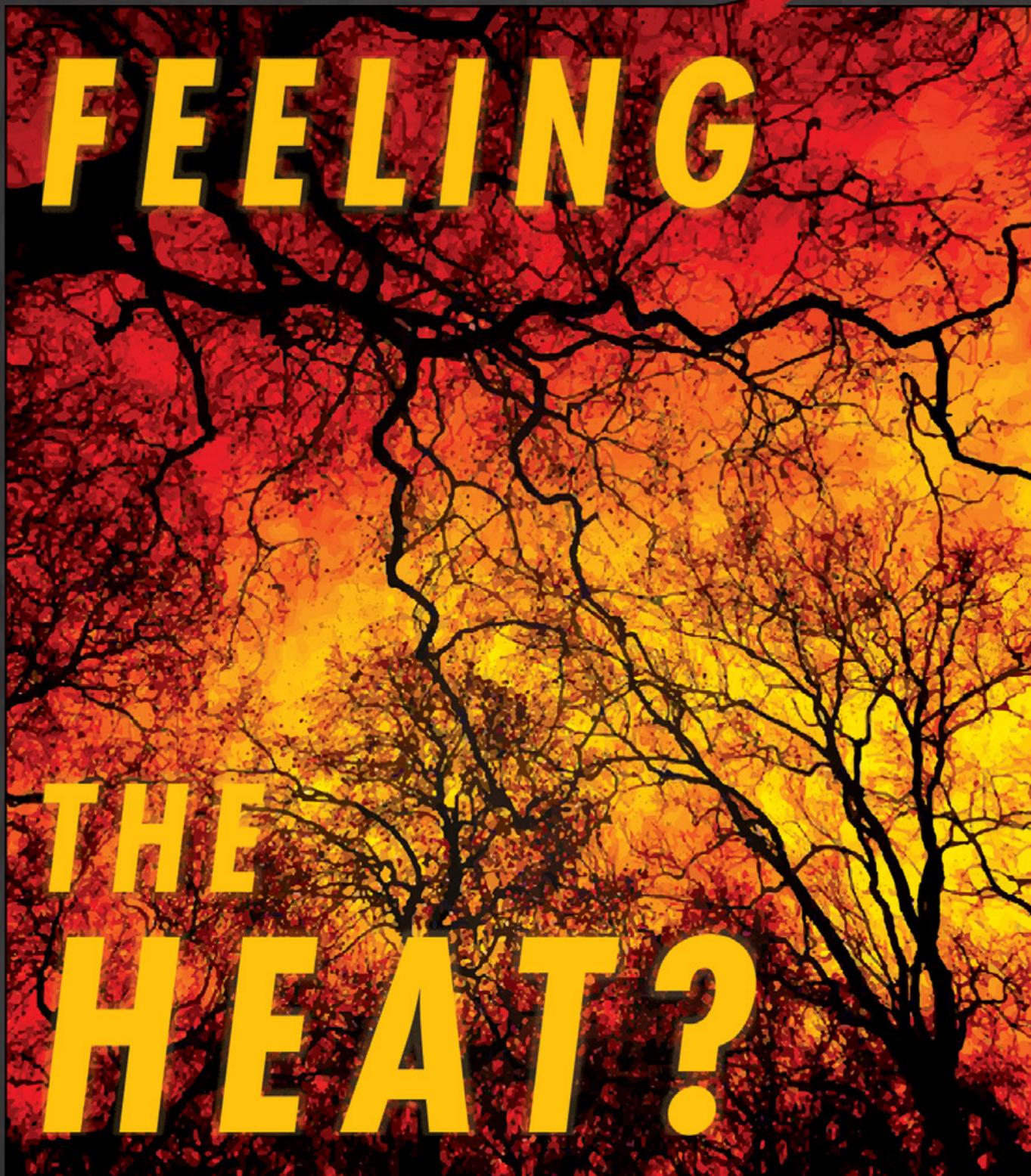


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 What about the freedom of our friends, family, our fellowmen?
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fr. Michael Martires



What a privilege it is for me to share my thoughts and meaningful words on the most profound mystery of God's salvic mission of saving the entire human race through a Heart full of love. That wasn't all! A Heart that was physically wounded and pierced with a lance out of which flowed Blood and Water when He hung for three long hours on the Cross and ultimately gave up his Life in total surrender to His Father's Will.

Humanly speaking it is beyond words to give expression to what it actually means unless one reflects mediatively on the wounded Heart of Our Most Precious Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. To rescue us from evil of sin of flesh and spirit and face eternal damnation for all eternity.

