



# 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 - Archdiocese of Bangalore

***"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying; it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God; it obtains necessary graces!" - St. Padre Pio***

It is the Month of the Rosary. The pathway to God has been paved by

Jesus, along with His Mother Mary! What better route then can there be to reach God than by the way of the Rosary, whereby we can intercede with our Mother Mary for all our needs and for a Blessed life here on earth? I have had numerous instances in my very own life, when by merely saying the Rosary, has brought not only resolution to my problems but also solace in the Divine, along with uncountable graces! ***Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

This month we are also celebrating 100 Years of the apparitions at Fatima. In the years 1916 and 1917, apparitions of the Blessed Mother to three young children brought messages from God about the importance of being true to the Faith and having Trust in the Omnipotent for every spiritual need of ours! The messages further said that by cleansing our inner soul, we could

obtain the blessings of the Holy Trinity. It is the Rosary that Mother Mary wanted us to pray. The family that prays together stays together! Pope Pius IX said: "Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favoured by so many miracles as the Rosary devotion". Let us experience the Power of the Rosary in our lives.

***"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee! No creature has ever said anything that was more pleasing to me, nor will anyone ever be able to find or say to me anything that pleases me more". - Our Lady to Saint Mechtilde.***

God bless us all!

***In view of the centenary of the apparition of our Lady of Fatima, there is a special Rosary procession, Mass and Adoration organised by the Holy Cross Fathers in our parish, on Friday, 13th October 2017. The Rosary procession will begin at 4.30pm and will followed by the Mass and Adoration, we request you all to participate in this event in large numbers.***

# Workshop on Rosary-making



On Sunday, 3rd September 2017, Br. Joseph graciously conducted a workshop on Rosary-making for all our

Parishioners. The workshop was attended by a few members of the Legion of Mary, St. Patrick's Youth Group, Altar Servers, Nuns from St. Patrick's Boys' Home and a few other interested parishioners, in addition to Deacon Thooyanathan and Brother Maria Anthony. It was conducted at the multi-purpose room, in the Council Hall Building. We met around 12 noon and wound up by 1.30 pm.



Br. Joseph began by showing us how to tie the Franciscan Knot, which is the

basic skill required in making a cord/thread Rosary. He then went on to demonstrate the procedure, patiently explaining each step to us. He also shared with us various tips on how to go about it effectively, his own experiences in Rosary-making and how over time, Rosary making

has given him immense joy and satisfaction!

It was an enjoyable and enlightening experience and a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. I'm sure each of us who attended will cherish the memories and of course, the Rosaries we made to take home with us that day are our treasures. These were very kindly blessed by Fr. Bala at the completion of the

workshop.

We look forward to many more such interactive sessions at our parish in the future too!

*- Pragya Jain,  
Legion of Mary*

## Important Days to Remember

- Oct 02: Memorial – The Holy Guardian Angels
- Oct 04: Memorial – St. Francis of Assisi
- Oct 07: Memorial – Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 11: Memorial - St. John XXIII, Pope
- Oct 16: Memorial – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- Oct 17: Memorial – St. Ignatius of Antioch
- Oct 18: Feast – St. Luke
- Oct 19: Votive Mass for Deepavali; Mass of Christ the Light of the World; Special Mass for India
- Oct 22: World Mission Sunday
- Oct 28: Feast – Ss. Simon and Jude

## Birthday celebrations at St. Patrick's Boys' Home



The last Saturday of every month is a much awaited day for the boys of St. Patrick's Boys' Home. as they look forward to the celebration of their birthdays by the Ladies of Charity! The month of August had 4 birthday babies. The Ladies of Charity arranged, as always, a birthday cake,

snacks and gifts for each of the birthday-boys. Whenever possible, games too are planned for the children. **Profits generated from the sales at the breakfast counter run by the Ladies every Sunday morning, are used to partly fund these celebrations.**

## SSVP - Living the Gospel Values

Parishioners who are part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (S.S.V.P) are ever committed to making a difference to our community through meaningful initiatives that positively impact the communities we serve.

The recently inaugurated medical clinic witnessed an overwhelming response with many volunteer doctors coming forward to offer support. Over the past weeks, many needy parishioners have availed services here.

In addition to this, 17 adopted families were supported with a weekly aid of Rs.250, a weekly ration system & medical aid. Recently, an alcoholic was given timely attention and medical support. An elderly gentleman was also provided with medical and financial help.

