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Editorial

-Fr. Prashanth Wilson Fernandes

As we step into the month of July, we are graced with the celebration of three great spiritual lights in our Church: St. Thomas the Apostle, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each of these feasts invites us to grow in our faith, deepen our commitment to God, and rediscover the joy of discipleship.

We begin with St. Thomas the Apostle, whose feast we celebrate on July 3rd. Often remembered as the "Doubting Thomas," he is in truth a profound symbol of faith that wrestles and rises. His encounter with the Risen Lord reminds us that faith is not the absence of doubt but the courage to seek, question, and believe. His bold confession, "My Lord and my God," remains one of the most powerful acts of faith in Scripture. As the apostle to India, he holds a special place in our hearts and history, calling us to live and witness to Christ fearlessly in our land.

On July 16th, we turn to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a title that recalls Mary's maternal closeness to those who seek the face of God in contemplation and service. The scapular devotion associated with this feast is more than a piece of cloth—it is a sign of Mary's protection, a call to purity, prayer, and perseverance. In a world clouded by noise and restlessness, Our Lady of Mount Carmel invites us to silence, interiority, and trust in her Son.

We close the month with the fiery spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 31st. A soldier turned saint, Ignatius teaches us that true greatness lies in surrender to God's will. His motto, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" (For the Greater Glory of God), is not just for Jesuits but for every Christian who desires to live meaningfully. Through discernment, inner conversion, and a passion for mission, St. Ignatius invites us to see God in all things and to serve Him in all places.

May this month be an opportunity for each of us to rediscover our call to faith like Thomas, fidelity like Mary, and fire like Ignatius. Let us continue to walk as a parish community rooted in prayer, growing in love, and committed to the mission of Christ. Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled July.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST



The Feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church—the day when the apostles, once fearful and confused, were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into bold witnesses of Christ. As we celebrate this great feast, we are reminded that the same Spirit who descended upon the early Church continues to move, breathe, and act in our lives today.

Pentecost is not merely a moment in history—it is a living reality. Every time we open our hearts to God's presence, every time we allow love to conquer fear, truth to overcome silence, and forgiveness to heal wounds, the Spirit is at work. In a world that often seems overwhelmed by division, violence, and despair, the Holy Spirit comes to renew the face of the earth—through us.

In our parish community too, we have witnessed the Spirit moving in many ways: in the gener-ous service of volunteers, in the joyful participation of our youth, in the quiet fidelity of our el-derly, and in the unity, we celebrate as one family in faith. These are not small things—they are signs of Pentecost!

But the Spirit also calls us to go deeper. To be a Pentecost people means to be a listening Church—attentive to the promptings of the Spirit. It means to be a missionary Church—ready to go out to the peripheries, to the lonely, the broken, the forgotten. It means to be a Spir-it-filled Church—marked not by fear or formality, but by joy, creativity, and compassion.

THE FEAST OF THE MOST *Holy Trinity*



The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is one of the most profound mysteries of our faith. We profess it every time we make the Sign of the Cross; we invoke it in every sacrament; and we live by its grace every day: One God in Three Persons — **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. The Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved, but a mystery to be lived. At its heart, the Trinity re-veals that God is love—not in isolation, but in relationship. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the bond of that love. This divine communion is the model for all human relationships—our families, our parish community, and the Church at large.To believe in the Trinity means we are called to live in communion—not division; to build bridges, not walls; to share, not hoard. In a world torn by individualism and indifference, the Trinity reminds us that we are made for one another, just as the Persons of the Trinity exist in perfect unity and self-giving.

– Are we building a community that reflects the unity of the Trinity?
– Are our relationships marked by mutual love, understanding, and service?
– Are we welcoming and inclusive, just as the love of God is?

Let the Father's creativity, the Son's compassion, and the Spirit's guidance shape our daily lives. Let our homes become small reflections of the Trinity—places of love, joy, and unity.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, we are invited to pause, reflect, and rejoice in the greatest gift ever given to us—the Holy Eucharist. This feast is a reminder that Jesus is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divini-ty, in the sacred host that we receive at every Mass.

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a ritual. It is the Living Bread come down from heaven. It is Jesus Himself—broken for us, given for us, and abiding with us. In every Eucha-ristic celebration, Christ continues to offer Himself out of love, calling us into a deeper com-munion with Him and with one another.

In a world where many hunger—for love, for meaning, for peace—the Eucharist satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart: the hunger for God. Every time we approach the altar and receive the Lord, we are being transformed. We are not just receiving Christ—we are being made into Him, called to become what we receive.

– Are we preparing our hearts worthily to receive the Lord?
– Do we spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, allowing His silent presence to renew us?
– Are we living lives of charity and humility that reflect the self-giving love of Jesus in the Eu-charist?
Let us rediscover the power of the Eucharist. Let it be the centre of our families, the strength of our youth, the comfort of our elderly, and the hope of our sick. Let us teach our children to love the Mass, and let us not take this Divine Gift for granted.

THE FEAST OF ASCENSION



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, reminds us that this is not a feast of farewell, but one of hope, mission, and promise. After forty days of appearing to His disciples, the Risen Jesus ascends into heaven—not to abandon us, but to exalt our humanity, to open heaven for us, and to entrust us with His mission.

The Ascension tells us that Christ's earthly mission is complete, but ours is just beginning. The angels said to the disciples, "Why are you standing there looking up into the sky?" (Acts 1:11). It's a gentle nudge from heaven reminding us: don't just look up—go out! Go out into the world and proclaim the Good News.

Jesus ascends to the Father to be our eternal intercessor, but He also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." This feast is therefore not just about where Jesus went, but what He left behind: a Church on mission, a people entrusted with a purpose, and a faith that looks upward while walking forward.

The Ascension calls us to lift up our hearts from routine and indifference and to live our faith with joy, conviction, and urgency. Whether it's in our families, workplaces, or neighbour-hoods, we are called to be signs of hope, instruments of peace, and bearers of Christ's presence.

Flag Hoisting

SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE FEAST PREPARATIONS



FLAG HOISTING - SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE FEAST PREPARATIONS



The preparations for the Annual Feast of St. Anthony at St. Anthony's Friary Church, Koramangala began with great devotion and joy on the evening of 6th June 2025, as the traditional flag hoisting ceremony marked the beginning of the 9-day novena in honour of our beloved patron saint.



The evening began with the warm welcome of Rev. Fr. Jesudoss Rajamanickam, who was invited to do the honours of hoisting the feast flag. He was received at the entrance of the Friary with a garland and heartfelt greetings from the parish community. Accompanied by the friars, parishioners, and the enthusiastic beats of the children's band, a devotional procession was held to the flag-post, where the flag bearing the image of St. Anthony was reverently raised, invoking his powerful intercession.