The Blood and Water which flowed from His Sacred Heart of Jesus has a significant meaning. The Blood which flowed cleanses us of all our filth and defilement. Oh what Love Thou does show from a wounded Heart full of Compassion, Love and Healing for all of Humankind regardless of caste, colour or creed. The water which

flowed with the Blood is a sign for all generations yet to come that we have been washed and cleansed of our sinful past and given a NEW LIFE of the Spirit.

My mind goes back to my earlier years as a teenager to a song which stole the hearts of many. "Love is a many Splendored thing". It is the April Rose that only grows in the early spring. Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be living.

As I was recalling the words of the lover singing to his loved one it brought home to my mind God's Infinite Love for all humankind not for selfish pleasure, nor for any lustful desire but for a love which goes beyond human telling.

Such is a God's infinite LOVE independent of feelings and desire as expressed so beautifully and vividly in the Hymn "Sweet Heart of Jesus". The Heart of Jesus wounded for our transgressions, and sins of all kind is a masterpiece. I often ponder and reflect on and which has so much of meaning for my individual life and I am sure for the lives of all.

Human love is blinded by selfishness, greed, pride and lustful longings unlike the profound and selfless love of Jesus which flowed from a wounded battered Heart full of compassion and unbiased love.

May the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which we celebrated with such gusto teach us in all humility regardless of who we are, Priests Religious or Lay Persons, the lesson of undoing things which does not last into doing things which brings about a total Spiritual Renewal of our mindset and hearts as we say together "Oh Sweet Heart of Jesus make our hearts like unto Thine not only now, but always."

OUR EARTH IS BURNING!

Melville X. D'Souza



Feeling the Heat? Certainly, we all do! Global warming, Climate change, unseasonal rains, sudden & extreme cold climates, thunderstorms, etc., etc., all too familiar terms we hear from time to time, isn't it? **Temperatures are the rise, what are we doing about it?**

Seasonal fruits and grains are getting ruined because of climatic changes. According to experts on climate change and infectious disease, **a warming planet will likely lead to increased risk for the emergence of new viruses.** Are we just trying to something about it? Trying and doing are two different things. It is said, **'when you try, you hope, when you do, you succeed'.**

Being part of the solution not part of the problem - **day in and day out, nine out of ten people everywhere in the world breathe dirty air?** So, can we not take the initiative and plant a couple of trees, since growing more trees helps to breathe better?

Saalumarada Thimmakka, a casual labourer in Karnataka has planted and looking after 385 banyan trees along the Hulikal-Kudur highway

besides planting over 8,000 other trees. And for this, she was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2019. It is believed that she started planting banyan trees along the highway with her meagre savings. The asset value of the trees she planted has crossed a million rupees and is now being taken care of by the government of Karnataka. **One. One small step was all it needed to achieve something big.**

Garbage management – how we throw guidelines regarding segregation of garbage, to the winds and dump all the waste in one common waste bin. A group of teenagers from Gurugram decided to do something about it. They built a robot that could solve India's waste problem. **The robot identified and segregated different kinds of waste and transferred it into the garbage bin, making recycling much easier. The team also won a prize at the 13th World Robotic Olympiad in 2016 for this invention.**

Adults' responsibility towards addressing the environmental issues? At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January 2019, Greta Thunberg the young Swedish activist said, Adults keep saying: "We owe it to the young people to give them hope." But I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. **I want you to act as if the house is on fire. Because it is."**

Are we going to sit around doing nothing and wait for the Earth to burn and die, which means the end of human life itself. Our Earth is burning! It's time to wake up, take that one small step, only then can we progress towards our goal of saving this planet. We cannot wait for someone else to take that first step, it's upto us. This quote by Robert Swan the great explorer, comes to mind, **"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it". In the meanwhile, our Earth is burning!**

FEELING THE HEAT? INVEST AND INVOLVE IN NATURE

Olga Pereira, JBC Community 3, Sector 1



“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children” (Native American proverb).

The planet Earth was gifted to us by God out of His great love for us. He gave us the mission of taking charge of the Earth and make it fruitful. He gave us supremacy over all natural living and non-living things. Hence our life here on Earth is a journey to celebrate nature and enjoy the peace and calm of its amazing seasons.

Recently we have been traumatised with the COVID pandemic and with God’s help and grace and our own efforts we have been able to subdue and contain the pandemic. The aftermath still remains. As COVID becomes endemic, we have to address the great Climate Change. The temperatures are rising and the seasons are fluctuating. Extreme weather conditions are prevailing, whether it is the heat or cold.

