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Editorial

Peace be with you!

I greet you in the name of Christ. At this Easter, amidst the bleak world scenario, may each one of you experience His peace in your personal lives and in your families, as we continue to walk together as one parish community.

As we observe **the 800th death anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi**, who died on 3rd October 1226, we recall his timeless message of peace. Pope Leo XIV invokes us all to pray earnestly for disarmament and for peace in our troubled world.

All good things do come to an end, and so does too, my joyful seven-year journey in this beautiful parish. Seven is a biblically significant number, symbolizing completeness and fullness and so it is time for me to move on. With a heart filled with gratitude, I thank God for having planted me here amongst you. These seven years have been truly heartwarming, and I owe a deep sense of appreciation to each one of you, my dear parishioners, who make this parish such a vibrant, loving, and faith-filled community.

The years of the pandemic created a remarkable spirit of unity and compassion among us. I witnessed great team spirit among the priests and deacons, and immense care and concern from the parishioners. I have been blessed with wonderful, dedicated priests and deacons during these years in Mulund. I remain deeply grateful to each of them for their support, collaboration, and friendship, which contributed greatly to my happiness here. A special word of thanks also goes to the Sisters of both the convents for their kindness, prayers, and constant support.

My heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the SCC coordinators and animators, as well as the coordinators and members of the various cells and associations in the parish. Each one of you made my task as Parish Priest lighter and easier through your commitment, generosity, and willingness to serve. Your dedication and support helped me strengthen the parish in numerous aspects. Often, many of you, have expressed appreciation and words of encouragement, which touched my heart and inspired me to work even harder for the well-being of every parishioner and of the parish as a whole.



I have tried to do my best during my time here. Yet along the way, I may have inadvertently, ruffled a few feathers. If so, I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

St. Pius X Parish has truly been my home during these years, and it is not easy to say goodbye. I will treasure many cherished memories of our prayers, celebrations, struggles, and joys shared together as a family of faith. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I begin the next chapter of my priestly journey - that I may remain a holy, happy, and healthy priest, faithfully serving the Lord among the people entrusted to my care.

God bless you all abundantly, and may the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, hope and joy.

Happy Easter!

Fr. George Athaide
Parish Priest

“May the Lord Give You Peace”: A Franciscan Call for Our Times

Peace is not merely the absence of war or conflict; it is the presence of harmony - with God, with one another and with creation. From the dawn of time, God intended this harmony. Human sin disrupted it, but **Easter restores what was lost**. Through His Resurrection, Christ reconnects us to the Father and to one another. This is why His first gift to His disciples was peace.

This year carries a profound significance for the Church and the world, as we commemorate the **800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi**. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year as the Jubilee year of St. Francis; focusing on the theme **“Saint Francis Lives On”**. St. Francis of Assisi was the founder of the Franciscan religious order. He was also a leader of the movement of evangelical poverty. In 1979, Pope John Paul II recognized him as the patron saint of ecology. He is also revered as the patron saint of animals. In remembering this humble saint, we rediscover not only a herald of peace, but a man who embodied peace itself. His life was the living Gospel - simple, joyful and rooted entirely in Christ. His greeting, **“May the Lord give you peace”**, was no polite formality, but a prayer flowing from a heart transformed by God.

A personal encounter made this truth vivid for me. Three years ago, while visiting a clinic in Osmanabad, I noticed something remarkable at its entrance: the Peace prayer of St Francis, translated into Marathi, displayed prominently. What moved me was not merely the doctor’s appreciation of the prayer, but the fact that

a healing centre had embraced it as part of its mission. It was a silent testimony that **peace is integral to healing**. Just as medicine restores the body, peace restores the soul. That simple observation reminded me that peace transcends religion, boundary and limitation. It is the deepest longing of every human heart, and indeed, of all creation.

Without peace, there can be no true life, no authentic mission and no lasting joy. St. Francis grasped this truth profoundly. During the Crusades, when hostility defined relations between Christians and Muslims, he courageously crossed battle lines to meet the Sultan - not as an adversary, but as a brother. He chose dialogue over confrontation, respect over hatred. His example remains prophetic today. In a world quick to divide, Francis teaches us to unite. In a world eager to judge, he teaches us to listen. In a world inclined toward violence, he teaches us to love.

St. Francis was also deeply attuned to creation. His **Canticle of Creation** reflects this spiritual vision. He recognized that peace with God naturally blossoms into peace with creation. As our planet suffers from environmental devastation, his witness becomes ever more urgent. Peace is not only about human relationships; it is about living in harmony with all that God has made.

The peace of Christ is not fragile. It is stronger than hatred, deeper than fear and more enduring than conflict. It is rooted in the Resurrection, which assures us that love ultimately triumphs over death. This is the peace that transformed Francis. This is the peace that inspired generations of believers. And this is the peace the Risen Lord offers to each of us today.

As we celebrate Easter in this centenary year of St Francis, may we renew our commitment to live as instruments of Christ's peace. And may our lives, like his, become living witnesses to the transforming power of the Risen Lord - bringing hope to troubled hearts, harmony to divided communities and healing to our wounded world. May his humble greeting become our own daily prayer: "**May the Lord give you peace.**"

Fr. Simon D'Britto, *OFM Cap*



The Enduring Peace of the Risen Lord

We live in an age overshadowed by conflict. Selfishness, jealousy and pride tend to destroy love, trust and generosity. Misunderstandings within families and communities, disrupt harmony. Among nations, borders harden into barriers and differences deepen into divisions. In this fractured world, the Easter proclamation resounds with renewed urgency. Easter is not merely the celebration of victory over death; it is the **triumph of divine peace over human brokenness.**

Easter gives us hope amid life's turmoil. After His Resurrection, during the encounter with Mary Magdalene (Matthew 28:9) and the Apostles (John 20:19 - 22), Jesus greeted them by saying "Peace be with you". At this Easter, despite the bleakness of the world around us, despite the turmoil of wars, terrorism and calamities; we need to discern the peace of the Risen Lord. Easter reminds us that peace is not a human achievement, but a divine gift. A gift we are called to share.

We are also in the midst of the Franciscan Jubilee Year (10th January 2026 to 10th January 2027) declared by Pope Leo XIV to mark the **800th death anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi.** Christian Faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi and become models of holiness and constant witnesses of peace. St. Francis, who was a true alter Christus (another Christ) on earth, inspires us to live with Christian charity towards our neighbour and with a sincere longing for peace among peoples. Our Holy Father invites us in this centenary year to embrace the Franciscan way of peace and become "**disarming witnesses of Christ**" by laying aside the weapons of pride, anger and prejudice, and by radiating gentleness and love around us. This resonates with the Easter call: to encounter the Risen Lord and allow his peace to reshape our lives.

Every Christian is called to be a bearer of this peace - in the family, in the workplace, in society and in the world at large. When we encourage the distressed, we spread peace. When we forgive those who wound us, we spread peace. When we honour and protect creation, we spread peace. The '**Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**' is a meditation on becoming an instrument of God's peace. The prayer asks for the ability to bring love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy to a fractured world.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

The cover of this COM-UNION issue depicts St. Francis of Assisi gazing at the Risen Lord. Jesus came to give us peace and St. Francis showed us how to spread that peace. At this Easter, during the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, may each one of us pledge to be instruments of His Peace.

Anita DeSouza
Community F



Blessed are the Peacemakers

When Jesus came into the world, ‘**Peace on Earth**’ came too, and when he left the world, He left His Peace for each one of us. (Luke 24:36). We are blessed to receive the same ‘Peace of Christ’ at every Mass, especially during the Communion rite, and through the Sacraments. There is no doubt then, that Jesus Christ “is our peace” (Eph 2:14) and He is the “prince of peace” (Is 9:6).

The Church’s offer of peace is connected with the peace of Christ (John 14:27). The Word of God in 1 Peter 2:24 reminds us that Christ’s peace is the love that led Him to the Cross. Therefore, as we read in Eph 2:14-16, “*through His death on the Cross, Jesus reconciled mankind to God and also tore down the wall of hostility that divided people.*” (DOCAT-271)

The “**Prayer of St. Francis**” (or **Peace Prayer**) is a famous 20th-Century prayer associated with Saint Francis of Assisi, focusing on becoming an instrument of God’s peace by replacing negativity with love, hope and joy. It emphasizes self-

sacrifice, consolation and forgiveness, with key lines – “*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*”

The Peace Prayer calls us to model:

- Active Peace-making: Instead of passive waiting, it calls for action → sowing love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy.

- Self-Forgetfulness: It asks for the ability to focus on others’ needs, rather than seeking comfort, understanding, or love for oneself.

