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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." -Saint Therese of Lisieux

The month of September calls for celebrations and thanks to God for all the wonderful gifts He has given to all of us!

On 8th September the Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a sterling occasion for us to show our love for Mother Mary. God gave humanity so wonderful a Mother, who not only was Mother of Jesus Christ, but our very own spiritual Mother too. God, in His infinite wisdom, decreed that Mary would be the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. She was always with Jesus at all the important moments of His life. Before Jesus Christ died, He gave His Mother to each one of us, in giving her to His beloved disciple John.

This September 8th, let us thank God our Father for His Beloved Daughter; thank Jesus, for His Mother, Full of Grace; and thank the Holy Spirit, for His Immaculate Spouse, our Mother Mary. Let us offer a Rosary in thanksgiving to God for the gift of Mother Mary as our Mother.

On this Holy Day of 8th September, let us wish our beloved Mother a very Happy Birthday! Let us ask Mother Mary to intercede with Jesus for each one of us, to keep us safe in the enclosed garden of her Immaculate Heart, and to protect us from the wiles of the devil.

September 4th this year will become such a memorable day in the History of the Church and more so for us Indians, for our Beloved Mother Teresa, such an inspirational, self-sacrificing person, will be elevated in the Glory of the Church to the status of Sainthood! **This elevation only says "Lord Jesus, for your service, I place my life"** and in Blessed Mother Teresa's own words: **"I Thirst, I Quench"**. As she gets into Sainthood, we also get closer to Jesus and to God, for such an exemplary life as Blessed Mother Teresa's, has taught us how to pray and how to be so practical in loving our fellow human being with an unconditional love as Jesus, our Saviour, did. We must follow the example of such inspirational saints, who for sure can make a difference in our lives, young or

old.

On 5th September we celebrate Teachers Day. I encourage the teachers of our parish to continue doing their good work of moulding and shaping our youngsters and making India a special nation in the world map. I pray specially for all the teachers of our parish on this special day.

Coming up in the month of October, we celebrate 175 years of St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore! I call upon all our parishioners to join me in thanking God the Almighty, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Mother Mary, and all the angels and saints for making this parish such a wonderful community. So blessed indeed are we, to be able to celebrate this great milestone in the history of St. Patrick's Church. It will be a month of such joy and merriment while celebrating such a memorable occasion. I request all the parishioners to participate in all the activities.

God Bless us all.

Msgr. C Francis
Parish Priest
Vicar General - Archdiocese of Bangalore

ST. PATRICK'S 175 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

We are joyful to inform you that St. Patrick's Church is celebrating the 175th year of its existence, this year. The foundation for the church was laid in July 1841, and the church itself was completed in the next three and a half years, i.e. by the end of 1844. The church was dedicated to the honour of the blessed Trinity, under the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Archangel Michael, and was dedicated as the "Church of the Assumption". But even before it was completed, it came to be known as St. Patrick's Church, due to its popularity with Irish troops stationed in the surrounding area.

The parish clergy would love to celebrate this dodransbicentennial anniversary with all of you; and along with the parish council has organized several events between the 7th to the 10th of October -

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

Among the feasts celebrated by the Church in recent times, one that stands out and brings on great camaraderie, fellowship and celebration in its true spirit, is the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

Joachim, a prominent and respected man and his wife Anne, who had no children, looked upon this as a punishment from God. In answer to their prayers Mary was born, and was dedicated to God at a very early age.

The feast of Joachim and Anne was celebrated in our Parish on Monday, 25th July 2016 at 4pm at the Mini Hall. The zonal representatives took much interest in bringing together over 80 senior parishioners and it was pleasing to see such a large number of them. This was the first time we had such a big turnout. The enthusiasm of the elders, coupled with the dedication of the volunteers, ensured an evening of fun and enjoyment for the seniors.

Our Parish Priest, Msgr. C. Francis along with Asst. Priests Fr. Bala Francis and Fr. Paul Raj, welcomed the members with prayer. Hymns were sung in English and Tamil. Shortly after, the participants were divided into teams and representatives from each team were invited to take part in various games and activities.

It was an absolute thrill to see the members participate most enthusiastically. Games like pinning the elephant's tail, the ever challenging memory game with over 25 items to recall, housie conducted by Msgr.C. Francis were played and lots of spot prizes were bagged, with excitement and in competitive spirit. A special prize was presented to our senior-most member who completed 91 years and another member who had just turned 60 and joined us for the first time. Lynette Tharaken was the lucky winner of a

competition to recall the full names of the Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest.

Tea-time brought cakes, samosas and sandwiches, along with piping hot coffee. One of the seniors, Pam Nazareth, entertained the highly spirited audience with an impromptu fusion dance - classical Bharat Natyam, Bollywood moves and much more! This was the highlight of the evening as it brought back to our senior citizens memories of their younger days! Of course, there were smiles all around!

Shortly after, at 5.30 pm a special Mass was celebrated for the senior citizens by Fr. Bala, thanking Almighty God and invoking bountiful blessings on all those who turned up and made the event a success.

On behalf of the Parish, a warm and heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who volunteered their time, efforts and most importantly their God-gifted talents in making this function not only memorable, but a meaningful one too!

-Cynthia Fernandes

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.