This is the right time to reflect and relearn how best we can undo the harm done to mother Earth and our environment. The causes are obvious, exploitation of nature, encroachment, burning of fossils fuels, carbon emissions, deforestation, construction activities, pollution at land and sea, etc. We must stop the blame game and each one must take up the responsibility of prevention, intervention and preservation of our natural habitat by proactive practices. We can plant trees which are the lungs

of our cities and they also help in reducing the heat. We can donate saplings and trees as tokens when we celebrate significant occasions in our families and society gatherings, reduce carbon emissions by judicious use of electricity, gas, etc., use water sparingly and do rain water harvesting, carry out garbage segregation and composting, stop deforestation and conserve forests, use eco-friendly materials and biobased products. All this needs collaboration with the concerned authorities of our State, society and locality.

At the same time, we have to be honest in our efforts to minimise climate change and not slacken by other people’s actions and make a positive difference to the environment. We have to learn to win our tomorrow by learning from our past mistakes with regards to our mother Earth and natural habitat. Today we have the best of technology for research and to find solutions to the problem of climate change. We need to reduce and prevent disasters and dangers and accept the reality of climate change.

We need to put our trust and hope in God our Abba Father who has blessed us with great intelligence to bring back the pristine glory to mother Earth and His beautiful creation. Our motto should be, yes, we can and we will endeavour in finding the solutions. Thus, our journey on earth will be an environmental friendly journey. “Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.”

TONING DOWN THE HEAT

Angela Fernandes Comm.1 Sector-2

The sensation of heat comes from nerve endings that detect the temperature of the skin, when heat energy flows into the skin. There are 3 ways for heat to flow from one place to another, namely Convection conduction and radiation. Radiation can carry heat in the form of photons which can travel through air or even in a vacuum. The sun is so hot that it radiates most of its light in visible wavelength and these photons heat the earth and the people on it.

Planet earth is in trouble; green house gases causing the earth's atmosphere to heat up, glaciers to melt increasing sea water levels. Wild fires, hurricanes and heat waves are becoming more and more severe. Global warming is threatening to burn our planet.

Toning down the heat - by planting more trees, waste composting, smart thermostat and recycling. Reforestation is the most cost effective way in reducing global warming.

Use public transport whenever possible or for short distances walk or use a cycle. Limiting use of electricity helps in reducing many gases in our atmosphere. Solar energy is a good alternative. Avoid the use plastic straw, plastic bags, use only reusable bags. Go vegan.



The mantra 'Reduce Reuse and Recycle' is effective in toning down the heat when we effectively put it into practice. Use every saving lamps and appliances including LCD monitor. If you leave your fridge door open for a minute the monitor remains operative for more than half an hour. So don't leave your fridge door open for a long time. Reuse plastic bottles, containers. Be conscious of what products you can reuse/recycle or reduce in your home, namely paper, aluminium foils, news papers, cans etc. This can help reduce land fills which are a major contributor of methane and other green house gases.

The Climate Change National Forum and the Global Humanitarian Forum are great avenues to know the latest statistics and efforts made in reducing global warming. Educate people about global warming – its causes and after effects.

Genesis 1 says, God created a beautiful planet. Our very own earth. Let us preserve the planet for future generations.

THE HEAT IS ON - GLOBAL CONCERN

Arlene Alves Sector-1, Community-3



God our creator, has made all things good, wonderful, beautiful and awesome on this Mother earth. The air we breathe, the life giving water from rivers, streams and wells, the land and sea, the flora and fauna and all the natural resources essential to living beings. Man is the wisest of all living beings as he has the power to think because of his knowledge and intellect, he can interpret, act and execute plans.

Early man put to use nature in all goodness, and that man lived in harmony with the environment. But the World stands in a sorry state today, only because man has greed for his own selfish needs and is to be blamed for the destruction of natural resources and the resultant global warming. Soaring temperatures all over the World, including The snow-capped regions like the Arctic and Antarctica and glaciers and icebergs are melting, hampering lives of animals like the Polar Bears, Reindeer, Penguins. Sea water are thus rising, covering small islands due to tidal waves, incessant rains, hurricanes, tsunamis and furious tornados and cyclones are destroying these lands. "Fury of Nature" we say, as we stand and stare at the aftermath of the destruction of life and property.