- Paradoxical Truths: Highlights that true receiving comes from giving, pardon from forgiving and life from dying (to self).

This prayer represents a dedication to **transforming hatred and conflict into love and harmony**, emphasizing that internal peace precedes external peace.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in his book ‘**The Way to Inner Peace**’ gives valuable advice on how to attain spiritual solace emphasizing that true peace comes from a relationship with Christ. He warns against the vices of hatred and judgment and encourages us to look beyond self-centredness and ego to find fulfilment and happiness.

Looking at today’s situation, many of us “*do not live in peace with ourselves, we act out of fear and uncontrolled emotions, and have lost the original harmony that man had with the world and ultimately with God*” (YOUCAT-66). Psychologists and counsellors advise about improving our Emotional Quotient (EQ) to be socially acceptable. One of the attributes of EQ is our ability to maintain peace with others (“Blessed are the peacemakers...”-Mt. 5). To be a peacemaker, we first need to be easy with ourselves for our own inner peace and happiness. Pray for wisdom

to handle difficult situations peacefully. DOCAT-272 teaches us that *“sharing the Gospel of peace in word and deed creates the beginnings of more and more genuine peace.”* The **Second Vatican Council spoke of the universal call to holiness**—the call of all the baptized to be a transforming leaven in their respective communities / society.

Practically, here are the eight habits that lead us to experience inner peace:

1. Praying and staying connected with the Lord. Pray to the Holy Spirit for the fruit (Gal 5:22-23) of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
2. Have Faith in the Lord’s healing and Peace. Don’t be Judgmental about yourself.
3. Be grateful for small things, small experiences - say ‘thank you’ early and often
4. Smile more, be yourself and don’t worry much! Reduce procrastination
5. Listen to understand, not to respond (Steven Covey)
6. Stop criticizing and gossiping (Sir 19:6 - *“Hating gossip will save one from evil”*)
7. Practice Justice (YOUCAT 395 says *“Peace is the consequence of Justice”*)
8. Service of others. (*“Fruit of service is peace”* – St. Mother Teresa). Remember, God is *“close to the broken hearted”* (Ps 34:19)

The **Resurrection experience can lead us to inner peace** by embodying the joy and hope that Jesus offers. Jesus offers inner peace that we can experience through

forgiveness and reconciliation with God, which helps us overcome fear and chaos. In Mark 5:34, Jesus heals a woman suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years and says *“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”* This encounter highlights the significance of faith in overcoming suffering and the assurance of peace that comes with it.

The Resurrection power is available in our daily lives, encouraging us to live with hope and purpose, even in challenging times. **Set aside time each day to ground yourself in the real meaning of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus and find God’s true peace and stillness this Easter season.**

May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ bring healing to our wounded world; Joy in our sufferings; hope in our despair and peace in our troubled world!

Johnson George
Catechist



The Sacrament of Healing: Reconciliation

Christ instituted the seven Sacraments for His Church. All the seven Sacraments impart grace, anointing and healing. Among the seven, there are two Sacraments exclusively for Healing, namely the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

In this article, we will focus on the **Sacrament of Reconciliation / Forgiveness / Penance.**

Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into sin. Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with Him. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Mark 2:7 teaches us that only God forgives sin and as John 20:21-23 says - by virtue of God's divine authority, He gives this power to men (Ordained priests) to exercise in His name. (Lumen Gentium 11, Catechism of the Catholic Church 1440-441, 1446).

We receive this Sacrament at Confession. Confession to a priest is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance. CCC 1455 explains the importance of confession – “The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, **frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others.** Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.” **In our Parish, parishioners have the facility of going to the Sacrament of Confession every Saturday between 6 pm and 7 pm, and anytime with prior appointment with the priests in the Parish. We also have special days for this Sacrament during Advent and Lent.**

The Church teaches that “after having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.” (Code of Canon Law, Canon 989) The Church also insists that “anyone who is aware of having **committed a mortal**

sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.” (CCC 1457)

The Church strongly recommends the confession of everyday faults. “The regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this Sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as He is merciful.” (Luke 6:36). (CCC 1458, CIC Canon 988 § 2)

The Acts of the Penitent:

- **The penitent should prepare** to receive this Sacrament by making an examination of conscience in the light of the Word of God (suggestions -Ten Commandments, Mt 5-7; Rom 12-15; I Cor 12-13; Gal 5; Eph 4-6). The act of contrition occupies first place. Contrition is “sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again.” “Penance requires the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction.” (CCC 1450-1454)
- **Act on the Penance given to you.** The penance the confessor imposes will take into account the penitent's personal situation and must seek his spiritual good. Many sins wrong our neighbour. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries).

Seal of Confession:

Be assured that under the Seal of Confession (CIC Canon 1386) every priest who hears confessions is bound to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of any knowledge about a penitent's life that he receives during confession. This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the "Sacramental Seal," because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains "sealed" by the Sacrament.

Remember: "Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession. There are profound reasons for this. Christ is at work in each of the Sacraments. He personally addresses every sinner: **'My son, your sins are forgiven.'** He is the physician tending each one of the sick who need Him to cure them. He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church." (CCC 1484)

In previous editions of our Com-Union magazine we have explained the Sacraments of the Catholic Church in detail, kindly refer to them. *These are Sacrament of Baptism – (Easter 2024), Sacrament of Holy Eucharist – (August 2024), Sacrament of Confirmation – (Easter 2025) and Sacrament of Marriage (August 2025).*

Johnson George,
Catechist

A Game of Grace: From Childhood Play to Priestly Reality



"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46). This was the overriding thought in my head when my Parish Priest spoke to me, regarding various vocations in life, after I had finished my 10th standard. I always desired to do something new and different in my life. I was grateful to be blessed with things such as an education and a new life in Christ. My inner voice spoke about reaching out to others. At that time all that the Parish Priest spoke was a jumble of words in my head.

My journey began when my parents, as a young couple, were attracted to the Catholic Faith. When they expressed their desire to be baptized, they were asked to 'hold on'. They patiently waited and after five years of their persistence and coming to Church every Sunday, they received Baptism in the year 2001. I was just five years old and my brother three years. Both of us along with our parents were accepted into the Catholic Faith.

I come from the remote village of Kawardha in Chhattisgarh where there are very few Catholics. Hence, nobody could ever perceive that there could be scope for vocation to the priestly life in this back of beyond place. In fact, I recall a game I would play with my brother and friends, when I was in my seventh standard. I used to act as a priest and cover myself with a yellow shawl. I used to sit on a chair like 'a priest' and would set a table with water and biscuits. I would dip the biscuit into the glass of water and give it to my brother and friends saying, "The body

of Christ.” They would come in line and receive the biscuits with reverence. Little did I imagine that this game, imitating the parish priest, would someday become a reality.

During that time, I did not know the process of becoming a priest. I wondered from where the Fathers came in their white long attire. I did not even know the existence of a seminary. My Parish Priest gently explained to me the whole process of priestly formation and how it required ten to twelve years of training and studies. My Parish Priest sent me to be counselled by a Franciscan Priest.

I joined the Order of Friars Minor (OFM - Franciscans) in the year 2015. The first year was spent learning English. After which, I started with the formal studies for the priesthood. I began my priestly formation at Nagpur and continued in various states of India namely Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Assam, Meghalaya and Maharashtra. At present, I am doing my Diaconate Ministry at St. Pius X Church Mulund, Mumbai.

With a deep sense of joy and gratitude to God, I, Deacon Ankit Kumar Baghel, OFM am glad to let you know that my ordination to priesthood is on 23rd of April 2026, at Nitya Sahayak Mata Church, Amera, Chhattisgarh. Kindly keep me in your prayers.

Dn. Ankit Kumar Baghel, *OFM*



Thank You, Fr. George

On 31st May 2026, we the parishioners of St. Pius X Church, will bid a fond Adieu to our dear Parish Priest, Fr. George Athaide. During his seven-year tenure, St. Pius X

Church - the building, the community and the functioning, has undergone a profound transformation.

Fr. George has been much more than just a parish priest. Truly, he has been an administrator, an education consultant, a Marian devotee, a community leader, a fellowship builder, an interior designer, an expert in civil work, a good preacher and a sensitive human being all rolled into one. With an eye for detail, he has been an administrator par excellence, in command of every situation; handling the most contentious of issues either in the parish, communities or school in a manner that satisfied everyone.

His enthusiasm is boundless, which led him to add many elements to the Church interior thereby rejuvenating our Church. Fr. George's considerate nature saw him add kneelers to the pews, making kneeling an ease while praying, and shift the Adoration Chapel to the ground floor making it accessible to the elderly and for passersby to whisper a quick prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. George would personally look into every detail and supervise the work quality. He got the compound floor raised, thereby preventing flooding of the compound in the rainy season. The anti-skid granite tiles used for the compound makes walking an ease especially for the seniors.