In keeping with the tradition of sharing in Christ's passion, the adoptees and their family members were taken to Whitefield for the Way of the Cross. We ensure that our adoptees have a strong bonding and relationship with the Church, especially in times of emergencies and other critical periods. In case of death of adoptees or family members, the Mass and funeral expenses are borne by S.S.V.P.

Other services include providing essentials such as blankets, sweaters, pullovers, sarees, towels to families during the winter season. Mid-day meals are also provided to St. Patrick's PU Composite College. Over 10 students have also been provided with financial aid. At least 6 children of Dodda Sapana Halli Parish received a financial aid of Rs. 36,000/-. A 3rd year nursing student was

financially supported to complete her studies. Financial aid amounting to Rs. 92,000/- was provided to a church in a nearby village. School uniforms were provided to children. Easter lunch was provided to the adoptees and Easter was celebrated with much enthusiasm.

For the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, members offered voluntary service hence ensuring a smooth roll out of the various events and initiatives planned for the year. Adoration in the chapel was observed by the Members of SSVP.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers in making our work possible.

**- Walter Fernandes**  
SSVP

## The great promise of Fatima

While we reflect once again this month on the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal, let us focus on the "Forgotten Part of the Message" which is the Great Promise of God communicated by our Lady during the apparitions. This Promise of God seeks to obtain the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world, so that she can be venerated alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as the Co-Redemptrix in the plan of Salvation of Mankind.

Most apparitions at Fatima began with the vision of Our Lady outstretching her hands, signifying her as Mediatrix of all Grace. She has been given all Power, all Grace and all Gifts from God, to bestow upon her children. On 13th October 1917, she was also seen as Our Lady of Sorrows, signifying her role as Co-Redemptrix. She is our Advocate pleading for us, as God seeks our conversion. We must pray for the proclamation of this Fifth Dogma -

### God's salvific plan with Mary's supreme role.

God wishes us to do the **Communion of Reparation of First Saturdays** known as the **Great Promise of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** and in turn blesses us with five tremendous Graces from Heaven: (1) Grace of final perseverance; (2) conversion of many sinners; (3) salvation of many souls; (4) peace of the world; (5) unity and strength of the Universal Church against inner dissensions opposing the Magisterium of Peter.

This "**Forgotten part of the Message of Fatima**" is the essential condition missing to obtain the definitive Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! On June 13, 1912, Pope Pius X gave a plenary indulgence to the faithful who performed "some special exercises of devotion on the First Saturday of the month in reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate."

This is done on the First Saturday of Five consecutive months, with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are required to make our Confession and receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep company with Our Lady for fifteen minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

There are five kinds of offences and blasphemies against our Mother Mary: Against Her Immaculate Conception; against Her Virginity; against Her Divine Maternity; those who openly seek to Foster in the Hearts of Children indifference or even hatred for this Immaculate Mother; and the Offences of those who Directly Outrage Her in Holy Images. **Each of the Five Saturdays corresponds to a specific offence.** In this way, we can help remove the Thorns from Our Lady's Heart!



## Monti Fest

Monti Fest is a Mangalorean Catholic festival that celebrates the birth of our Mother Mary on Sep 8<sup>th</sup> every year. It is also a harvest festival when the newly harvested paddy is blessed in the church and every family partakes of the crushed paddy grains when they get together for the festive meal. It is a time to thank God for the bountiful blessings of food on our tables! This festival is preceded by a 9 days novena, when the little children bring in fresh flowers everyday to offer to Mother Mary. This has been the tradition in Mangalore since the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

We, at St. Patrick's, celebrated the feast on 8<sup>th</sup> Sep with children in colourful dresses carrying flowers in procession, followed by our celebrants Fr. Prashanth, Fr. Clarence and our Asst. Parish Priest Fr. Bala Francis. The stalks of paddy

too were taken in procession as an offering of the first bounty of nature. Special prayers were offered to our Holy Mother seeking her intercession to ensure the fertility of the soil and a plentiful harvest for the children of the world.



Fr. Prashant, in his homily, recalled memories of his childhood when all

the members of his family would gather together to celebrate this feast. He added that as a mother, Mary brought Christ into the world, as a Spiritual Mother, she leads us to Jesus and as the Mother of Evangelization, she helps us as we lead others to know and love her son.

Let us come closer to Mother Mary in our daily life, and ask her to intercede with her son Jesus Christ for our daily needs. Let us also ask for her help to lead a holy life and to keep us away from all dangers and temptations. Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.

- Cynthia Fernandes

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – October

UNIVERSAL: Workers and Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

### All Souls Day - Nov 2, 2017

Mass at the Cemetery will be at 11am and 4.30pm

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

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