Trees are cut down and many animal & bird species are extinct today. Forest and mangroves

are getting completely cleared away. The trees that provided the Oxygen and known as "the lungs of the city or town" are no more there to provide man the pure clean air which is vital for breathing, for all living beings. Mountains are being destroyed and Natural resources like coal and other minerals, oil and gas resources are being used excessively. Pollution from industrial waste is being let off into the atmosphere or the sea harming human life. Man is careless about disposing garbage and slaughtering animals for fur, leather and other uses.

Man needs to think and act immediately to rectify this situation. The 4 "R's" that we must keep in mind are, Reuse, Reduce, Replenish and Recycle. These are important if we need to save our Earth. Can we not do a little bit to see our world in better shape?

Our little contribution to Mother Earth, can make a big difference. No more we will have to bear the sweltering and unbearable heat. No more we will have food, water and fuel shortages. Let us all learn and strive to be responsible citizens making our Earth once again Cooler, Cleaner, Greener and the people Healthier and Happier.

Orlem SCCs rally together !

Michelle Pinto SCC Lay Coordinator, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Orlem

April 23rd 2022, was the much awaited SCC Rally day for the Small Christian Communities in Orlem ! The theme for the Rally was **“Journeying together to build Small Human Communities.”** While the SCCs showcased, through PPTs, the work done and being done by them in their Communities, the vision of building small human communities gave fillip to the cause for their work in the future.

The lighting of the Samai, the singing of the National anthem set the tone for the Rally.

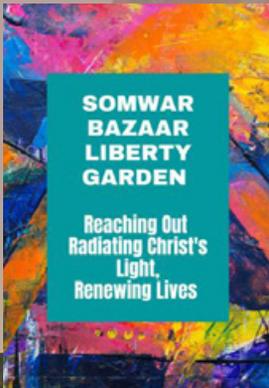
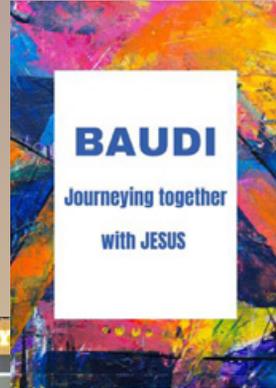
Our Chief Guest for the evening was Mr. & Mrs. Manuel and June D’Souza, who have been one of the driving forces that support our Parish in more than one ways. The Priests’ team and some Borivli SCC Deanery Lay Coordinators, were present to cheer and support the Communities.

The 8 Communities put much thought in selecting their theme for the Parade. The themes ranged from - **Journeying together with Jesus; Journeying together in Harmony (nature) to lead the way and make a difference; Reaching out - Radiating Christ’s light, Renewing lives; Joyfully blessed; Rooted in the vine (Jesus), branching into community; Ek doosre ke saath saath, Yesu ke sangh sangh ; Living together to Naari Shakti**, thus encompassing the spectrum of community life and bringing forth issues that touched the lives of common people. The vibrant colours of the Communities brought in spectacular sights adding to the mood of celebration. A solo, a choral singing and a performance by the youth, depicting the festivals of India, complemented the Rally.

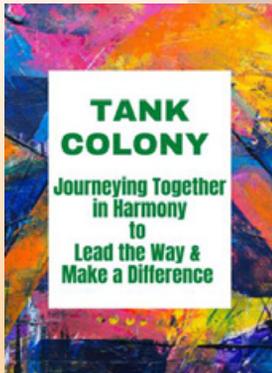
A video e-magazine was released on the occasion. Bp Barthol Baretto’s core message was “as we rebuild our parishes post pandemic, I believe it is the whole hearted involvement of our people through SCCs and clusters that will truly make the Risen Jesus present to all.” Fr Michael Pinto, in his message said that SCCs are the new way of being church. Commending the work done by Parish Council Members and Animators in reaching out to those in distress, he said that these Members play a significant role in our Church and for the SCCs. He further said that this rally would inspire all of us to be united in faith and journey together to make our Parish a communion of Communities.

It was indeed a gratifying evening, encouraging us to seek new ways where SCCs can be Church.