-St. Teresa of Kolkata

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - SEPTEMBER

Universal: CENTRALITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: MISSION TO EVANGELIZE

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN AUGUST

Sep 04: Canonisation of Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Sep 05: Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Sep 08: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sep 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Sep 14: Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross

Sep 15: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sep 27: Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul

Sep 29: Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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including a Triduum, a movie on the life of St. Patrick, a Jubilee Day with High Mass by His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio to India and dinner. Details of the programme are as below:

Date	Programme
Friday, 7 th October 5:30pm	Flag hoisting. Holy Mass and preaching (Tamil) by Rev. Fr. Raphael Kuthoor V.C. Director, Anbalaya Retreat Centre.
Saturday, 8 th October 5:30pm	Holy Mass and preaching (English) by Rev. Fr. Jose Vettiyankal V.C. Director, Logos Retreat Centre.
Sunday, 9 th October 11:00am	Solemn Concelebrated Holy Mass (English) by Most. Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore (Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation to children).
Sunday, 9 th October 6:00pm	Holy Mass and preaching (Kannada) by Rev. Fr. C. Peter, Manager Correspondent, Sacred Heart Educational Institutions. Movie on the life of St. Patrick.
Monday, 10 th October 5:15pm	Solemn Pontifical High Mass (English) by His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Salvatore Pennachio, Apostolic Nuncio to India. His Grace Most. Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore and several other Bishops have kindly consented to concelebrate. After the Mass felicitation followed by fellowship dinner to all.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

The Triumph of the Cross, celebrated earlier as the Exaltation of the Cross, is one of the most wonderful realities which encompasses all the mysteries of the Christian Faith, the Justice of God and His Mercy. It reveals God's love for mankind through His son Jesus Christ crucified, and becomes the foundation of our mission and spirituality.

The true Cross of our Lord was discovered in 326 AD by St Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. Later, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site. The feast of the Triumph of the Cross marks the dedication of this church on 14th September 335 AD.

When we look at the Cross as the symbol to transform our lives, it simply means "to follow Jesus". We have a moral duty to make ourselves right with God. The Cross was Christ's atonement for our sins. It symbolizes many things—Victory, Salvation, Triumph over Sin and Death, Hope—but most of all God's love

The Parish youth have also planned a series of inter-church events to commemorate this historical year with joy and fellowship. The list of programmes is as follows:

Date	Event	Venue
1 st and 2 nd October	Basketball, throw ball and football matches	St. Joseph's Commerce College grounds
14 th November	Gospel Choreography. Theme: Merciful face of the Father	St. Patrick's Parish Hall
12 th December	Carol singing	St. Patrick's Parish Hall
26 th January	Blood donation camp	St. Patrick's Boys Home
4 th February	World cancer day Awareness March	
17 th March	Concluding Holy Mass	

The parish would also be releasing a Souvenir to mark this occasion. We solicit your encouragement and support through advertising in our Souvenir. Those who are interested may kindly meet the Parish Clergy. We also invite you to write articles about the Church over the years, for the souvenir. These articles may be sent in to the Souvenir Committee at the earliest.

and mercy for mankind; the instrument by which Jesus paid the full price for our salvation. In doing so, Jesus unites us to Our Father in Heaven, despite our imperfections and failures. The Cross sets us absolutely free from the bondage of sin and death and rewards us with salvation. This is the Triumph of the Cross.

Friends, we have a victory in Christ. We believe we are washed in the Blood of the Lamb. The devil used the woman Eve, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and the death of Adam. God uses the Virgin Mary, the Cross (tree) and the death of Christ for our redemption. We have this transforming power of the Cross to sanctify ourselves and cleanse us from our sin.

Therefore, there is nothing more paradoxical, nothing greater than The Cross we embrace, through which we encounter our Lord and His unimaginable love!

- Teena Fernandes

WORLD YOUTH DAY AND SPY

The World Youth Day was celebrated worldwide in the last week of July. In our own way, the St. Patrick's Youth (SPY) decided to get together and make the event this year a memorable one. We began the month by visiting the elderly in The Home for the Aged on Hosur Road. We volunteered to do the gardening at The Home. It was a wonderful experience and listening to the nuns talk about St. Jean Jugan, their foundress, made it all the more interesting.

The Youth Day at St. Patrick's Church was celebrated on the 21st of August with a special Mass at 11am. It was followed up with a visit to the Treatment Rehabilitation and Education of Drug Abuse (TREDA) De-Addiction Centre at Carmelaram. This visit was indeed an eye-opener for all of us. The difficulties thousands of people face to overcome various addictions and the high quality rehabilitation being offered by the centre, was over-whelming.

These visits were organized with the aim that each of us at SPY, experience in person the realities of the world and in our own unique way, deepen our faith and grow closer to Christ. At present, we are a small group of only around thirty members. SPY is open to all young people who share similar ambitions and interests of coming together, not only to encounter Christ, but to make His message known in our community. We, at SPY, hope that many more

youngsters come forward and join us, so that in our own little way we can make this world a better place.

Those interested in joining can contact Fr. Bala Francis, Asst. Parish Priest (Mob: +91 97315 54188). Meetings are usually scheduled only once a month on a Sunday. Outreach programs are scheduled every third Sunday of the month. So please do come and join us. We most certainly could use your help.

-Dr. Richard Lurshay

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.
- St. Teresa of Kolkata

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. 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).

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