Fr. George in his immense wisdom adapts to the changing times. He gave the Church facade a visible identity with the illuminated nameboard in Marathi and the Red Cross that can be spotted from afar. The prayer boards in Hindi welcome all in their devotion to Mother Mary. He collaborated with the BMC and Cemetery Committee for upgrading the cemetery

and building a beautiful Chapel where Mass and final rites can be held.

With his immense experience as school principal, he renovated the 53-year-old primary school building and equipped it with the state-of-the-art facilities. This transformation has made the St. Pius X International School much sort after. Thank you, Father, for putting our school on an international map.

Fr. George is a Parish Priest ever available, always open to new ideas and attentive to suggestions and requests. Any parishioner who messages him is assured of a reply. When the whole Church underwent a sombre time during Covid, our Parish experienced the deep caring nature of Fr. George. He saw to it that the parishioners remained connected liturgically through the Parish YouTube channel with daily online Mass, Holy Hour Adorations, Parish Triduum and Feast, Parents' Day and Holy Week celebration.

Thanks to Fr. George our Parish is well connected through WhatsApp. Every announcement, be it details of an event or a funeral, reaches every parishioner near and far via a well-set system of messaging through community coordinators and association heads. He took a personal interest in the outreach programmes of the Vicent de Paul Society so that the marginalized are reached out to. He always made himself available at the smallest Parish event / activity, mingling and connecting with everyone - truly a priest for all people, always.

During his tenure here, Fr. George created a strong bond among the priests, despite the age difference in the Parish team. He mentored and guided six deacons and made a positive impact on their spiritual life.

Thank you, Fr. George, for tirelessly working towards taking our Parish to a higher level of vibrancy, for giving us a sense of pride and joy when we come to Church. May you be blessed with good health and the zeal and fervour to carry on the mission you have been chosen for. May our blessed Mother protect and keep you in her care.

On behalf of all the parishioners of St Pius X parish, wish you a fruitful ministry and the very best in your new assignment.

Anselm deSouza
Community F



Answering the Groaning Creation

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Gen 2:15). God created this beautiful world for the convenience and comfort of man, whom He created in His own image and likeness, **entrusting him the stewardship to care for His creation and to keep it for his progeny.** But man plundered creation with utter disregard, in greed for creating wealth for pleasure and passion, destroying the very nature that sustains him.*

In 1971, **Saint Pope Paul VI** referred to the ecological concern as “a tragic consequence” of unchecked human activity: *“Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation.”*

Saint John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. In his first

Encyclical, **Redemptor Hominis**, he warned that human beings frequently seem “*to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption.*”

Pope Francis at the beginning of his pontificate, responding to the urgency, in his Encyclical **Laudato Si'** (Praise be to You) addressed the concern and need to “*Care for Our Common Home*”. Our Archdiocese of Bombay responded in all earnestness by setting up an office dedicated to work towards establishing “**Greener Parishes**” throughout the diocese by 2030. This call to building a “Greener Parish” is for each one of us and our response cannot be anything other than a gigantic “YES”.

Our Parish Priest, Fr. George Athaide, responded to this ‘Cry of Creation’ by systematically building up a team of **Green Ambassadors**, represented by members from all the communities of St. Pius X Parish. This Eco-Cell, though in its infancy, is deeply committed to take this movement to a full-fledged active mode.

A six-member core team has been established to collaborate with a broader group representing all the communities within our Parish. Their goal is to guide the Parish and its parishioners toward greater environmental awareness, fostering sustainable lifestyles that contribute to a greener planet and help restore the earth to its natural glory.

We are a vibrant Parish, who wholeheartedly welcome and encourage all such initiatives for the common good. This call is to each one of us, to internalize and respond by coming forward and supporting this movement for building a Greener Parish, starting within our communities.

Let’s together strive to leave behind a better world for our children!

Michael Fernandez
Community B



VBJ 2025: Choosing Peace in a Troubled World

Vacation Bible Joy (VBJ) 2025 was a joyful and faith-filled journey for the children of our Parish, organized by the Bible Cell and SPARC from 20th to 25th October 2025. The programme was inaugurated at 9:00 am in the School Hall by Fr. George along with Fr. Denvel, who warmly welcomed the children and set the tone for an exciting week ahead.

This year’s VBJ theme, “**Choosing Peace in a Troubled World**,” guided every activity, lesson and interaction. Each day began with a **morning assembly and action songs** related to the theme, followed by engaging classes and daily memory verses.

Children were divided into three groups: **Sub-Juniors** (Std. 1-3), **Juniors** (Std. 5-7) and **Seniors** (Std. 8-10). The **interactive sessions**, which were fun, relatable and meaningful, helped the children go beyond memorization to truly understanding what peace means through the life of Old Testament characters and the teachings of Jesus. During the break, snacks were distributed by Ms. Susie Gomes and her team of youth volunteers from SPARC, whose dedication added warmth to the entire experience.

After the learning sessions, children enjoyed games and activities, as well as



Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Pius X Church, Mulund

The week of prayer for Christian unity invites churches to pray, reflect and work together, aiming for the “visible unity” of the Church. As part of the Christian Unity Week, an Ecumenical Prayer Service was held at St. Pius X Church, Mulund, on Wednesday 21st January 2026 after the evening Mass. Pastors of Christian churches who attended the service were Pastor Tribhuvan, Pastor Daniel, Pastor Santosh, Pastor Francis Bala and Pastor Jessin.

practised for the final-day performances, which included songs, skits and dances. The **final day** on 25th October was truly special - filled with joyful performances, Certificates and snacks, and ended with a deeply moving time of **Adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Church**, where parents and teachers prayed over the children in a powerful prayer circle.

VBJ 2025 was a beautiful reminder that Faith can be joyful, engaging and transformative.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” John 14:27

With heartfelt thanks to Fr. George, our Parish Priest, our Spiritual Director, Fr. Denvel, Deacon Ankit, the Bible Cell and the youth of SPARC, we look forward with excitement to **VBJ 2026**, hoping to welcome even more children, because **this is where Faith grows and peace begins!**

Honbrie Mendonca
SPARC

The theme of the prayer service ‘**Light from light for Light**’ prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church, highlighted Christ as the Light who heals division. After the initial introductory prayer, there was an intercessory litany and prayer of peace. The Liturgy of the Word included Readings from the Prophet Isaiah (58:6-11), Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd, Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-13) and the Gospel of John (12:31-36). Pastor Francis Daniel Bala of Bowen Memorial Methodist Church preached the Homily. **He explained how each of us are small and yet God has destined us for greater things and how great things, can be achieved in unity.**

The Liturgy of the Word was followed by the recitation of the Nicene Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and the closing prayer.

Our Parish Priest, Fr. George Athaide, thanked the members of the various Christian churches and the pastors for attending the service. **He emphasized on the need for unity, especially in the present times;** referring to Pope Leo XIV’s Coat of Arms *“In Illo uno*





unum”— meaning “*In the One, we are one.*” He invited the pastors to come forward, and holding hands together sang the concluding Hymn along with the congregation “*We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord...and they’ll know we are Christians by our love....*” The concluding Hymn aptly summarized the essence of the evening service – **We will walk hand in hand.**

May the Lord Jesus, who welcomed all who came to him, guide us to embrace one another in the unity of his love so that His prayer “that they all may be one” (John 17:21) will be fulfilled.

Anita DeSouza
Community F



Word of God Sunday at St. Pius X Parish, Mulund

St. Pius X Parish, Mulund, joyfully celebrated the **Word of God Sunday**. The celebration began on Saturday 24th January 2026 with the **Enthronement of the Bible** and the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.

The highlight of the day was the **Marathon Bible Reading**, where parishioners proclaimed the Scriptures in

multiple languages - English, Konkani, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, and Malayalam - interspersed with the **singing of Psalms**. This multilingual proclamation beautifully reflected the universality of the Word of God, reminding us that though spoken in many tongues, it carries one message of love and salvation.

Adding to the richness of the celebration, the Parish hosted the **Archdiocesan Biblical Exhibition** entitled “*How We Got the Bible*”. Displayed within the Church compound, the exhibition offered parishioners valuable insights into the history and transmission of Sacred Scripture, deepening their appreciation for the gift of the Bible.

The day’s events were a true testament to the Parish’s commitment to living and celebrating the Word of God. Parishioners left with renewed faith, inspired to carry the message of Scripture into their daily lives.