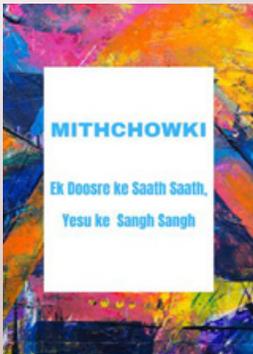
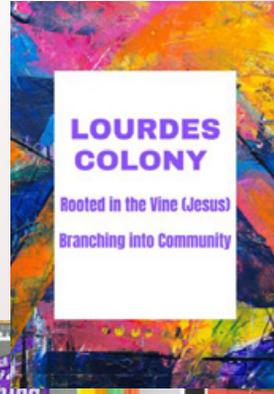
The SCC Rally in pictures



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The Chief
Guests
and the
Audience



The Entrance
Chorus



The Youth
performing



Orlempics - The Community Cup 2022

Team LSC

It's weeks after the games & what can we say.... Still getting over the euphoria, Still getting over the drama, Still getting over the excitement, Still getting over the drunkenness of the enormous response.

Congratulations to each & every parishioner of "Our Lady of Lourdes" parish, you have all been part of a journey calledTHE ORLEMPICS OF 2022, an event of epic & gigantic proportions, where 2371 participated, with almost an equal number watching from the side, an event which will far be etched in the memories of each Orlemite for its super intense passion & entertainment. There was Football, Badminton, Throwball, Carrom, Table tennis, Chess, Basketball, Tug of War & several track & field events.

In places where professionalism was questioned, passion stood out. In places where the rules were overlooked, solidarity stood out. In places where anger, objections & resentment raised its ugly heads, there patience & brotherhood stood out. As much praise lavished on the youth would be less, cause it was a moment where the youth came forward & stood rock solid in unison with the LSC to painstakingly ensure this mega event got conducted smoothly.

The grand finale was the icing on the cake. There was a riot of colours from pink to blue. There was resounding music from the DJ to drum beat. There was intense passion from the youngest to the oldest. There were balloons, there were flags, there was dancing, there was singing but the best and the most beautiful of them all ... where ever you turned and wherever you looked there were people, joyfully hugging each other & then there were only happy, smiling joyful faces.

Yes eventually the Community Cup was lifted by the very strong team from Lourdes Colony but the biggest victory, was that in the days to come we all made new friends, people from our community, people from other communities, people we lived close to but never knew existed & today we are friends with thanks to The Orlempics. And if there was anything, anything at all that was missing on the closing ceremony on that last day, it was the feeling of anger, hate & resentment, because for just that one moment in time, the entire parish of Our Lady of Lourdes Church marched on as one large family in unity & compassion with Christ.

Cheers & God Bless

FOOTBALL IN PICS



The Winners
Evershine Nagar

1st Runners up
Baudi



2nd Runners up
Tank Colony



WOMEN'S THROWBALL IN PICS



The Winners -Evershine Nagar



1st Runners up - Tank Colony

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Children's Stations of the Cross 9th April, 2022

May D'Souza

The batch of children aged between the classes of Std 3 and 10, have been enthusiastically and regularly attending the Bible class throughout the pandemic. They have been diligently colouring according to the theme of the day, whether on miracles and parables, the seasons of Lent, Christmas, feasts leading up to Pentecost, as well as setting up quiz questions as a summary for all they had learnt.

Post the on-line classes, these kids were all excited and ready to do a live Stations of the Cross, rather than the regular PPT. The children came prepared with dupattas and kurtas. Dressing

and head gears were done in five minutes, in the sweltering heat, before we began our live act. The part of Jesus being very sustaining and tiring, we decided on two actors, much to the relief of the concerned young actors. A full-length cross was made by a creative mom, out of a cardboard box and brown paper wrap, light-weight enough for delicate shoulders. Roman numbers were stuck on the corridor and hall walls. Mary, the Mother of Jesus had dressed in a pretty gown which only required a head dress and hair band to keep it in place. Veronica came ready with the picture of face of the suffering Jesus ironed out on to a shroud. The taller Jesus willingly, and with a sigh

of relief gave way to the shorter, at the 8th Station and chivalrously held up the cross on which he had helped to place Jesus with his on the spur of the moment, make-shift hammer.

By holding up the cross, he became synonymous with the crucified Jesus who, at the 11th station, was lovingly placed in the arms of his mother sitting demurely on the floor. He was later placed on the (sofa)-tomb, covered entirely, from head to toe, with another shroud. There had been no time for a previous day practice due to exams ending

on the eve of Palm Sunday. The kids seriously played each station off-the-cuff, on cue, during the reading of the stations. The moms got together to act as the weeping women of Jerusalem. Children who were online, on WhatsApp, from Goa, took the initiative to click some really good screen shots of important scenes which helped complete the sequence. Praise God for the innovative parents, teachers and children for this Lenten prayer service, which will hopefully make a visual and long-lasting impact on young eager to absorb, prayerful minds.