The Eucharistic celebration that followed was presided over by Fr. Jesudoss, who in his homily beautifully reflected on the life, miracles, and deep spirituality of St. Anthony—the Wonder Worker. He invited the faithful to turn to St. Anthony in their struggles, and to imitate his faith, humility, and love for the poor and the Word of God.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the newly designed festal chariot for St. Anthony was solemnly blessed, marking a significant moment in the parish's ongoing devotion and tradition. The celebration continued with a rosary procession around the church campus, uniting the faithful in prayer. This was followed by a short benediction, the anointing with holy oil, and the distribution of blessed bread, a cherished sign of St. Anthony's care and intercession for all.

This meaningful beginning set the tone for the novena days that would follow, preparing hearts to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua with renewed faith, hope, and love. The parish community looks forward with joy and spiritual fervour to the days ahead.















ANNUAL PARISH FEAST – 15TH JUNE 2025

St. Anthony's Friary Church, Koramangala came alive with faith, joy, and vibrant devotion on 15th June 2025, as we celebrated our Annual Parish Feast in honour of our beloved patron, St. Anthony of Padua. This year's celebration was made all the more special by the gracious presence of Most Rev. Dr. Arokiaraj Satis Kumar, who presided over the solemn feast Mass.

The Bishop was warmly welcomed at the church entrance by the parish community, accompanied by the lively beats of a festive band. He then joined a procession from the Friary to the Church, joyfully walking with the faithful amidst hymns and prayerful anticipation.

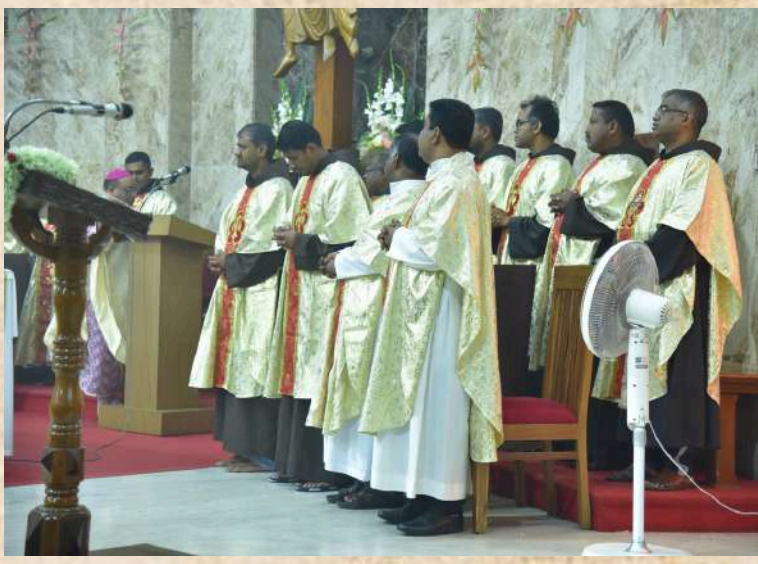
The feast Mass was a rich spiritual experience. The liturgy was beautifully organized in three languages—English, Kannada, and Tamil—bringing together the diversity of our parish in one unified voice of worship. In his homily, Bishop Arokiaraj Satis Kumar reflected deeply on the core mystery of our Christian faith—the Most Holy Trinity: One God in Three Persons. He reminded us that our faith is not merely a doctrine, but a relationship of love rooted in communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He also highlighted the life and intercession of St. Anthony, revered across the world as the Wonder Worker, and encouraged the faithful to imitate his humility, compassion, and deep love for Christ.

During the Mass, the Bishop honoured those students who excelled in academics and sports during the year 2024–25, acknowledging their dedication and hard work. After the Eucharistic celebration, the faithful gathered outside for the blessing of the festal chariot, which was beautifully decorated in honour of St. Anthony. The statue of the saint was taken in a grand procession through the streets, drawing thousands of onlookers and devotees. It was a moment of public witness, unity, and joy, with hymns, prayers, and the strong sense of community shining through.

Upon returning to the church, a short benediction was held, concluding the celebration with gratitude and grace. All the faithful—over 6000 participants—were then served a festive meal, lovingly prepared and joyfully shared.

Despite the looming clouds, the Lord protected us from rain, allowing every part of the celebration to unfold beautifully. We give thanks and praise to God for this truly meaningful and memorable celebration, for the intercession of St. Anthony, and for the vibrant faith of our parish community.










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INAUGURATION OF CATECHISM YEAR 2025–26

The parish community of St. Anthony's Friary Church marked the inauguration of the Catechism Year 2025–26 on 22nd June, coinciding beautifully with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)—a feast that celebrates the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and the heart of our faith.

The inaugural Mass was solemnly presided over by our Parish Priest, Fr. Prashanth Fernandes, who warmly welcomed the children, their families, and the catechism teachers to a new year of faith formation. The liturgy was filled with reverence and meaning. The catechism teachers were led in procession to the altar, symbolizing their special mission of walking with our children on their journey of faith.

In his homily, Fr. Prashanth offered a powerful reflection on the gift of the Eucharist, reminding the faithful that Jesus gives Himself to us fully—Body and Blood—not only to nourish our souls but to transform us into His living presence in the world. He also highlighted the vital role of catechism in the life of the Church, emphasizing that catechism is not just about knowledge, but about forming the heart, character, and conscience of a young Christian.
Following the homily, all the catechism teachers came forward to take a solemn oath, promising fidelity, responsibility, and love in teaching the truths of the faith to the children entrusted to them.

Towards the end of the celebration, Fr. Victor CPPS imparted a special blessing upon all the catechism children, asking the Lord to guide, protect, and inspire them throughout the year.

This joyful and spiritually enriching celebration set a strong foundation for the year ahead. May our catechism teachers continue to be dedicated sowers of the Word, and may our children grow to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind.



SALT - A SYMBOL OF PURITY AND PROTECTION



Just the right amount of seasoning brings together all the flavours of the added ingredients and spices tying it all into a mouth-watering package. Ask me – I can tell you that I am notorious for forgetting this most integral step - all the hard work gone to naught until the sprinkle of Salt elevates the dish to another level.

While a little does wonders - we all know that too much of it will ruin things, for sure, and probably make you sick.

Salt also has turned many a land and water into a wonder to be beholden, deserts, seas and oceans alike – The full moon turns the white desert, Rann of Kutch, into a breathtaking view; while the deepest landlocked, hypersaline lake, known as the Dead Sea makes a body float in its water. These harsh environments make it impossible for plants and animals to survive.

As history tells us salt was the treasure of the ancient world and a highly valued currency of the Roman Empire. Since the Romans used salt as currency raising its value, hence there came about the saying "worth their salt" to describe every achiever.

Salt is integral to our very existence.

As Matthew 5:13 says:

"Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men."

Just as salt affects the flavour of food so must believers in our Lord affect the world in the way we live and act with one another.

Colossians 4:6 reads:

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

This verse offers a couple of insights –

It says how Christians should speak in a way that is helpful and valuable in making each conversation better.