“I never knew the details, but the event was a real eye opener. The posters of the exhibition were artistically elegant.”
Mathew Joseph. *Community K*

“In today’s fast-paced world, this exhibition provides a much-needed opportunity to return to our roots. By illuminating the origins of the Bible, it encourages us not only to read and study the Word, but to actively incorporate its teachings into our daily lives. Thank you for this wonderful initiative. Keep Growing! Stay Blessed!”
 - Lorraine D’Souza, *Community C*



“Visiting the Biblical Exhibition was a truly enriching experience. Walking through the displays helped me reflect on the sacred journey of the Word of God and the dedication with which it has been preserved through time. The exhibition deepened my appreciation of the Bible as a living guide for our faith and daily life. I left feeling spiritually uplifted and more inspired to engage with Scripture in a meaningful way.”
 - Jasmine Cardoz, *Community J1*

Reena Poddar
Bible Cell Coordinator



Love Was in the Air on World Marriage Day!

On 8th February 2026, our parish family came alive with joy, laughter and a deep sense of commitment as we celebrated **World Marriage Day!**

The Family Cell brought together children and parishioners of all ages to honour the beautiful **Sacrament of Marriage** and the love that weaves our families together.

The **Postcard Gallery** was a treasure of cherished memories with photos of parents’ weddings, present-day moments and special snapshots from their journey together. And who could resist the **Selfie Point!** Parishioners clicked away, capturing the love and happiness that filled the air!



The Eucharist was a celebration of love and commitment with a thought-provoking homily that touched our hearts. **The highlight of the Mass was when couples, young and old, renewed their marriage vows, reaffirming their love and promises to each other.** The emotion in the Church was palpable as couples rekindled their love, feeling a renewed sense of devotion and joy!



The talk arranged by our Spiritual guide, Fr. Nobert on “**Fighting for Love**” was a fitting conclusion to the programme. A couple from Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) shared practical insights with their inspiring testimonies on nurturing successful marriages.

We give thanks to God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage and the family, which enriches our parish community.

Nancy Menezes
Family Cell



Sports Carnival 2026

The St. Pius X Parish Outdoor Activity Cell organized the Sports Carnival on 7th December comprising of an age group **Football Tournament for Men** and **Open Throwball Tournament for Women**, with the blessings and guidance of the Parish Pastoral Team. It was a grand success!

The Football tournament for men with 50 players was divided into three age groups. The Throwball tournament for women comprised of 24 players, who formed three teams.

Each match was intensely contested, showcasing passion, sportsmanship and true parish spirit. The winners and runners-up were proudly awarded trophies, making the competition both meaningful and memorable.

A special highlight of the day was the informative session by Ms. Anushka Bajaj, a physiotherapist, who spoke about sports injuries and preventive care. Her live demonstration on an injured participant was practical, insightful and greatly appreciated by all.



The matches were enthusiastically watched by many parishioners, who cheered every goal, every throw, every save and every point.

Adding tremendous energy to the atmosphere was the non-stop expert commentary by Mr. Henry Menezes - former India football goalkeeper, from Community H. His insights elevated the entire experience!

The tournament was well organized by the Parish Pastoral Team led by Fr. Denvel and efficiently assisted by the ‘**Evening Walkers**’, a spirited walking group of parishioners. Every small contribution blended perfectly to create something truly special. It was an absolutely enjoyable experience with close friends and fellow enthusiasts.

When a Parish comes together in unity, faith and fellowship, extraordinary things happen. Teamwork, dedication and community spirit turn simple events into unforgettable memories.

Wilfred D'mello

St. Pius X Parish, Outdoor Activity Cell



Indoor Sports Tournament 2026

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and friendly competition as the much-awaited **Indoor Sports Tournament** was held in our Parish on 8th and 15th February. Featuring popular games of **carrom, chess, badminton and table tennis**, the event turned into a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, unity and enthusiasm.

The tournament showcased a fine blend of strategy, skill and stamina. Carrom matches demanded precision and calm focus, while chess featured sharp tactics and patient play that kept spectators engaged. The badminton courts came alive with energetic rallies and powerful smashes, highlighting agility and teamwork. The table tennis matches were fast-paced and thrilling, displaying impressive reflexes and competitive spirit. Each event was conducted smoothly, with well-organized schedules, fair officiating and proper arrangements that ensured participants could perform at their best.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the tournament was the enthusiastic participation from all age groups. The remarkable **presence of women** participants added immense value to the event. From fierce badminton rallies to

strategic chess games and precise carrom shots, the ladies displayed confidence, competitiveness and true sportsmanship. Their active involvement reflects the growing encouragement for women in sports and sets a motivating example for younger generations.

Equally heartening was the **spirited participation of senior citizens and veteran players**. Their dedication, experience and calm approach brought depth to the competition. Watching veterans compete with energy and determination was a reminder that sports has no age limit - passion and commitment remain timeless.

The success of such a multi-sport indoor tournament is no small an achievement. The youth who organized the tournament with the guidance of Fr. Denvel and Dwayne Pereira, deserve heartfelt appreciation for their meticulous planning, coordination and dedication. From arranging equipment and match fixtures to ensuring smooth conduct and maintaining a positive environment, every detail reflected their hard work. By encouraging inclusivity across age groups they have set a commendable example for future events.

Beyond trophies and medals, the tournament stood as a celebration of

togetherness. Participants cheered for one another, families gathered to support their loved ones, and friendships were strengthened through healthy competition. Events like these remind us that sports are more than games - they are powerful tools that unite communities, inspire discipline and foster lifelong memories. Here's to many more such successful tournaments in the future!

Santosh Vincent
Community H



Lenten Pilgrimage to Walk the Way of the Cross, at Don Bosco, Karjat

On 3rd March 2026, parishioners of St. Pius X Church, led by Fr. Norbert, traveled to **Don Bosco Karjat for the Stations of the Cross.**

At Don Bosco, Fr. Anthony provided guidance and urged us to remain focused on the Lord. Fr. Norbert encouraged us to lift up our intentions, especially for the sick and suffering. Some of us carried a **wooden cross and wore a crown of thorns**, as we moved from one Station to the next. At each Station, we paused to pray and meditate, with the singing of hymns deepening the reflective atmosphere. Those carrying the cross experienced a deeper sense of Jesus' sacrifice, recalling: *"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you might follow in his steps."* (1 Peter 2:21)

After completing the Stations of the Cross, Fr. Norbert celebrated the Eucharist for



us. He connected the Passion of Christ to the Sacred Mysteries celebrated in the Holy Eucharist.

The pilgrimage concluded at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Karjat**, where the group prayed the Rosary for world peace, especially for the intentions of Our Lady of Fatima. We also venerated the **relics of Saints Francisco and Lucia.**

We were all filled with gratitude for being able to make it to the Final Station at the top of the mountain. It was a grace-filled experience, and we felt strengthened by Christ's words: *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33)

Premila Dsouza
Community I



Sunday School Mission Sunday Outreach

As part of our Mission Outreach Programme, the Sunday School children visited Our Lady's Home for Boys on 9th November 2025. They share about their unforgettable experience with the children at the Home:

It was really fun to talk and play with the boys at Our Lady's Home and learn more about them. This trip taught me to be grateful for what I have and showed me that love isn't in gifts, but in showing kindness to others, and it doesn't have to be with money, but taking time out from our day to spend with others. This trip was amazing and I'd love to go again.

- Crystal Pinto, *Grade 5*

Our Mission Outreach this year was super fun! The boys were so cool, and we played together like we'd always known each other. The best part was the action songs by our Sunday School teachers. There were 10 super cool game zones. We played team games, prayed the Rosary and even had a jam session... it was so much fun singing together.

- Siloam Sam, *Grade 6*



My experience at the Outreach melted my heart. I made friends with quite a few of the boys there, thanks to the team games. It made me even more happy to see their happy and excited faces. I noticed that the boys at the Home appreciate every little thing and show it with their enthusiasm, smiles and so many THANK YOUs. In the short time that I spent with the boys, I learnt that not everyone always gets everything they want in life and that we should never forget to appreciate the little things we have.

- Joshua Joseph, *Class 7*

We played exciting games, laughed together, shared happy moments and truly bonded. I got to know one boy more closely, and we talked until it was time to leave. This trip helped me understand that small moments of kindness and sharing can create lifelong memories of joy and happiness in the hearts of others, who may not be as fortunate as us.