Pilgrimage to Don Bosco Karjat

Francis Fernandes, Tank Colony Sector 8

In this Season of Lent, the Nivedita Community organized a Pilgrimage to Don Bosco Karjat, on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, for the families of our Sector to re-live the Passion of Christ.

The Don Bosco Centre has installed life-giving 14 Stations of the Cross on a hill for prayer and meditation which was inaugurated by Bishop Barthol.

On arrival, Fr. Anthony Santarita, Director of the Centre welcomed us with warm wishes. He gave us an orientation of the place; motivating the young and not so young to reach all the way to the 15th Station. He informed us that some pilgrims have also experienced healing as they walked the Stations.

The pilgrim of over a one-kilometre trail commenced with us being provided with a wooden cross and two crowns of thorns signifying the instruments of torture inflicted on Jesus in His final moments before crucifixion. The Stations allow one to walk the road with Jesus, to be a personal witness to the events of Jesus, to meditate and enter into the reality of the faith. The cross on our shoulders and a crown of thorns on our head with forgiveness in our hearts

would bring about a transformation in our lives.

Each family of 2/4 carried the cross for one Station each as we moved from the 1st Station to the 15th Station – The Resurrection. At the Resurrection we took a nice photograph of the entire group capturing the moment and feelings of all as a Community.

To be honest, as we moved from one Station to another, it was hot, humid and the last few Stations were quite steep. However, all the 45 members of our group reached the 15th Station. This was all possible through the Grace of God and the assistance to lift one another, enabled the Pilgrimage to be successful and spiritually fulfilling.

An honest and meaningful confession was followed by the Eucharistic Celebration.

We thanked Fr. Anthony and his team for all the support provided to us during our Pilgrimage and also thanked him for this once in a lifetime experience at this place.

May its beautiful strains continue to echo within us throughout our Life !



A Fruitful Lenten Trip to Don Bosco, Karjat

Tank Colony, Sector 2

It was a refreshing lifetime experience to walk the way of the cross on the hill at Karjat. Though tiring, Fr. Anthony Santarita (sdb) -in charge of the institution, briefed us about the walk and encouraged us to experience the way Jesus, bruised, might have carried the heavy cross on his shoulders to Mount Calvary to be crucified. This thought helped us to meditate each station and we completed our journey to the cross on the top of the hill. The spiritually enriching trip ended with the Eucharistic celebration.



Walking Side-by-Side

Alexio Fernandes [IRD Cell]

1. Iftar organized for our Muslims brothers:

Inter-religious Dialogue (IRD) Cell of Our Lady of Lourdes, Orlem, organized an Iftar on 28th April 2022 at 6:45 PM. It started with a small introduction of our Muslim brothers and the IRD cell members. A prayer was recited by the Mulana Akthar praying for all religions goodwill and peace, equality and unity in our country followed by breaking of the fast.

After the Iftar, stories of people of different faiths meeting were shared and they expressed their desire for meeting more often. Fr. Michael Pinto concluded with a prayer followed by a closing hymn "There shall be showers of blessings".

Finally, they thanked Fr. Michael Pinto, Fr. Sunil D'Souza and the IRD Cell members for inviting and organizing the Iftar.



2. 1st May, Maharashtra Day

Maharashtra Day commemorates the formation of the state in 1960. On May 1, 1960, the Bombay Re-organization Act came into effect, creating Maharashtra, after a lot of struggles.

On this special occasion, the IRD cell of Our Lady of Lourdes Church along with Fr. Sunil, and some of the parishioners visited Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj memorial near Sena Bhavan at Orlem and presented flowers and garland to spread the message of peace with all our brethren.

Sena Bhavan members thanked all the people and the IRD members who attended the function.

Fr. Sunil D'Souza blessed all and gave a message to work towards Unity, Peace and Harmony.



3. Eid Milan

On 15th May 2022, **Eid Milan** was organized by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Malwani at the Welcome Banquet hall, Malwani. Leaders of different communities like Hindu, Sikh, Muslim and Christian were invited. Cabinet Minister, Shri. Aslam Skaikh was the Chief Guest.

On behalf of the Christian Community, IRD Cell of OLLC, Orlem Fr. Sunil D'Souza represented and he spoke about Jesus' main commandment in the Gospel of John 13:34 - **"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."**

Also, others spoke about God's creation where there is ONE God and we are all his creation. And, in India we have different cultures, religions and languages and it is a good example of a plural society. India's beauty is that Indians are enjoying **"Unity in diversity"**. But, in the news channels and other social media we see otherwise. So we must pray and work together as one community which can help us to overcome any situation. **"Humanity is the biggest religion in the world"**.