And that the way we speak is a reflection of the truth of the gospel and how the gospel has transformed our lives.

So profound!

2 Kings 2:19-21 says:

The people of the city said to Elisha, “Look, our Lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.”

“Bring me a bowl,” he said, “and put salt in it.” So, they brought it to him.

Then he went out to the spring and put salt into it, saying, “This is what the Lord says: “I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.”

When the people of Jericho asked Elisha for help, he heals the water and demonstrates his power. God’s power restores what is broken and barren and emphasizes the importance of faith. God has used mentors to help people grow and develop.

Salt symbolises taste, it helps to conserve food, wards off evil and also mummifies.

Salt is vital for our very existence – Just as is our faith to flourish in this world.

SCC- 3RD BLOCK KORAMANGALA

We commenced our little gathering of 9 people, as some of our regulars had taken ill with the temperamental Bangalore weather. The meeting began with an hymn - Amazing Grace. We were quick to delve into the prepared scripture reading sourced from the Gospel of the coming Sunday which happened to be St Luke 9: 11-17 miracle of the multiplication of 2 fish and 5 loaves.

Thus in re- reading the passage, pondering on the ontology of the words there, probing modern hermanuitics of charity, resource management and weighing the heart attitudes we have in our lack of surrender... we also had a sharing of insights, anecdotes and testimonials about the Lord's work in our hearts and lives the previous month.



This threw up so many moving insights such as:

1. All of us being co-heirs with Christ in the involvement of the crowd & apostles in asking to give them something to eat,
2. The virtue of Christian charity of sharing the small tiffin, the meagre lunchbox, the small talents for the society/community to be blessed by it
3. The Lord loves to have occasions to bless our humble beginnings
4. The probing of the spirit into the intentions of the human heart by seemingly rhetorical questions posed by the Lord in an overwhelming situation
5. And the sacred perfect number 7- 2 fish and 5 loaves... 6. The importance of the spiritual solution prevailing over the fleshy/carnal/worldly limitations in our lives whenever we feel week and inept and inadequate.
7. Lastly the significance 12 baskets of broken leftovers being picked up being interpreted as the Lord's position not to allow waste but always to work things out.

We wrapped up with birthday wishes to our patron asst parish priest Fr. Jamesmon who was in attendance along with Samosas and coconut biscuits courtesy of aunty Joy.

SCC - ST. ALPHONSA WARD (MARUTHINAGAR-2)

The St. Alphonsa Ward (Maruthi Nagar – 2) held its SCC meeting on 28th June at 6:00 PM at SCN Niketan Convent, with an enthusiastic group of participants.

The gathering began with a Divine Mercy prayer, led by the ward members, creating a spirit-filled atmosphere.

A delightful icebreaker session followed, which brought smiles and laughter to everyone. The activity was a mono act, where participants creatively enacted saints without speaking, while others tried to guess the identity. The joyful engagement of all present made the session truly memorable.

Following the fun segment, Mrs. Pinto read the Sunday Gospel Reading (Matthew 16:13–19), after which Mr. Anil John reflected on the passage and highlighted the deep spiritual significance of the scripture. Mrs. Meghana then read the same passage in Kannada, followed by Mr. Anthony Das, who offered a thoughtful explanation in Kannada, sharing a personal testimony that brought out the message in a meaningful way.

The meeting also included a discussion on the action points from the previous gathering, along with planning for upcoming spiritual and community events.

The evening concluded with a heartfelt prayer, leaving all participants spiritually enriched and connected in fellowship.









SCC - 8TH BLOCK KORAMANGALA

The parishioners of 8th Block, Koramangala, gathered at Redemption Sisters Convent for the SCC meeting on Sunday, 29 June 2025. The meeting began with the Rosary, led by Mrs. Philomena, followed by the Litany of Saints and a reading from the upcoming Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:1–12, 17–20).

After a period of silent reflection, the group shared their impressions and insights from the Gospel passage, emphasizing the importance of missionary life, trust and reliance on Christ.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and refreshments.



SCC GATHERING – ST. ANTHONY'S WARD, ZONE 3, MARUTHINAGAR





The Small Christian Community (SCC) meeting of St. Anthony's Ward, Zone 3, Maruthinagar was held on 28th June at 6:00 PM at the residence of Mrs. Lavina D'Souza. The meeting witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 25 members, marking a notable increase in attendance from previous gatherings.

The evening began with the recitation of the Rosary, invoking our Blessed Mother's intercession. This was followed by the proclamation of the Word of God, as the group prayerfully read and reflected on 1 Peter 5. Each member was encouraged to share the verse that personally touched them, leading to a meaningful and faith-filled discussion.

During the sharing, there was a heartfelt desire among the members to enrich future meetings by placing greater emphasis on the Word of God, allowing Scripture to guide the growth of the community in faith and fellowship.
The gathering brought immense joy to all, as it offered an opportunity to come together as one family in faith, deepening relationships and spiritual bonds within the ward. The meeting concluded with a devotional hymn, uplifting the hearts of everyone present.

We thank God for the spirit of unity and pray for continued growth in faith and community life.



OUR LADY OF ST. LOURDES WARD – 6TH BLOCK, KORAMANGALA

The Small Christian Community (SCC) meeting for the 6th Block was held on June 27th at 6:30 PM at the warm and welcoming residence of Mr. Chourappa, Mrs. Norma, and their son Mr. Stephen Ashis.



The meeting began with a melodious opening hymn led by Regina, followed by the Gospel reading and a time of meaningful reflection, also facilitated by Regina. Members took turns sharing their personal insights and interpretations of the Gospel passage, enriching the spiritual depth of the gathering. A decade of the Rosary was then prayerfully recited in honour of our Patron, Mother Mary.



Community Discussion:

In the second part of the meeting, members discussed ways to strengthen community bonds and enhance participation. Mr. Chourappa proposed organizing a get-together for all families in the block. The idea was enthusiastically received, and members agreed to plan the gathering for the month of December.
The evening concluded with a delightful time of fellowship over tea and snacks, generously hosted by the family.

The next SCC meeting is at Divya Chacko's house on last Friday, 25th July 2025 at 6:30 pm.







ACTIVITIES OF SSVP IN JUNE, 2025

The activities of the Society of St Vincent De Paul, St Anthony's Friary Church conference, following their motto of serving the needy and the underprivileged, unfolded with the distribution of rations to the needy on 01 June 2025. On the following Saturdays, medical help was extended to deserving people besides giving educational help to the needy children who approached the society and scored 50% and above in their previous exams. The Society also reached out to Jeevodaya, a Destitute Home and provided ₹6000/- as requested by Sr. Pushpalatha, the Sister in charge, towards ration for the residents there.