- Princy Raj, *Grade 8*

Our visit to Our Lady's Home for Boys was a heart-warming experience. We played many games, danced and sang many songs together, which helped us to bond with the boys there. We enjoyed a delicious meal together that fostered a strong sense of community. That day, we returned home

with new friendships, beautiful memories and a joyful experience in our hearts.
- Sahil Chakranarayan, *Grade 10*



First Holy Communion Day

24 young children of our Parish received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion on 14th December 2025. They recount their cherished memories of this very special day and their faith preparation leading up to it.

My First Holy Communion was a profoundly enriching experience where I felt a deep sense of connection with Jesus and my loved ones. Receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time was a beautiful, spiritual moment. I understood the importance of love, kindness and community. The experience strengthened my bond with Jesus and has inspired me to be more compassionate. It was a day of pure joy and blessings.
- Lyra Philips

The last few months at Sunday School prepared me well for the Sacrament of Confession and Sacrament of Holy Communion. During the Intensive Week of preparation, I learnt about the different parts of the Mass, the prayers and responses, the hymns, and most importantly, how the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. I truly experienced God's mercy and comfort after making my first confession. On my First Holy Communion Day, I was filled with joy and excitement. At Mass, each child was given a prayer to read. It was one of the most memorable moments of my life.
- Kiara Arora

My First Holy Communion Day is the most blessed day of my life. We were all dressed in white and looked very beautiful, waiting to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives with lots of joy and love. Fr. Norbert D'Souza celebrated the Holy Mass. The joy when I received Jesus for the first time in my hands cannot be compared to any other celebration or experience in my life.

- Mycaila Joseph

I learnt that preparing for my First Holy Communion wasn't just about memorizing prayers, but also getting my soul ready to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and experience His peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As my understanding of the Holy Eucharist grew with each Sunday School class, the parts of the Liturgy started making sense to me. I now understand how the Last Supper connects with the bread and wine we see on the Altar. This Day is really the start of a whole new journey, where I get to grow close to Jesus, every time I receive Holy Communion.

- Isaac Fernandes

I felt very close to Jesus when I received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. I was a little nervous, but also very excited and proud to take this important step in my faith journey. Preparing through prayers and classes helped me understand the meaning of the Sacrament better. Celebrating this day with my family, teachers and friends made it even more joyful and unforgettable.

- Brendon Kanjanapilly



Sunday School Picnic

The Sunday School children had the time of their lives at their Annual Picnic to “Paradise Funland” on 1st February 2026 and they can’t wait to tell us all about it.

We had the best Picnic ever at Paradise Funland! On the bus we sang and danced to popular songs. I loved splashing in the swimming pool, doing the rain dance and putting crunchy fryums on my fingers like rings. Eating wriggly noodles, cold gola and pink candy floss made me feel so lucky and full. I thank our Catechists for taking good care of us on our big adventure.

- Luke and Caleb D’Souza, *Grade 1*

We went to a big waterpark for our Picnic. It was a fantastic place. It had lots of water rides and so many pools. I really enjoyed the water slides. The breakfast and lunch were very tasty. I had lots of fun at the many games I played with my friends and teachers. I just loved the Picnic!

- Jovita Felixneio, *Grade 2*

My favourite part at the Resort was the wave pool. In the kids’ pool, we enjoyed the yellow and blue slides the most. We also had very tasty food like ice gola and cotton candy! We had a great time too on the bus on our way back home. A wonderful picnic and an enjoyable day.

- Alister Dsouza, *Grade 3*

The Sunday School picnic to Paradise Funland Resort was full of fun. My favourite part was the wave pool and the water slides. It was excitement unlimited!

- Eleazar Dsouza, *Grade 4*

There was awesome breakfast waiting for us at the picnic



spot. We couldn’t have enough of the big slides, rain dance and the wave pool! We captured lots of pictures and memories on our teachers’ phones. By evening we were tired, yet energetic enough to enjoy our ride back home.

- Reagan Richard, *Grade 5*

On our way to the Resort, we danced to our favourite songs, sang many songs, played games and had lots of snacks. At the Resort there were slides, rides and my personal favourite - the wave pool! After a delicious lunch we headed to the amusement park. The rides were scary and thrilling at the same time. Later, we had a fun round of Housie.

- Myrah Noronha, *Grade 6*

We enjoyed the water-rides on the high-speed slides and stopped at the ice-gola and cotton candy machines to re-energize ourselves. Laughter echoed



around the table as we shared a tasty meal. This time round, we got more time to spend with our friends and enjoy the rides at the amusement park as well.

- Pearl Menezes and Ivana Savio, *Grade 7*

*Our Sunday School picnic was full of cheer,
At Paradise Funland, fun was everywhere.
We splashed and laughed in the shining sun,
Sliding and playing till the day was done.
We shared a happy lunch side by side,
A beautiful memory we hold with pride.*

- Joshua Sequeira, *Grade 8*

Paradise Funland looked vibrant and lively - the bright, colourful slides and sparkling blue pools welcomed us. The slides were breathtaking and were the favourite part of my visit. After hours of fun, we enjoyed an appetizing lunch together. Sharing food and clicking lively photographs together made the experience even more delightful. The picnic truly refreshed our minds and strengthened our bonds of friendship.

- Isaiah C Nazareth, *Grade 9*



What is Sunday School all About?

Every Sunday, children gather eagerly for the 8:15 am Mass, animated by the children. As the Mass ends, the excitement builds up even more. Children hurry to their respective classes with enthusiasm. For us kids, **Sunday School has been the highlight of the week**, a time to deepen our understanding of Faith and God's love for us, in the best way possible... alongside our friends.

Each class begins with a prayer, and our dedicated teachers guide us through the

lives of inspiring saints and the wonders of the Bible. We learn valuable lessons, ask curious questions and grow in our Faith together.

To enhance our excitement, our teachers foster a spirit of teamwork and friendly competition through **Bible Quizzes**. Winning teams are rewarded with colour-coded coupons, which earn us Prize Money that we can use at the end of the year to buy our own Prizes - books, keychains, rosaries, rings, etc. This innovative approach keeps us all excited and motivated to try to win as many quizzes as we can, as well as encourages us to be regular and participate actively in all the classes.

We even have these wonderful **Faith Celebration Days**, where we get a chance to meet with children from the other Parishes in our Deanery. We learn more about a particular aspect of our Faith with the help of a guest speaker. These sessions are real fun with icebreakers, group games, action songs and a break for snacks.

Our experience at Sunday School over the past 10 years has not only helped us grow in our Faith, but also in understanding ourselves better. It has helped us maintain our relationship with God, as well as strengthen our bonds of friendship with one another. We hope that our wonderful experience will encourage all the children of our Parish, not to miss out on being part of the Sunday School, so that they can grow well, not just physically, but also spiritually.

- Alarice Pereira, Aldora Leitao and
Ashlynn D'Souza, *Grade 10*



Music at the Mount... and Beyond

*“Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord” -
Psalm 95*

In September 2024, the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra**, opened its doors to parishes across our Archdiocese in a special way - inviting priests and lay ministers to animate the Liturgical Services celebrating the birthday of Mother Mary. Each deanery was assigned a day, and parishes were appointed for the morning and evening Masses during the Novena and Octave Week.

The initiative was a huge success, with enthusiastic participation by Lectors, Choirs and Altar Servers at every Mass. It was a tremendous joy and honour for our parish Choir to lead the singing for one of the Novena Masses. Our group, led by Fr. George, included some of our Lectors, Altar Servers and EMHC. While we have previously sung for certain Archdiocesan services, for some of our choristers this was a first experience - singing for Mass beyond our parish and leading thousands of pilgrims of all faiths in Eucharistic worship.



In 2025, we took our outreach a step further. After singing for Mass at the Mount celebrated by Fr. Norbert, we brought festive joy to **Clergy Home**, singing yesteryear party songs with the

resident priests. It was wonderful to meet some of the priests who had served in our parish and recall fond memories with them. The smiles on their faces, cheer in their voices and the blessings of their hands will remain forever etched in our hearts.

In December, we received another invitation: to participate in **Magnificat** - a Christmas choral festival for parish choirs presented by **St. Michael Church, Mahim**. Eight choirs from parishes across Mumbai celebrated the joy of Christmas with an evening of sacred choral music. We were both delighted to represent our parish, and awed to share space with some of these eminent choirs. The high point of the programme was the grand finale sung by all the choirs together at the Altar steps - truly an experience of a lifetime!



Cantare amantis est - St. Augustine

The music ministry is a labour of love. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to our priests, our parishioners, our families and all who support us in this commitment. Through our singing at every Mass, we pray for you all - twice!

Rhea Pinto
St. Pius X Parish Choir



Congratulations

Bishop Stephen Fernandes Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay!