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Bangladesh Catholic Bishops' Conference Marks 50 Years

CBCB leaders are determined to ensure a participatory church based on ongoing synodal talks, says Archbishop D'Cruze.

Catholic bishops in Bangladesh kicked off the 50th founding anniversary celebrations of the bishops' conference with an inaugural program and seminar in capital Dhaka, stressing the importance of a participatory church in light of ongoing synodal talks.

Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario, Oblate Archbishop Bejoy N. D'Cruze of Dhaka and all Bangladesh's bishops attended the event at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) center in central Dhaka on May 27.

The prelates were accompanied by senior clergy, religious and nuns including heads of religious orders, lay leaders and heads of Catholic educational institutes during the program.

The conference marked 50 years in 2021 but celebrations were withheld due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

CBCB president Archbishop D'Cruze termed the golden jubilee of the conference as a "historic moment" for the church.

"I am glad to be here on this historic occasion. On this day, I assure that the CBCB leadership is determined and committed to transforming our church into a synodal church," Archbishop D'Cruze said during his speech.

In the past 50 years, the local church has made strides in the education, health and development sectors, the prelate noted, adding that the CBCB needs support from all concerned to make better contributions.

"We have a long way to go to help those who still need support for development. We also envision an ideal synodal church through decentralization of leadership and ensuring participation of all in the church. We look forward to everyone's support and active participation," the archbishop added.

The CBCB was founded in 1971, shortly after Bangladesh gained independence from Pakistan following a brief but bloody war.

According to its mission statement, the CBCB seeks to "facilitate common policy and action in matters that affect or are liable to affect the interest of the Catholic Church and to be of service to the country at large."

During the discussion program, clergy, religious and lay leaders put forth what they expect from the CBCB in future.

Sanjeeb Drong, an ethnic Garo Catholic, rights activist and writer, noted that the Catholic Church has been supporting the poor but needs to do more, especially to advocate for rights

and justice for marginalized indigenous people.

"The CBCB has worked for the poor over the years. However, it needs to do much more because our indigenous communities are deprived of rights and justice. Church leaders need to use their influence to convince the government to ensure equal rights and treatment for marginalized people," Drong said.

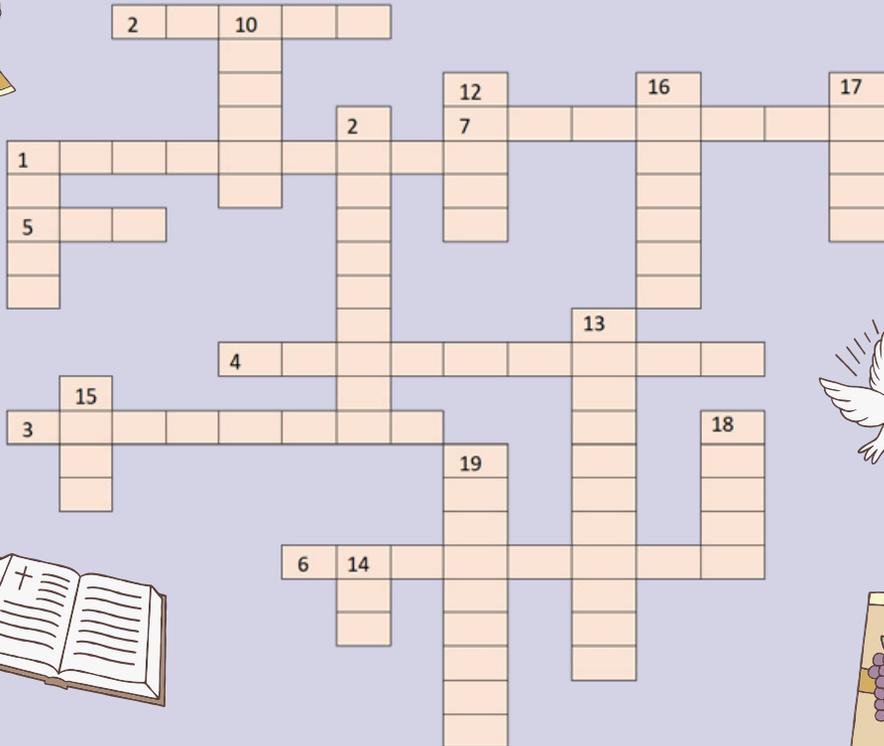
The CBCB jubilee celebrations concluded with a special Mass and exhibition at Holy Rosary Church in central Dhaka on May 27 afternoon. All bishops, apostolic nuncio Archbishop George Kocherry and thousands of Catholics were expected to join the celebrations.