To build a healthy collaboration and also to get energised, 19 of the members came together for a picnic on 22 June 2025 at Kaadgal Resort, each contributing to their own expenses. A day of togetherness and activities helped each member carry happy memories home. On 25 June 2025, the 75th birthday of a Senior Member was celebrated. The Parish Priest blessed the celebration and partook in a grand lunch, hosted by the birthday celebrant, along with the other members present. A few games were orchestrated by the members to celebrate the life and service of the Diamond Member.

The members of the Society visited a Destitute Home for the Aged (women) at Chikkanagamangala, Bengaluru run by Augustinian Sisters. They shared their valuable time, praying and entertaining, with the residents there. 2 wheelchairs were donated by the Society and a few members also donated 1 wheelchair, a Walker and 10 packets of Adult Diapers.









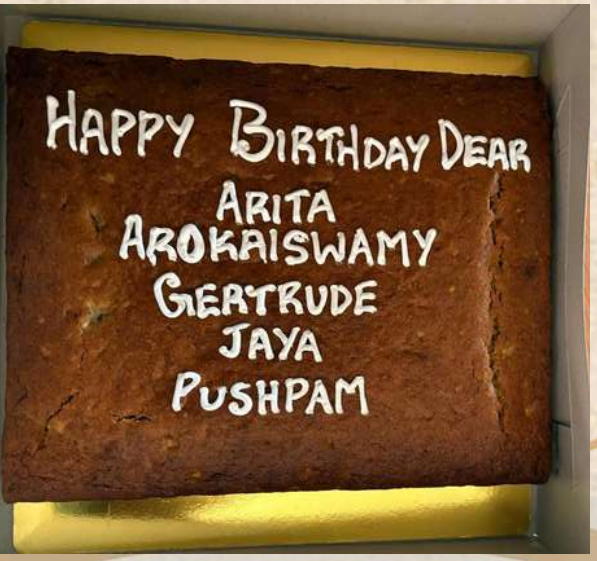


A REPORT ON THE GUARDIANS MEETING HELD ON 29TH JUNE

Mr. James D'Souza



The meeting started with a hymn and prayer by Ms Benedicta D'Souza and team. As scheduled Mr Charles invited and introduced guardian James D'souza to speak to the gathering on 'Ways to lead Stress free life'. Mr James with the help of power point presentation with the help of Joe Ann spoke on stress management. He said that stress is essential part of life without which no one will do any work like defense, students, etc which is called as Eustress and when the stress crosses the limit becomes distress. Various slides were used on what is stress, symptoms of stress, how to balance the stress.



Further balance stress with the help of friends, exercises, to smile, breathing exercises and meditation. Also spoke on anger, forgiveness, contentment and meditation, how to maintain good health with diet, proper exercises, walking and breathing. A practical demo was also done on gazing of candle to tame the mind. The speech was concluded with a dance for all and a song on hope and prayer for peace.



Thereafter 4 groups were formed and a questionnaire of about 15 questions was given to each team to put forward their suggestions on the points. The team leaders filled the forms after discussing with the team and the points were read out and shared with the gathering.



Members who had their birthdays in the month were requested to come forward and wished with cheerful songs followed by cutting the cake. Fr Prashanth Fernandes, parish priest also joined us in the celebration and expressed happiness over the progress of the Guardians meetings and also gave some tips to all on further improvement. This was followed by lunch which was really good. The time went on very fast.

Thanks to Leena Noronha, President and team and special thanks to our parish priest, Fr Prashanth Fernandes for forming this group.



CRADLE OF GRACE
STRENGTHENED BY LOVE, TRANSFORMED BY GRACE

In a time when sanctity of life is under constant threat, having a pro-life presence in our parish is more than just important - it's urgent. India records an estimated 15.6 million abortions each year; that's nearly 43,000 unborn lives lost every day. Behind each number is a child and a mother, often facing fear, isolation or lack of support. Many women in crisis pregnancies have no access to guidance, resources or compassionate alternatives.

Out of this burden, Cradle of Grace was born; a small but growing fellowship of faith-led individuals, rooted in prayer and inspired by the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), we believe that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and is therefore sacred; especially the most vulnerable unborn child.







We come together to pray, learn and equip members of our Church with meaningful knowledge so they are empowered to stand boldly for life with truth and compassion. Our journey is guided by the words: "Strengthened by Love, Transformed by Grace." This is more than a tagline; it is the very heart of our mission - to reflect God's love in our actions and allow His grace to move us towards compassionate outreach.

Cradle of Grace is OPEN TO ALL Whether you're passionate about life, curious to learn more or simply feel a stirring in your heart - Come join us. Together, let us be the light where darkness has prevailed.

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF FAITH AT RAJENDRANAGAR SUBSTATION

The small yet vibrant Catholic community at Rajendranagar came together with great devotion and joy to celebrate their annual chapel feast on June 24, 2025. The preparations began with the flag hoisting on June 17, marking the start of the novena. Each evening, the faithful gathered faithfully to pray the novena, sing hymns, and offer their intentions to St. Anthony, the wonder worker.

The festal celebration on June 24th began with the bringing down of the flag, symbolizing the completion of the novena and the spiritual graces received during the days of preparation. A large number of parishioners and local faithful assembled, singing heartfelt hymns and invoking the powerful intercession of St. Anthony.

The festive Mass was offered by our Parish Priest, Fr. Prashanth Fernandes, who celebrated his first-ever Holy Mass in Tamil, much to the joy of the local community. In his homily, Fr. Prashanth highlighted key aspects of the life of St. Anthony—his deep humility, simplicity, love for Scripture, and his compassionate heart. He encouraged the faithful to imitate these virtues in their daily lives and to remain rooted in prayer, service, and faithfulness.

At the end of the celebration, Fr. Prashanth Fernandes expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those who worked behind the scenes to make the feast possible. The parish also took a moment to honour local political leaders and supporters who have always stood by the chapel community in practical and meaningful ways.

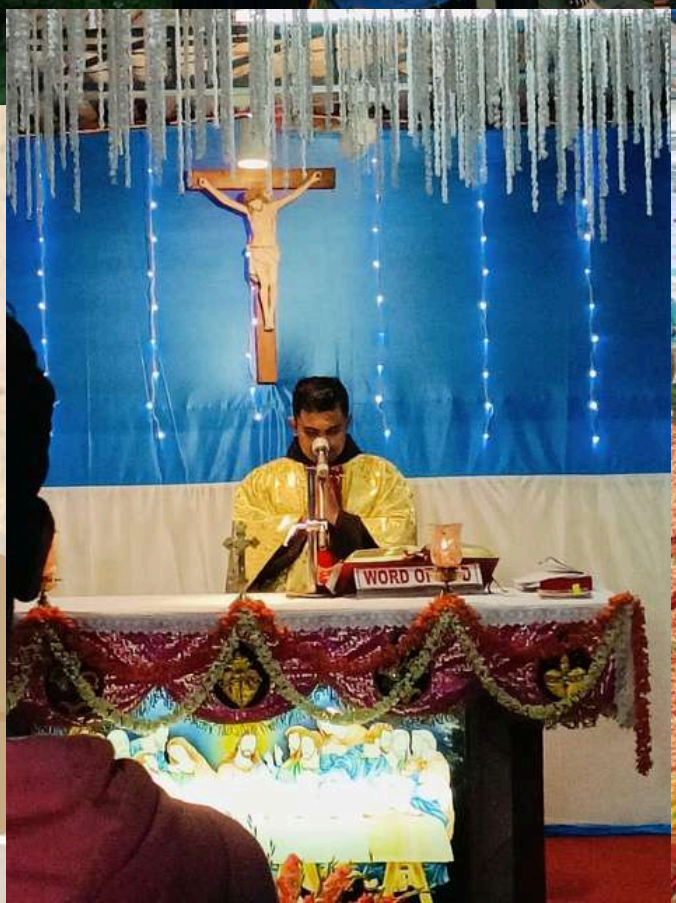
Following the Mass, everyone shared in a delicious festive meal, served with love and joy. About 200 faithful participated in the celebration, making it a truly memorable and grace-filled evening for the Rajendranagar community. The Feast of St. Anthony at the substation stands as a witness to the living faith of a small yet strong community, united in prayer and fellowship under the loving protection of their patron.