- 20th September 1961 : Born in Mumbai
31st March 1990 : Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Bombay
25th October 2025 : Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Bombay by Pope Leo XIV
3rd January 2026 : Consecrated Bishop by Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli

Coat of Arms

“Ad Pacem Fovendam cum Sapientia et Misericordia”
Let Peace come upon us with Wisdom and Mercy



Diya: Fire - signifies wisdom and enlightenment

Dove: Air - symbol of peace, reconciliation and the Holy Spirit

Globe: Earth - our responsibility as stewards of God's creation

Boat: Water - sign of the Church - the “Barque of Peter”

Anchor: of Hope



St. Pius X Feast Mass - August 2025



Christ the King Feast 2025



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Mission Outreach to Our Lady's Home for Boys

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Picnic Time





First Holy Communion 2025



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World Marriage Day: Fighting for Love!



Lenten Pilgrimage to Don Bosco, Karjat

Parish Sports



Community Feast Day Celebrations



St. Blaise Community (B)



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To be Ordained a PRIEST on 23rd April 2026
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Sr. Karuna CTC



Silver Jubilee of Religious Consecration
on 28th May 2026.
Sr. Karuna has served 9 years in our school
as Primary Supervisor.

Ms. Daniela Pereira



Daughter of Dwayne and Delilah, received a Silver Medal
for securing the 2nd rank in the Bachelor's Degree in
Computer Applications (BCA) from Somaiya University.

Dr. Johnson George



Received a Diploma in Theology
from St. Peter's Pontifical Institute,
Bengaluru.



Happy Birthday Fr. George!

“Jesus, I trust in You” - A Call to Trust, Prayer and Mercy

The Divine Mercy Apostolate (DMA) at Mulund is a prayer community inspired by the message of Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska and proclaimed by St. John Paul II. **At the heart of this devotion is the simple yet powerful prayer: “Jesus, I trust in You.”** This message invites us to trust completely in God’s merciful love and to share that mercy with others through acts of compassion and service.



Living this call, the apostolate visited Snehasadan, Jogeshwari, and the Missionaries of Charity at Vile Parle on 28th November 2025, along with our Spiritual guide Fr. Ilayaraja. The community also nurtured its faith through spiritual outings to Mount Mary’s, Bandra and Divine Mercy Church, Bhayandar, deepening devotion and unity.

The DMA Mulund meets every Friday at 6:15 pm for prayer and fellowship. After the Holy Eucharist at 7 pm, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, entrusting the needs of the world to the merciful Heart of Jesus.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join the Divine Mercy Apostolate for prayer, fellowship and spiritual renewal. Together, let us grow in trust and become living witnesses of God’s mercy.

Fiva Cardoza
Divine Mercy Apostolate



Senior Citizens Day: A Resounding Success!

On 2nd October 2025, our Parish celebrated Senior Citizens Day with great enthusiasm and warmth. The event, held at the School Hall, brought together about 200 of our beloved seniors for a day of fun, fellowship and appreciation.

The day commenced with a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Nobert, who gave a very inspiring Homily. His advice to us was that we should accept the fact that we are ageing and visit the doctor when needed. **We should not feel shy of carrying a walking stick for support.** Fr. Nobert referred to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation, who carried a stick wherever he went and was never ashamed of this. Even at that age he was agile and active. Likewise, we too should not hesitate to go to a doctor whenever we fall sick, carry a walking stick for support, yet be agile and active.

After Mass, breakfast was served, followed by a Grand March. The members from the Senior Citizens Committee put up an action song and organized some lively games. The celebrations ended with a delicious meal. **Our seniors enjoyed the games, music and lively conversations, which fostered a sense of community and connection.**

We thank the Fathers for their continuous support, and for being with us through the whole programme. A big thank you, to the organizing committee for their tireless efforts in making this event possible. Their dedication to our senior citizens is truly inspiring. The large attendance for every programme organized for the senior citizens is very encouraging.

We continue to honour and cherish our senior citizens as beacons of wisdom, love and faith.

Franklin D'Silva
Senior Citizens Committee



Hope and Life Association - Be Happy!

The Hope and Life Association meets every month providing members with the opportunity to interact with one another and share their experiences. **These happy occasions are filled with chat sessions, games, snacks and birthday celebrations.**

The experiences shared enhance our lives and inspire us to forge ahead, while the activities enable us to learn, display our talents, and above all, provide an escape from the boredom and responsibilities of a single parent.

Spouses Day was celebrated on 6th November 2025. On this day we prayed for our spouses who are no longer with us, and we shared a meal in their honour, preparing dishes that they liked.

On 10th January 2026, widows from all over Mumbai gathered at **St. Bonaventure Church** in Erangal, Madh Island, to celebrate the **Hope and Life Association Annual Day** - a day that began with the Eucharist, followed by a cultural event and a simple lunch.

We had a **New Year's Party** on 4th February 2026, with games and delicious home-cooked food prepared by our members.

These activities keep us motivated and the fellowship strengthens our bond with one another. Join us and share our joy!

Ida D'Souza
Hope and Life Association



As a part of our activities, we visited **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kalyan**. While the journey was long, the day was spent fruitfully, learning about the history of the Church through the animated words of Fr. Denvel, who accompanied us. Interesting games kept us buzzing in the afternoon and fancy prizes were an added delight.

The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Mulund Unit

The Managing Committee of The Bombay Catholic Sabha (BCS), Mulund Unit, meets once a month to plan and discuss activities aimed at serving and supporting the Parish community.

In October 2025, our parishioner **Ms. Shanti Countinho**, was elected as the **Thane Deanery Councillor**, assuming the responsibility of overseeing the functioning of BCS units in eight Parishes across the Thane-Powai region. On 8th November 2025, our unit hosted the quarterly Deanery Meeting in our Parish.

The Bombay Catholic Sabha actively participates in peaceful protests across Mumbai on significant socio-political issues, expressing our concerns and urging the civic and political authorities to initiate necessary reforms. A silent protest was held in July 2025 against the uprooting of trees in Bhayander for a Metro car shed, and in November 2025, an Awareness Protest was held against the proposed 'Freedom of Religion' Bill.

The BCS carried out several community initiatives in our Parish such as distributing flags on Independence Day, donating 30 saplings to parishioners, and hosting a **Career Counselling Seminar in September 2025**, where Academic Excellence Awards with cash prizes and trophies were presented to students.

On 11th January 2026, at a Special General Body meeting, **Mr. Vivian Fernandes** was elected as the new **Chairman of our Unit**.



Sabha Day, our annual event, was celebrated on 26th January 2026. The programme highlighted the various initiatives undertaken across Mumbai. Awards were presented to deserving units in recognition of their efforts. We are proud that the Mulund Unit received an **Appreciation Award** on this occasion.

The BCS Committee remains committed to serving our parishioners through

programmes focused on **environmental concerns, socio-political awareness and youth development**. We encourage parishioners who wish to support or collaborate with us in these endeavours to contact the Managing Committee.

We also express our sincere gratitude to the Parish Priest and his team for supporting us in all our undertakings.

Grace Tressler
Hon. Secretary, BCS



Many Voices, One Heart

“O how good and pleasant it is when we live in unity” - Psalm 133

Every year, on 22nd November, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Cecilia** with Mass offered for our choirs. Last year, our Parish Priest Fr. George decided to make this an occasion to express appreciation and gratitude to those who dedicate their time and talent to our Church’s music ministry throughout the year.

With the support of a small core team, Fr. George invited choirs, cantors and musicians to a **special get-together**. About 75 of us gathered in the St. Pius X School Hall on the feast day. We were welcomed with refreshments and spent a few moments wishing each other. The evening began with a prayer, followed by games, with Fr. George compering in his inimitable witty style. Fr. Norbert, Fr. Denvel and Dn. Ankit joined in too, making it a true celebration of clergy and community.

The group games tested our knowledge on topics ranging from the life of St. Cecilia



to the musical legacy of our Church and some trivia that had everyone excitedly discussing and sharing their thoughts. Several rounds of musical chairs, with quick improvisation, kept everyone on their toes.

Next were spot performances, with each group coming on stage to **sing original compositions based on a theme**. This brought out the creativity and versatility of members of different choirs as they worked together to compose and present songs in various styles and languages within a short timeline. Some of our choirs also put up short, pre-rehearsed performances.

Everyone then joined in to sing and sway to a **delightful medley of old party favourites**. For older choristers, this revived fond memories, and it was great to see the youth picking up these tunes and singing enthusiastically.

The core team screened a comical action song that had everyone on their feet, moving and grooving to much laughter and amusement. Then the prizes were

announced, with everyone cheering the winners and sharing the goodies won.