In Muslim-majority Bangladesh, Christians are a minuscule minority accounting for less than half percent of the population of more than 160 million. Church sources say there about 600,000 Christians in Bangladesh including about 400,000 Catholics.

The Catholic Church is comprised of eight dioceses including two archdioceses. About half of the country's Catholics hail from ethnic indigenous groups and the rest belong to the majority Bengali community.

Pentecost Quiz

This quiz is dedicated to the Feast of the Pentecost, celebrated on June 5, 2022. Go ahead, find the correct answers and send it to reachingout.orlem@gmail.com

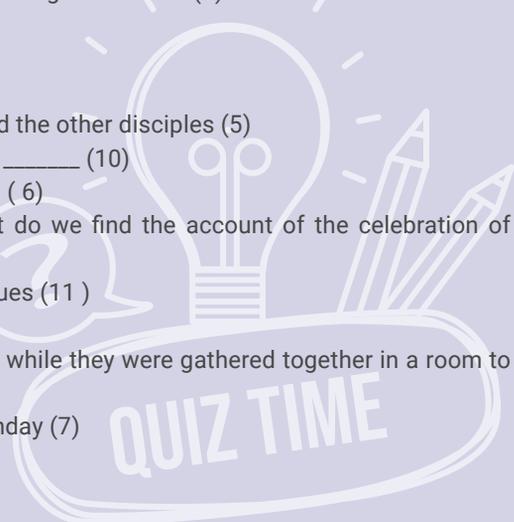


Across :

- 1) At which time do we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit? (9)
- 2) The word "Pentecost" comes from what language? (5)
- 3) What does the word "Pentecost" mean and refer to? (8)
- 4) Where does this celebration of Pentecost take place? (9)
- 5) How many days after Jesus ascended into Heaven did the disciples celebrate Pentecost? (3)
- 6) What is the name or time of the liturgical season following Pentecost? (8)
- 7) The spirit of Jesus helps us to act with (7)

Down

- 1) The main people in the Pentecost story are _____ and the other disciples (5)
- 2) Pentecost is a time to celebrate the presence of the _____ (10)
- 10) Pentecost is celebrated at the end of which Season (6)
- 12) In what book and chapter of the New Testament do we find the account of the celebration of Pentecost? (5)
- 13) What is the New Testament word speaking in tongues (11)
- 14) The colour for Pentecost is (3)
- 15) What sound did the disciples hear all around them while they were gathered together in a room to celebrate Pentecost? (4)
- 16) The first Sunday after Pentecost is called _____ Sunday (7)
- 17) How many gifts of the Holy spirit are there (5)
- 18) A gift of the holy spirit (5)
- 19) The Spirit _____ the risen Lord to them (9)



Family Cell Organises the May Ball !!!

Karina Menezes, May Queen

In the beginning, I didn't really pay attention to the 'May Ball'. My friend's mother mentioned it, but it wasn't until she said "pageant" that it caught my attention. I had never seen a real-life pageant before, so I knew it would definitely be an interesting experience. My parents were reluctant at first, but they eventually did, and even encouraged me to participate in the pageant for May Queen. At first, I was hesitant since I wasn't sure if I would advance to compete with all the more established and talented competitors. However, I knew that it would be another learning experience.

As soon as I walked into the big grand entrance of the ball, I remember thinking to myself "WOW". It was breath-taking. This was no ordinary event - from the decor, the music, and even the lighting- it was a ball indeed! Even the attendees were dressed beautifully and everyone stuck to the aesthetics of the event.

Along with the pageant, they even hosted a couple of small games for the crowd. The live music saw us all dancing away the evening on the open dance floor. I'd have to say that the gola cart was my favourite part of the ball (apart from the pageant). On a day like that, in Mumbai's extreme heat- the gola cart was a lifesaver. A fine example of blue ribbon thinking.

And alas, we come to the pageant. Watching all of those contestants own the ramp and speak their minds in the final question round was truly inspiring. And quite humorous too, a few questions were repeated but their answers all varied in their best ways. The May Ball was certainly an experience for all who attended. What a great way to begin the summer and the new year!