WORD OF



UNITED IN SERVICE : FERDINANDS' JOYFUL JOURNEY OF DEVOTION

- Kenath merlin

On the evening of 15th June 2025, St. Anthony's Friary Church, Madiwala, came alive with devotion and celebration as the parish observed the Annual Feast of St. Anthony with a grand and spirit-filled procession. The celebration brought together hundreds of faithful devotees, young and old, who came with heartfelt prayers and reverence for their beloved patron saint.

The procession, a highlight of the feast day, was a vibrant display of unity, devotion, and cultural richness. It began at 6:00 PM with the blessing of the chariot by the priests. The beautifully decorated blessed chariot of St. Anthony—adorned with flowers and lit with lights—was truly a sight to behold, captivating the eyes and hearts of all gathered.

Leading the procession were the altar servers, followed by the trilingual choir, singing hymns in English, Kannada, and Tamil, reflecting the inclusive and diverse nature of the parish. Behind them walked hundreds of devotees, many of whom showered flower petals on the chariot as a gesture of love and veneration for St. Anthony.

Among the organizers and volunteers were several parish groups, notably the youth-led teams: Ferdinands and Thaare. As a proud member of Ferdinands and someone who has been volunteering for this event for the past six years, I find immense joy in sharing my personal experience of this year's feast.

Volunteering for St. Anthony's feast has always been a deeply rewarding experience. Over the years, I have witnessed not only the growing devotion of the people but also the incredible teamwork among volunteers. This year stood out particularly because of how smoothly and efficiently everything went. The crowd was very cooperative, which made the task of managing the procession easier and more joyful.

Our years of experience played a big role. Every volunteer knew their role well—what to do, how to do it, and when to step in. The core committee's clear instructions helped guide our actions, and each team member became a true team player. There was also a special satisfaction in mentoring the newly joined volunteers, showing them how to guide and assist devotees along the procession route. Watching them pick up responsibilities and support the flow of the event was heartwarming.

Adding to the joy was the pleasant weather—a welcome change from previous years when we often worried about rain. This year, the skies remained clear, creating the perfect atmosphere for a peaceful and prayerful walk.

The procession concluded at around 9:00 PM, followed by a festive dinner arranged by the church for all the devotees. The communal meal brought people together to share not just food but also stories, laughter, and a shared sense of fulfillment. It was a beautiful ending to a spiritually enriching evening.

As the feast came to a close, one could sense the deep peace and joy in the hearts of all who attended. It was a powerful reminder of how faith, when celebrated together, brings people closer—to God and to one another. We look forward to many more years of celebrating our patron saint with the same devotion and unity.









HAND LIFTING CHARIOT FOR ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

Crafted with Passion, Carried with Pride - Meshak

With great joy and gratitude, during the St. Anthony Novena held from 6th June to 14th June, a truly unique Hand Lifting Chariot was prayerfully designed and brought to life within just three days by a passionate group of Ferdinand

We had the blessed opportunity to be part of this sacred initiative as a Ferdinand Team Member. Working alongside committed and faith-filled individuals was an unforgettable journey. From planning to execution, every step was touched by grace, unity, and teamwork.

Throughout the 9 days of the Novena, the chariot stood as a powerful symbol of devotion, community, and faith. What made it even more special was that it allowed all the faithful to touch, lift, and carry the chariot a rare and humbling experience that brought many closer to the spirit of St. Anthony.
A heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who came forward each day to support and lift the chariot. Your strength, devotion, and joyful service transformed this into a deeply blessed and shared offering.

This experience not only strengthened our spiritual bonds but left a lasting impression on all hearts that witnessed and participated. It was truly a fantastic, grace-filled journey one we will carry in faith and memory.







GRACE-FILLED MOMENTS: FERDINANDS FAMILY ANIMATES THE 3RD DAY OF ST. ANTHONY'S TAMIL NOVENA

- Maria Nikita

The **3rd day of the Tamil Novena in honour of St. Anthony,** which marked the 9th day in the full novena journey, was prayerfully and joyfully animated by the **Ferdinands family**. It was a day of deep spiritual reflection, heartfelt devotion, and vibrant community participation.

With humble hearts and united voices, the Ferdinands family came together to lead the celebration — offering the choir singing and proclaiming the liturgical readings of the day. Every hymn sung and every word read echoed with reverence, filling the church with a spirit of prayer and peace.

As part of the tradition, we had the honour of lifting the chariot, symbolizing our offering of love and devotion to St. Anthony. Alongside, the Rosary was prayerfully recited, not in the streets as planned, but within the sacred walls of the church due to rain. Yet, this change only brought us closer in spirit. The Rosary was prayed in three languages — Tamil, English, and Kannada — with each decade carrying a special intention, uniting hearts beyond words.

The evening culminated in a serene Benediction, where silence spoke louder than words in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This was followed by the anointing of the faithful, a touching moment of grace and healing. As is tradition, the day concluded with the distribution of buns, a gentle reminder of St. Anthony's enduring love and care for all.

It was truly a blessed opportunity for the Ferdinands family to come together and serve on this sacred day — an offering of love, faith, and gratitude to our dear Saint.

ST. ANTHONY'S FRIARY CHURCH
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A FRIEND OF GOD AND OURS

SHOULD WE EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTE NOVENA PRAYERS TO JESUS APART FROM THE DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY AND ST ANTHONY?

- Anil Johnson, Maruthinagar

We all know that we recite quite a number of novenas to Our Lady and St Anthony, especially in India. Devotions to Mother Mary are more significant in the shrines of Our Lady of Good Health Church in Velankanni, which is known as the "Lourdes of the East;" Basilica of Our Lady of Health Church in Harihara, which is known as the "Velankanni of Karnataka"; Our Lady of Health Church (St Mary's Basilica) in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru; Our lady of Health Church in Bandra, Mumbai which is also known as "Mount Mary Church", to name a few, where people flock throughout the year because of the numerous miracles being witnessed at these holy places.