The evening closed with **dinner and thanksgiving** for the abundance of talent in our Parish, and for our Priests who encourage and support us. Special thanks to Fr. George and the core team who brought us all together in shared harmony and joy.

Choral singing connects the human to the divine. If you would like to join the music ministry of our Parish, you are welcome to meet any of our choir leaders - anytime!

Rhea Pinto
St. Pius X Parish Choir



The Pulse of St. Blaise Community: Faith, Fellowship and Fun

Building a vibrant community requires a balance of spiritual reflection, communal connection and shared joy. This past year, we were blessed to experience all three

under the dedicated leadership of our Community Coordinator, Anitha Dsouza and her team of committed Animators.

On 9th November 2025, we visited the **cemetery at Mulund East**, continuing our annual tradition of praying for our departed family members and parishioners. This time of prayer was more than a ritual; it was **a reflection on our own mortality and a beautiful way to preserve the memory of those who have gone before us.**

Spiritual nourishment has remained at the core of our community life through our monthly Bible sessions. Led by Michael Fernandez from the Bible Cell, we have been studying the **Letter of St. James**. These sessions provide a practical roadmap for a holistic Christian life, reminding us that faith without works is dead. We have been challenged to bring Biblical principles into our daily routines - **learning to “tame the tongue”, practising impartiality towards the poor and finding the strength to persevere through trials.**

While Bible study revitalizes our spiritual health, our social activities have deepened the bonds within our community. In December, we visited the homebound to share the joy of the season, singing carols and gifting small tokens of our love. We carried this warmth into the new year with a relaxing **community picnic at Golden Swan Resort** on 26th January - a day filled with laughter and camaraderie.

The highlight of our year was the Feast of St. Blaise, our community Patron, celebrated with a solemn Mass on 3rd February and an eagerly awaited get-together on 8th February. It was an evening of much joy and enthusiasm, bringing together members of all ages for



fellowship, fun and the continuation of our shared traditions.

We are grateful to Anitha and our Animators for their dedicated service throughout the year. Thanks also to our community members for their support and participation in all our activities.

Hazel Toscano
Community B



Infant Jesus Community: Grounded in Faith, United in Love and Serving with Joyful Hearts

The Infant Jesus Community has been richly blessed through activities that have nurtured our faith and fostered a stronger spirit of unity among us.

In November 2025, for the Feast of Christ the King, our animators decorated beautifully the entrance gate of St. Pius X Society (D-Blocks), which was along the path of the procession. The community members participated in the community Adoration wholeheartedly, and the joined the solemn procession in the evening.

On 6th December 2025, our community organized an evening get-together with dinner at Bombay Barista (Chopsticks). The evening was vibrant and engaging, filled with exciting games, delightful starters, music, dance, fun activities and a game of Housie. **The fellowship and joy shared by everyone present made the event memorable and enriching.**

During the week we decorated the **Community Christmas Star**. Though simple in its design, the activity was filled with joy and unity, helping us prepare our hearts meaningfully for the Christmas Season.

On 1st February 2026, we celebrated our Community Feast Day with great enthusiasm and participation. The



celebration featured a community march, an energetic action dance and a variety of entertaining games. Members were welcomed with starters, followed by a delicious meal. **The entire programme was lively, well-coordinated and reflected the strong bond within our community.**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community members for their unwavering participation, cooperation and support in making all these events successful.

Joylynn Sequeira
Community C



Our Lady of Lourdes Community: Feast Day Celebrations

On 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our **community celebration** began with the 7 pm evening Mass, followed by a get-together in the School Hall.

We began the **programme** in the hall with a **special prayer service**. Fr. George, our spiritual director, along with Dn. Ankit, prayed a special blessing over the members. We were also honoured to have Sr. Vivian join us for the get-together.

The celebrations continued with an energetic Community March, vibrant



dances, exciting team games, fun activities for all age groups, spot prizes and a thrilling round of Housie!

The Feast Day celebrations created a special bonding with the members of our community. It touched our hearts and minds, making us look forward to more such events.

Chris Menezes
Community E



St. John Community: Guided by God, United in Prayer

Faith becomes meaningful when it is lived with daily prayer, service and shared moments within the Church. **Our spiritual journey is shaped not only by personal devotion, but also by the encouragement we receive from one another.**

Guided by our patron, St. John the Evangelist, our community offers its



members various ways to draw closer to God. Activities such as the pilgrimage to Mount Mary's Basilica, October Marian Rosary, Community outing, Carol singing, Epiphany Feast celebrations and our community get-together unite families and deepen our bonds in Christ.

Sharing in these experiences reminds us that Faith is strengthened when lived together. Members are also encouraged to participate in Parish events like the Bible Quiz and Monsoon Dhamaka, which builds confidence, cooperation and togetherness, while progressing spiritually.



Scripture tells us, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20). These words truly reflect what we feel, **God's presence becomes evident whenever we assemble in prayer and fellowship.**

Our path forward continues to be guided by God, strengthened through the Church and enriched by shared fellowship. We extend sincere gratitude to our spiritual leader, community coordinator, animators and every member, whose encouragement makes our community truly a family. May we continue moving forward together in faith, love and closeness to God.

Sanya Crasta,
Community J1



St. Valentine Community: The Joy of Togetherness

As a family, we feel truly blessed to have become part of the St. Valentine Community in St. Pius X Parish. From the very first day, we were welcomed with such **warmth and kindness** that it felt like we had found our second home. The love shown by the priests and community members deeply touched our hearts and made us feel embraced.



One of the most cherished moments for us was when my mother had the opportunity to **proclaim God's Word during the Marathon Bible Reading**. She was both nervous and excited, but the encouragement she received gave her the courage to step forward. The appreciation and kind words that followed meant so much to her, and to us, and strengthened our faith in a very special way.

We are grateful for every act of love we've experienced here, whether it was someone patiently answering our questions, guiding us in Parish activities, or simply greeting us with a smile. Each gesture has reminded us of Christ's love. The **Community get-together** was another highlight, giving us the chance to laugh, share stories and grow closer to other families. That spirit of unity and joy truly reflects the heart of our Parish.

We thank God for leading us to St. Pius X Parish and for blessing us with such a caring Parish family. We look forward to continuing this journey of faith together, serving joyfully and building lasting friendships in the years to come.

*Jesu David, a new parishioner
Community L*



St. Nicholas Community: A Year of Faith, Fellowship and Celebration

It's been an eventful year at St. Nicholas Community. We participated in the St. Pius X Feast 2025 celebrations and various competitions and emerged as **The Champions of 2025**. Members displayed exceptional talent, commitment and teamwork winning prizes in all the Feast events. A victory celebration was held at Mallika Banquets on 31st August 2025.

Having the **Jubilee Cross** in our Community during the month of August was a spiritually enriching experience. The Cross was venerated in 44 homes, where families gathered to pray with devotion. On 21st September, we went on



a **picnic** to Golden Valley Resorts, Thane. The month of October was dedicated to Mamma Mary where families gathered in various homes to pray the Rosary together.

The year concluded on a joyful high note with the **Feast of our Community Patron, St. Nicholas**, on 7th of December. The celebration featured a Red-Carpet theme, with members dressing up in their evening best. The party was vibrant, lively and engaging with music, games, dance and yummy food. The highlight of the evening was the **Felicitation Ceremony**, honouring winners and participants with trophies that boosted their morale and reinforced a strong community spirit.

This Lenten Season, members actively participated in the **Way of the Cross**

conducted at different homes, meditating on our Lord's Passion and Death, while interceding for various petitions. As a part of our **Lenten Mission**, we organized a collection for **The Sisters of the Cross, Khopoli**, an institution that supports widows and children from the surrounding villages. The mission reminded us of the true essence of Lent - compassion, sacrifice and love in action.

With grateful hearts and renewed enthusiasm, we look forward to many more community events.

Sherly Raj
Community N



St. Anthony Community: Staying United and Joyful

In July 2025, St. Anthony Community teamed up with the communities of St. Michael and St. Paul to participate in Monsoon Dhamaka. The rains at the start helped bring in the right mood and everyone enjoyed the games. It helped us connect with the members from the other communities.



The **Jubilee Cross prayers** in the family and the October Rosary helped us to come together in various homes.

We celebrated our **Community Feast** on 2nd October 2025. We began with the Rosary and a Prayer Service, played games and had a round of Housie. The evening ended with a delicious dinner.

On 9th November 2025, we went for **picnic** to R S Farms at Khaniwali. After an enjoyable breakfast, we had outdoor party games, a dip in the pool and a dance session, which was followed by a sumptuous lunch. The afternoon was a time for dumb charades and the evening for a game of Tug of War. We enjoyed the day together and left the picnic spot with happy memories.

