of Karnataka celebrates its statehood on 1<sup>st</sup> November - **Karnataka Rajyotsava!** Let us be proud to be citizens of our State and its cultural diversity, embracing all communities and peoples with open arms and standing united together in common purpose!

Bells ring again this year to remind us of our commitment to the Missions! We play an important role in our endeavour to keep the good works of the Mother Church going by our contributions. I request all our parishioners to stand united and contribute generously, especially with your time and energy, and plan to make the Mission Sunday Food Fest a fruitful event yet again.

"Never shall I disown myself; for I am the image created by the Creator who is so merciful and generous."

God bless us all!



**Editorial Board:** Monsignor C. Francis, Ms. Rosaline Farias, Mr. Larry Furtado

# Importance of Personal Prayer – Methods of Prayer

***"Man is never as tall as when he kneels before God, never as great as when he humbles himself before God. And the man who kneels to God can stand up to anything." – Lois H. Evans***

On Mission Sunday morning Mr. Mark Braganza addressed the children of the Faith Formation Classes, their parents and the faith formators on the importance of personal prayer in our everyday life. He emphasized that prayer should be more a conversation with God rather than merely recitation of prayers from a book. He said that we must always feel comfortable before God and open up completely, in humility, before Him. Prayer is a two-way communication; just as we are eager to pour out our hearts to God, we must also be ready to listen to His voice!

Every relationship needs time, and my relationship with God largely depends on the time I spend with Him in personal prayer every day. Apart from community prayers, personal prayer is time alone with God in private. I must make God my best friend; the person I run to when I have something to express; not the last resort when I have no other options left! Conversation with God should not end with just personal

prayer, but must continue through the day as if God were your constant companion. Share every moment with Him, whether happy or sad. It is the knowledge and awareness of God's presence in my daily activities that helps me place my trust and hope in Him.

Conversation involves speaking and listening. I speak for a while and then I listen. Mark asked us what we would do if we were to meet with an important person. Would we like to speak, or would we like to listen? Almost all of us agreed that we would choose to listen to what this great person had to say to us. It is during this time of listening that God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts and guides us. He prompts us to act on things which are weighing on our mind and indicates the direction we must take.

Mark urged us to begin each day with the Morning Offering, a beautiful prayer to begin the day with. We must offer every moment of our day to God and ask Him for wisdom and good counsel. The family Rosary is another important time of prayer. It is our appointment with God. God keeps His appointment with us and waits for us. Each member

of the family may offer a decade for his/her intention. This is a good way for parents to know what is bothering their children. Parents were also urged to send their children for daily Mass.

Before winding up, Mark distributed a few copies of the booklet 'Miracle Hour' by Linda Schubert, which is a wonderful guide to spending an hour with God every day.

## **Deacon Joseph shared a few techniques and methods of Prayer.**

He explained the Serendipity Meditation which is a practical way of prayer and how to apply it in our daily lives. He also taught us to meditate and pray using the breathing technique. He explained the way to Sanctification through prayer, by offering our whole self to God; by concentrating on each part of our body and on every faculty that we possess, that may cause us to sin. It was an interesting session on Prayer and an hour well spent. We are grateful to Mr. Mark Braganza and Deacon Joseph for their time and inputs.

*Fiona D'souza*

## Important Days to Remember

Nov 01: Solemnity – All Saints; Karnataka Rajyotsava Day  
 Nov 02: All Souls Day  
 Nov 09: Feast - The dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 Nov 10: Memorial - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor  
 Nov 11: Memorial – St. Martin of Tours  
 Nov 12: World Communication Sunday  
 Nov 15: Memorial – St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor  
 Nov 16: Memorial – St. Gertrude  
 Nov 18: Memorial – Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul  
 Nov 21: Memorial – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Nov 22: Memorial – St. Cecilia  
 Nov 26: Solemnity – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Obituaries - (16<sup>th</sup> Sep to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017)

17.9.2017 – Ruth Marie Sybil Woolger – St. Peter's Zone  
 24.9.2017 – Assuntha Mary – St. Francis Xavier's Zone

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – November

### UNIVERSAL: Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



# Parish Events



On September 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 11am Mass, St. Patrick's honoured its parishioners who had scored over 80% marks in the Std. X and Std. XII exams of the 2016-17 academic year. Each of the students received a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- The Patrician congratulates all the award winners and wishes them continued success in the future.



The **feast of St. Vincent de Paul**, which was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, was celebrated on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 by the Members of the Society, with a special Mass followed by a lunch for their adoptee families which was sponsored by the Society.

**World Mission Sunday** was celebrated by the Universal Church on October 22, 2017. St. Patrick's parishioners organised special Evangelization stalls to '**Evangelise the Evangelised**', with the aim of better educating ourselves about the faith and thus live it better. Stalls were put up by the **Legion of Mary**, The **Bread of Life** Prayer Group, The **Daughters of St. Paul**, **Prema Shanti** Prayer Group, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Organization and the **Yeshua Adonai** Youth Group.



To celebrate the **centenary of the apparition of our Lady at Fatima**, the Holy Cross Fathers organized a **special rosary** procession followed by Mass and Adoration, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. The program was well attended by our parishioners. A picture that included the images of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate heart of Mary was distributed to all who attended.



## St. Patrick's Outreach Programme - Update

### Rejuvenating the Traditional Water Sources

SPOP members have visited Kadisenahalli in the last couple of



The waterbody that is proposed to be widened, designed and inlet channels cleared.

months to assess the feasibility of proposed projects especially in the areas of restoring traditional water sources.

With the help of experts in the field, we aim to revive the surface wells and ponds, and recharge the bore wells. Experts from Myrada, based in Kolar, who understand rural development both in the areas of water and cropping have been guides in this initiative.

### Medical Clinic

Medicines have been supplied to stock the medical centre, based on a requisition by the Sisters of Cluny Convent who are running the dispensary. These will be replenished as required.

### Introducing English at the Parish School

Currently, the Parish School is Kannada Medium. Hence, we are actively seeking an English language

teacher for the school. Your involvement in teaching could help upgrade the school itself and will boost the children's ability and confidence to further their educational standards.

**For those who have old books or other teaching material for English Language beginners, please hand them over to the Parish office.**

**On this note, we are seeking Parishioners with talents to teach English or otherwise involve in the community by committing one day a week to visit Kadisenahalli. Adequate remuneration will be provided. Please contact Naveen Fernandes**

**on mobile: +91 96860 00522 or email: spop.outreach@gmail.com**

*-Sameera Fernandes*



### Training for Lectors – Nov 26, 2017

The annual training session for all the readers is being organized on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017 from 2 pm to 6 pm. All those who would like to do the Liturgical readings during the Mass are required to attend this training session, as it will be in light of the new liturgical directives issued by CCBI.

## Regular 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 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 Monday and Friday between 4.30pm to 6.30pm. (Contact +91-80-25587213).

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