Another devotion that is very popular in South India is in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, i.e., the devotion to St Anthony. We all know that St Anthony is a 'Wonder Worker' and a 'Patron Saint of Lost Things.' We witness people flocking to places like Doranahalli in Mysore and Bettada Halasuru in Kanakapura throughout the year. Both are well known shrines. We see that many churches in India have reserved a special place within their premises building a chapel in the honour of St Anthony. In the same manner, do we recite novenas to Jesus?

In fact, there are three well known devotions to Jesus like devotion to 'Sacred Heart of Jesus,' 'Divine Mercy' and 'Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.' The oldest among the three is devotion to 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' and the most recent one is 'Divine Mercy.' Even though the devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus officially began in 1765 after 90 years of the first apparition of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun in Paray le Monial in Fance in 1675, the devotion to Divine Mercy has spread at a rapid rate. In Bangalore, Fr Jose Vettiyankal of Logos Retreat Centre has been spearheading this devotion for the past 25 years since it was officially recognized by the Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000.

Likewise, the devotion to Precious Blood of Jesus Christ began way back in 1849 when Pope Pius IX prayed to the 'Precious Blood' to end the First Italian War of Independence so that the nation can live in peace, and it so happened that the war ended immediately. Encouraged by this, Pope Pius IX officially declared a feast on August 10, 1849 and proclaimed that the **1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.** Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration, but this devotion is seldom widespread when compared to devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy.

Recently, Jesus appeared to Barnabas Nwoye, a Nigerian youth between 1995 and 2003 for the spread of this devotion as the final culmination. The month of July is attributed to the devotion of 'Precious Blood of Jesus Christ' in the same manner we attribute the month of April to 'Divine Mercy' and the month of June to 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' respectively. To note, Jesus has attached 12 promises each to 'Sacred Heart' and 'Precious Blood', and 14 promises to Divine Mercy to the people who seriously devote themselves reciting these prayers. Myself and my family have witnessed a number of miracles when we started reciting these prayers, especially to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since 2017. Hence, we earnestly request you that despite reciting Rosary and novena prayers to St Anthony, devotion to Jesus should be exclusively done since we regard him as 'God' in three persons; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

HEALING SERVICE



On June 20, 2024, the Divine Spark team hosted our monthly healing service, followed by the 6 p.m. Holy Mass. The service began with Rev. Fr. Eugen solemnly exposing the Blessed Sacrament. Together with the choir, we lifted our voices in heartfelt praise and worship, glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

After a few minutes of heartfelt praise and worship, Sis. Margaret delivered an inspiring message on Holy Spirit.

She explained that Jesus began His ministry with Power of the Holy Spirit. Same Spirit we received at our Confirmation. The Holy Spirit gives us strength—He is our Advocate, our Teacher, our Comforter, and our Counsellor. When we don't know how to pray, we should ask the Holy Spirit to help us.

She also shared her personal testimony of how the Holy Spirit guided and supported her in her life. She encouraged us to activate the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Following the message, Sis. Margaret led the congregation in adoration, accompanied by the choir team, creating a deeply prayerful atmosphere. At the end of adoration, Fr. Prashanth anointed the faithful with Holy Oil, imparting spiritual strength and healing. The evening concluded with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, as Fr. Prashanth led the congregation in receiving the abundant blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Divine Spark team extends heartfelt gratitude to our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Prashanth Fernandes, and our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Jamesmon, for their unwavering support and encouragement in organizing the Healing Service. Their guidance has paved the way for God's healing grace to flow abundantly in our church, blessing our parishioners.

We are delighted to announce that our next Healing Service will be held on July 18,2025, followed by the 6 p.m. Holy Mass. We warmly invite you to join us and experience the blessings of our Lord. Let's come together in faith and receive His healing touch.

RGC ADORATION

The Lord is My Strength and My Shield" – A Night of Grace and Worship

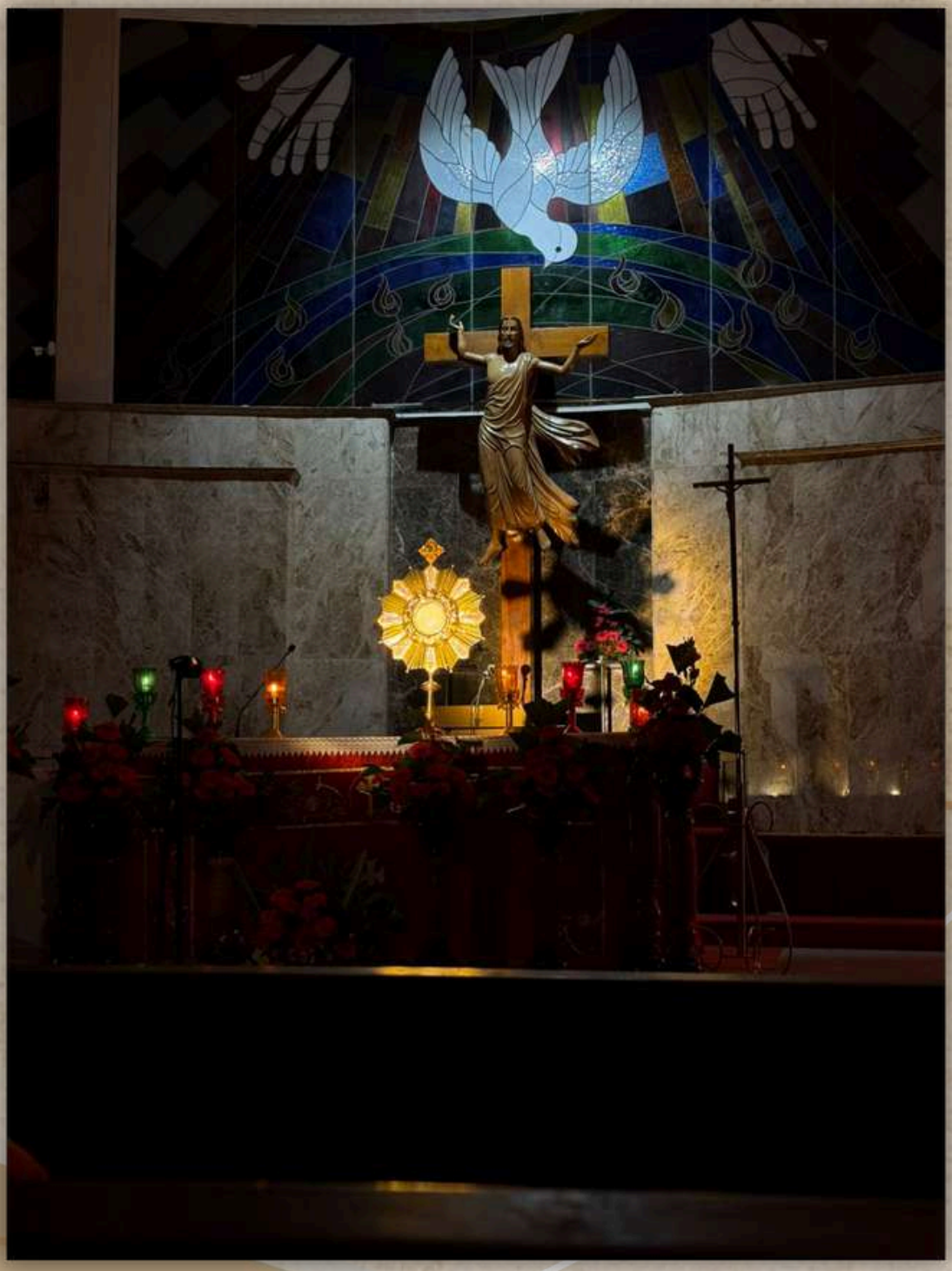
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"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me."