For Christmas, we made a beautiful Star that was hung in the Church compound. On 3rd January 2026, we had our **Christmas Tree Party**. Santa Claus led the Community March to the tune of Christmas songs. The group games were enjoyed by all, as was the cake and snacks. All these activities have kept our Community united and joyful.

Richard Dsouza
Community P



Our Lady of Fatima Community's Lenten Journey with Jesus

Accompanying Jesus along the Stations of the Cross has been a meaningful and prayerful way to bring together members of the community.

During the Lenten Season, families opened their homes in the evenings to community members, especially the senior citizens, to remember and **meditate on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ**. The quiet time of the evening created a prayerful atmosphere, helping everyone to focus deeply on the prayers and reflections at each Station.



Our senior citizens played a special role in this prayer service. Their presence and participation added depth and inspiration to the gathering. Many of them lead the prayers or read the reflections, sharing their faith and life experience with the younger generation. This strengthened the bond between generations and encourages unity within the community.

As participants moved from one home to another, they reflected on themes of suffering, forgiveness, sacrifice and hope. The service encouraged us to examine our own lives and grow closer to God.

The evening prayer setting also provided a peaceful break from daily chores. It became a time of silence, gratitude and renewal. **Praying the Stations of the Cross has not only deepened our individual faith, but also strengthened community ties**, fostering love, compassion and togetherness among all members.

Godrey Pereira
Community Q



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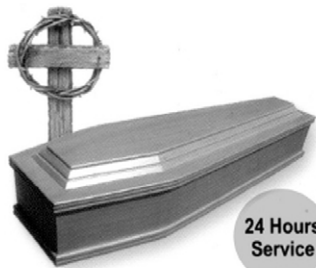
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Easter Quiz 2026

- 1) In the four Gospels, how many times in total does Jesus say “Peace be with you” after His Resurrection?
 - a) Once
 - b) Twice
 - c) Thrice
 - d) Four times

- 2) At Mass, the priest prays, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church...” From where in the Bible is the Priest quoting?

- 3) When was the Peace Prayer of St. Francis first published?
 - a) 1209
 - b) 1225
 - c) 1786
 - d) 1912

- 4) How many times did Jesus predict His Passion, Death and Resurrection?
 - a) Once
 - b) Twice
 - c) Thrice
 - d) Four times

- 5) When did Saint Francis of Assisi compose The Canticle of the Sun?
 - a) 1193
 - b) 1212
 - c) 1224
 - d) 1228

- 6) Which Pope wrote the encyclical “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth)?
 - a) Pope Francis
 - b) Pope Benedict XVI
 - c) Pope John XXIII
 - d) Pope John Paul I



- 7) When was “Queen of Peace” added to the Litany of Our Lady?
- a) During World War I
 - b) During the Great Depression
 - c) During World War II
 - d) During the Communist Regime
- 8) When does the Catholic Church celebrate “World Day of Peace”?
- a) 1st January
 - b) 1st May
 - c) 2nd October
 - d) 25th December
- 9) How many Bishops, Priests and Religious have received the Nobel Peace Prize?
- a) Six
 - b) Four
 - c) Three
 - d) Eight
- 10) In which letter does Saint Paul encourage Christians to live in harmony with one another, live peaceably with all?
- a) Galatians
 - b) Ephesians
 - c) Romans
 - d) Colossians

Answer the quiz, tear off this sheet and put it in the box outside the Parish Office by 18th April 2026.

Name: _____, Mobile: _____ Community: _____

Winners of “Quiz on ‘Holy Years’ of the Church” – August 2025

Nigel Cherian (Community I), Nathan Dsouza (Community H)



Welcome to the St. Pius Family



PARENTS' NAMES	CHILD'S NAME	BAPTISM DATE
Neil Dsouza and Nicole Fernandes	Eleanor	16.11.2025
Melvin Arackal and Harshada Gavde	Zen	30.11.2025
Michael Cardoza and Chaitali Sawant	Anvik	30.11.2025
Anthony and Celine Dcosta	Jennifer	04.12.2025
Ryan Kolarikkal and Chinju Varghese	Amyrah	21.12.2025
Niranjan Joshi and Relisha Dsouza	Neev	04.01.2026
Agnel and Azellia Sequeira	Clare	01.02.2026
Wayne and Evita Mendonca	Elara	06.02.2026
Siddharath Pereira and Lisa Noronha	Xander	15.02.2026
Siddharath Pereira and Lisa Noronha	Xenia	15.02.2026
Rambrij and Rani D'Costa	Celine	20.03.2026
Werner and Samantha Fernandes	Jeh Paul	22.03.2026



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NAMES	WEDDING DATE
Anil Gawli and Cornelia Lofila Sequeira	26.09.2025
Rohan Anthony Dcunha and Avilya Almeda	25.10.2025
Shakthivel and Pearlina Veigas	08.11.2025
Rayan Dsouza and Nisha Castelino	16.11.2025
Reuben Chowallor Francis and Maria Josina Stany	29.11.2025
Anthony Dcosta and Celina Dcosta	04.12.2025
Jennel Ancil Dsa and Prahula Catherine Lewis	13.12.2025
Aaron Ambrose Mascarenhas & Shemona Dominica Maria Lobo	20.12.2025
Kelvin Castellino and Jessica Fernandes	20.12.2025
Sandesh Dmello and Avita Ferrao	21.12.2025
Ryan Joseph Collaco and Andrea Joseph	01.01.2026
Vernon Corda and Percy Natalia Karat	04.01.2026
Swapnil Surve and Cora Neycken	09.01.2026
Kartik Pramod and Junita Aranha	11.01.2026
Alistair Almeida and Anushka Tauro	17.01.2026
Chris Glenn Paul and Joanne Annie Gonsalves	18.01.2026
Patrick Alick Miranda and Chevron Anna Dsouza	24.01.2026
Daniel Joaquim Fernandez and Kinnari Pravin Raut	31.01.2026
Benjamin Jerome Fernandes and Mary Kounder	01.02.2026



May you Rest in Peace



NAME	AGE	RETURNED TO GOD
Jennifer Emella Francis	87 yrs	09.08.2025
Gabriel Fernandes	81 yrs	09.08.2025
Michaela Alphonso	71 yrs	27.08.2025
Abraham Kalis Cardoza	88 yrs	03.09.2025
Richard Lobo	75 yrs	03.09.2025
Selvan Arumai Nathan	45 yrs	05.09.2025
Mayakal Aanthoni Gaikward	83 yrs	23.09.2025
Bernadette Borges	85 yrs	25.09.2025
Tony Albert Monteiro	80 yrs	28.09.2025
Anthony Cavin Lobo	48 yrs	05.10.2025
Andrews Gabriel	39 yrs	06.10.2025
Sublaxmi Devadass Vailuvan	81 yrs	20.10.2025
Ruby Benedicta Lobo	79 yrs	24.10.2025
Piad Mary Goveas	83 yrs	08.11.2025
Gerald Lobo	64 yrs	13.11.2025
Lucy Joaquim Mendonca	88 yrs	21.11.2025
Rosalinw Mary Daniel	71 yrs	30.11.2025
Philomena Tauro	82 yrs	05.12.2025
Silester Marshal Castelino	80 yrs	17.12.2025
Andrew B, Dowling	75 yrs	18.12.2025
Bernard Ronald Dsilva	73 yrs	27.12.2025
Placid Joseph Dsouza	87 yrs	03.01.2026
Janerine Phillip Dsilva	89 yrs	17.01.2026
Peter Jerome Crasto	71 yrs	11.02.2026
Joseph D'almeida	83 yrs	13.02.2026
Flavia Rocky Nazareth	83 yrs	15.02.2026
Kalpana Luke Mendonca	67 yrs	21.02.2026
Rosy Anthony Dsouza	63 yrs	01.03.2026
Elizabeth Lopes	69 yrs	15.03.2026
Monica Mercine Rodrigues	91 yrs	17.03.2026
Anthony Joseph David	90 yrs	21.03.2026
Theodoline D'Souza	81yrs	21.03.2026

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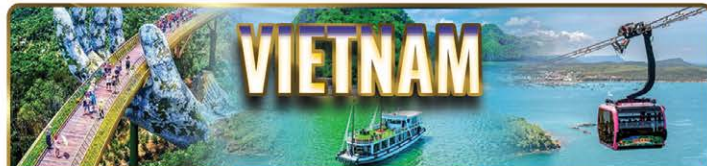
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"We place our destiny in the hands of the LORD, not in human hands, because his mercy is as great as his majesty" Sirach 1-3