In a world that often leaves us overwhelmed by its limitations and fleeting securities, this sacred hour was a powerful reminder that our true strength, help, and protection come from the Lord alone. The faithful were invited to "Draw our strength from Him Alone," trusting not in the finite resources of the world, but in God's infinite strength, love, and mercy.
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The hour was marked by soul-stirring hymns, reflective silence, and the singing of Divine Praises, all beautifully led by Rabbis Gospel Choir. Their spirit-filled worship created a space of healing and hope. The Divine Mercy Chaplet was also prayerfully recited, lifting the hearts of all gathered in trust and surrender to God's mercy.

It was indeed an evening of grace, peace, and spiritual renewal—a moment to rest in the presence of the Lord, and to be reminded that those who hope in the Lord will never be disappointed.

May such moments continue to deepen our faith and unite us as a parish that draws its strength from Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.



THE MARIAN MINISTRIES

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CHURCH

ಮರಿಯನ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್

ಮರಿಯನ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ತಂಡ ಜೂನ್ 21, 2025 ಶನಿವಾರ ದಂದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋಣಿ ಫ್ರೈಯರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಗರಣಾ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನಾ ಕೂಟವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿತು. ಈ ಸೇವಾಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಧರ್ಮಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಗುರುಗಳಾದ ರೆ.ಫಾ. ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ್ OFM ಮತ್ತು Rev. FR ಆರೋಕಿಯಾ OFM ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಿದರು.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಮೈಸೂರು, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಇನ್ನೂ ಅನೇಕ ಧರ್ಮಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಸುಮಾರು 200 ಭಕ್ತರು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ಧ್ಯಾನಕೂಟದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವರ ವಾಕ್ಯದ ಮೇಲಿನ ತರಗತಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಪರಮಪ್ರಸಾದ ಆರಾಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿವ್ಯಬಲಿಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಫಾದರ್ ವಿಜಯರಾಜ್ ಜೋನೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರಾಂತೀಯ ಬೈಬಲ್ ಆಯೋಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಸಹೋ. ಮರಿ ರಾಜ್ ಸಹೋ ಜೆ. ಎಕ್ಸ್ ಪೀಟರ್ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು.

ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಹಾಯ ಬಯಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕೊಂಕಣಿ, ತಮಿಳು, ತೆಲುಗು, ಮಲಯಾಳಂ ಮತ್ತು ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ಭಾಷೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಗುರುಗಳು ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಪವಿಖ್ಯಾಪನೆ ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರು. ಸಹೋ. ಕಿರಣ್, ಪವಿತ್ರ ಗಾಯನವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ತುತಿಯಾರಾಧನೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು; ಸಹೋ. ಪ್ರತಿಭಾ ,ಮರಿಯ ಮತ್ತು ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡಲು ಸಹಕರಿಸಿದರು. ಮುಂದಿನ ತಿಂಗಳ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಜಾಗರಣೆ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನಾಕೂಟ ತಿಂಗಳ ಶನಿವಾರ, 12 ಜುಲೈ 2025 ರಂದು ರಾತ್ರಿ 9:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋಣಿ - ರೊಟ್ಟಿ

ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋಣಿಯವರ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಧರ್ಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ವಿಜೃಂಭಣೆಯಿಂದಲೂ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದಲೂ ಜೂನ್ ತಿಂಗಳ 15ನೇ ತಾರೀಕು ಭಾನುವಾರದಂದು ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಬಡವರನ್ನು ಅತಿಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರೀತಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ, ಅವರ ಕಷ್ಟಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ, ಬಡವರ ಬಂಧು ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋನಿಯವರ ನವೇ ನ ಪೂಜೆಗಳ ನಂತರ ಮತ್ತು ಹಬ್ಬದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೊಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು(ಬ್ರೆಡ್) ಭಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಂಚುವುದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ತಿಳಿದಿರುವ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದುಬರುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಒಮ್ಮೆ ಒಬ್ಬ ತಾಯಿ ತನ್ನ ಏಕೈಕ ಮಗು ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗುವುದನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಗೋಳಾಡುತ್ತಾ, ನನ್ನ ಮಗು ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಬದುಕಿದರೆ, ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋನಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಯಾಗಿ ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ರೊಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ದಾನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರು. ಸಂತ ಅಂತ ಅಂತೋನಿಯವರ ಮಧ್ಯಸ್ಥಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಆ ಮಗು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಜೀವದಿಂದ ಬದುಕಿ ಉಳಿಯಿತು .ಆ ತಾಯಿ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಅಪಾರ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಯಿಂದ ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋನಿಯವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ರೊಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ದಾನ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ನಮ್ಮ ಧರ್ಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂತ ಅಂತೋಣಿಯವರ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವ ಸಂಜೆಯ ಆಡಂಬರ ಬಲಿ ಪೂಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಬಿಷಪ್ ಗುರುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗುರುಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿ, ತದನಂತರ ತೇರನ್ನು ಆಶೀರ್ವದಿಸಿ ,ತೇರು ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ ಮುಗಿಸಿ ಬಂದ ನಂತರ, ಸುಮಾರು 5000 ಭಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿಗಳು ಹಬ್ಬದ ಬೇಡುದಲೆ ಊಟವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದರು. ರುಚಿಕರವಾದ ಗೀ ರೈಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಕನ್ ಕರಿ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬ ತಿಂದು ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಮನೆಗೆ ತೆರಳಿದರು.

ಈ ಬೇಡುದಲೆ ಊಟವನ್ನು ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡಲು ನಮಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನವನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಹಕಾರವನ್ನು ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ತಂಡವನ್ನು ಮುನ್ನಡೆಸಿದ ಧರ್ಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಗುರುಗಳಾದ ಫಾದರ್ ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ ಡಿಸೋಜಾ ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲ ಸಹ ಗುರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾದ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ .

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C.ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸ್ , ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಪ್ರಸನ್ನ ಕುಮಾರ್, ಮಣಿ ದಾಸ್, ಚಂದ್ರುಮತ್ತು ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು



















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தேங்காய்ப்பா லேத்துக்கடி - என்பது சித்தர்களின் பாடல்

பாங்காய் வழிநடத்த நம் பதுவை புனிதர் இருக்கும்போது

நெஞ்சில் பாரங்கள் ஏதுக்கடி - இது நம் பங்கு மக்களின் பாடல்

ஆம், நம் மகிழ்ச்சியின் காரணம், வெற்றியின் ஆதாரம், துன்பத்தின் தோழமை, கண்ணீரின் ஆறுதல், எல்லா ஆசீர்வாதங்களின் ஒற்றை அடிப்படை நமது பாதுகாவலர் புனித அந்தோனியார் இருக்கும் பொது நமக்கு எந்த குறையும் என்றுமே இருந்ததில்லை. அவருக்கும், அவர் வழியாக கடவுளுக்கும் நன்றி செலுத்தும் 76வது ஆண்டுப் பெருவிழா இந்த ஆண்டு ஜூன் 6ஆம் தேதி முதல் 15ஆம் தேதி வரை கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. நமது பங்குத்தந்தை பிரஷாந்த் அவர்கள் உதவி பங்குத்தந்தையர்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புடன் எல்லா நிகழ்ச்சிகளையும் சிறப்பாக ஒருங்கிணைத்தார்.

ஜூன் 6ஆம் தேதி அன்று அருள்தந்தை ஜேசுதாஸ் ராஜமாணிக்கம் (செயின்ட் ஜான்ஸ் மருத்துவ கல்லூரியின் இயக்குனர்) அவர்கள் புனிதரின் கொடியேற்றி முதல் நாள் திருப்பலியை தலைமை ஏற்று வழிநடத்தினார். நவநாட்களில் முதல் மூன்று நாட்கள் ஆங்கிலத்திலும், இரண்டாவது மூன்று நாட்கள் கன்னட மொழியிலும் இறுதி மூன்று நாட்கள் தமிழ் மொழியிலும் திருப்பலிகளும், நவநாள் ஜெபங்களும் நடைபெற்றன. திருப்பலிக்கு பிறகு புனிதரின் சிறிய தேர்பவனி ஆலய வளாகத்தில் ஜெபமாலை ஜெபத்துடன் நடைபெற்றது. பெர்டினாண்ட்ஸ இளையோர்களால் வடிவமைக்கப்பட்ட புதிய சிறிய தேர் நவநாட்களில் முத்தாய்ப்பாக இருந்தது.

விழாவின் இறுதி நாளான ஜூன் மாதம் 15ஆம் தேதி, காலை முதலே ஆங்கிலம், தமிழ் மற்றும் கன்னடம் மொழிகளில் திருவிழா திருப்பலிகள் விமரிசையாக நடைபெற்றன. எல்லாவற்றிக்கும் சிகரமாக பெருவிழா திருப்பலியானது மேதகு

ஆயர் ஆரோக்கிய சதீஸ்குமார் (பெங்களூரு மறைமாவட்டத்தின் உதவி ஆயர்) தலைமையில் மும்மொழியில் நிகழப்பெற்றது. பிரான்சிஸ்க்கான் சபையின் மாநில தலைவர் சேவியர் துரைராஜ், துணை தலைவர் ஷஜி மேத்யூ மற்றும் பல அருள்தந்தையர்கள் திருப்பலியில் பங்கேற்று இறையாசீர் பெற்றுத்தந்தனர்.திருப்பலியில் முடிவில் SSLC மற்றும் PUC தேர்வுகளில் சிறப்பான மதிப்பெண் பெற்றவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. இருபத்தி ஐந்து ஆண்டுகளாக நமது பங்கில் ஞானஉபதேசியாராக பணி செய்து வரும் சகோதரர் சார்லஸ் அவர்களுக்கு ஆயர் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு செய்தார்கள். நமது பங்குத் தந்தை பிரஷாந்த் அவர்கள் அனைவரின் சிறப்பான பங்களிப்பை நினைவுபடுத்தி நன்றி கூறினார்.

நமது பங்கில் செயல்பட்டு வரும் அசிசி மலர் உறுப்பினர்களின் கடின முயற்சியினால், புனித அந்தோனியாரின் தேர் பல்வகை மலர்களாலும், பலவண்ண விளக்குகளாலும் அணிசெய்யப்பட்டு பிரம்மாண்டமாக அழகுபடுத்தப்பட்டிருந்தது. புனிதரின் தேர்ப்பவனியை ஆயர் அவர்கள் அர்ச்சித்து துவக்கி வைத்தார்கள், மேள தாளங்கள் முழங்க, இயற்கை அன்னையின் மெல்லிய சாரல் அர்ச்சனையுடன் மக்கள் வெள்ளத்தில் பவனியாக வந்தது காண்போர் அனைவரையும் பக்தி பரவசத்தில் ஆழ்த்தியது. பவனியின் முடிவில் திவ்விய நற்கருணை ஆசீரும், அதன் பிறகு புனிதரின் கொடியிறக்க நிகழ்வும் நடை பெற்றன. விழாவில் பங்குபெற்ற அனைவருக்கும் இரவு உணவு வழங்கப்பட்டது. எல்லாமக்களும் சமத்துவ உணர்வுடன் இந்த விருந்தில் பங்கு பெற்றனர்.

நமது பங்குத்தந்தை குறிப்பிட்டது போல, இந்த திருவிழாவானது நமது பங்கின் எல்லா குழுக்களான அசிசி மலர், பெர்டினாண்ட்ஸ, லிவ்விங் கிலே, மரியாயின் சேனை, OFS, டிவைன் ஸ்பார்க், பாடகர் குழு, வாசகர் குழு, பிடச்சிறுவர்கள், அலுவலக பணியாளர், பங்கு பேரவை, நிதிக்குழு மற்றும் பங்கு தந்தை மற்றும் உதவி பங்கு தந்தையர் ஆகிய அனைவரின் ஒன்றிப்பு விழாவாக அமைந்திருந்தது.

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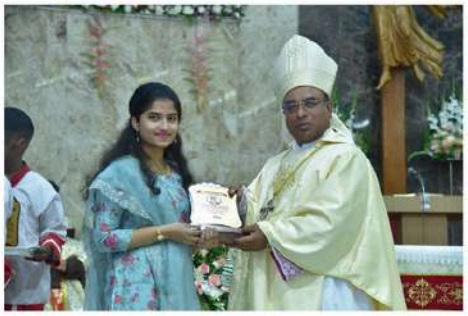
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