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## St. Vincent Pallotti: Champion of the Changing World.

We are living in a changing individualistic world. In the fast, the world was so wide and big, but today it has become a global village; we had big families where every day was a feast but today we have cell families; we used to pray to God to save and protect us but now he is living in fortified places; religious places are running out of people; and this list goes on and on.....in this context we see in our patron, **St. Vincent Pallotti, a Champion of the Changing World.** 

It was the time of the French revolution, when our patron lived and served, faith was replaced by reason; laity was a mere spectator in the church. Let me paraphrase that time, in the words of Charles Dickens "it has been the worst of times, it has been the best of times." The worst, because of loss of sense of God, the lost faith, the upper hand of reason, etc. The best, because of our patron and his Charism. And this is what Pope Paul VI wrote "Vincent Pallotti anticipated a discovery by almost one hundred years. He discovered in the world of lay people a great capacity for good work. Their capacity had been passive, dormant and timid, unable to act. Vincent Pallotti has awakened the conscience of the Laity."

Today, as we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the feast of our patron, we hear the call of St. Vincent Pallotti resounding in our minds and hearts. A call to participate actively in the ministry of the church. We cannot call ourselves catholics if we do not get involved like Jesus Christ the Apostles of the eternal father; we cannot call ourselves as belonging to Vinpal family if I remain passive, dormant and timid, unable to act and not becoming like St. Vincent Pallotti, the champion of the changing world.

Let the encouraging words of Pope John Paul II, "Continue to multiply your commitment so that what Vincent Pallotti prophetically announced and what the Second Vatican Council authentically confirmed, becomes a happy reality, and all Christians become authentic apostles of Christ in the church and in the world" inspire all of us and help us to become Apostles of the changing world.

## **HAPPY FEAST**

Fr. Reehan S. Antony

# ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI: FORERUNNER OF THE APOSTOLATE

Every member of the People of God is called to play their part in the mission and apostolate of the Church – and the Church will reach its full potential, only when all are brought to a profound and living awareness of their call and obligation, to collaborate in her life and mission. Not only this, but for individual efforts to have a greater chance of making a lasting difference, they need to be organized, to be integrated and directed towards



a common goal. For this reason, Pallotti, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, established the Union of Catholic Apostolate, open to all members of the People of God, clerical and lay, young and old, married and single, male and female.

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate has a specific aim, given by the Founder. After Vatican Council II, the Society took upon itself the responsibility to redefine its aims, taking into consideration the original ideas of the Founder, its historical development and the actual needs of the Church. This general aim, common with the whole Church, gets its specific imprint by Pallotti's idea of the "catholic", universal apostolate, which for St. Vincent Pallotti became a guiding idea of his activities. Generally we can say that the aim of the Society is to increase the collaboration among the members of the Church, that is, among the diocesan priests, the male and female religious and the laity, to fulfill fully and more efficiently the apostolic tasks.

On the occasion of a decree concerning the sanctity of Vincent Pallotti, January 24th, 1932, Pope Pius XI, the Pope of Catholic Action, declared: "It is at this very time that we are privileged to witness the glorification of a priest who foresaw the thing and the name when he founded the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, which in its essence is the same as Catholic Action, to wit: Lay Apostolate under the guidance of the Apostolate of the Church. Catholic Action everywhere certainly will not miss such a wonderful chance to thank Divine Providence for the new protector and the new model."

St Vincent Pallotti anticipated by a century the ideas of organized Catholic Action as set forth by Pope Pius XI, who called him its "pioneer and forerunner." At a time when anything approaching an active apostolate was deemed to be purely the concern of clergy and religious, Pallotti envisaged a programme under three heads: A world-wide apostolate of all Catholics for the spreading of the faith among those who have it not; a similar apostolate for the confirming and deepening of the faith of Catholics themselves; a world-wide exercise of the works of mercy, spiritual and temporal. His own contribution to this programme was first of all his own life; secondly, his inspiration of others with his ideas and aspirations; thirdly, the establishment of a society of priests and brothers living the common life without vows, helped by an institute of sisters and by affiliated clergy and lay people. This organization he called the SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE. As Pallotti says "To make every person a Christian, every Christian a Catholic, every Catholic a good Catholic, and every good Catholic - an apostle of Christ".

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Fr. Caetano Crasto, SAC

# BEING APOSTLES OF JESUS IN A CHANGING WORLD

Each one of us is born with a mission that needs to be fulfilled. God is at work in this changing world and He invites us to join Him as His apostles and be instrumental in this change, serving both believers and non-believers. Living in the context of religious pluralism, is to live amidst both orthodox and non-orthodox religions. Every Christian is called and then sent out, as ambassadors for Christ in this fast-moving world. St. Vincent Pallotti was thus called and sent out on a particular mission during his time.

To become a missionary or an apostle is not an easy task – it means braving suffering, hardships, opposition and even persecution. In today's society where terrorism, homicide, war, poverty, corruption, abortion, rape, etc. are rampant, questions trouble the mind as to, how do we need to address or fight against these challenges in the current scenario, firstly as apostles of Christ and secondly as followers of St. Vincent Pallotti. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of our patron and founder, let us pray that like him we may be strong-willed in accepting the challenge to be an apostle and firm in our respective call to service.

St. Vincent Pallotti was born in 1795, and lived his entire life in the city of Rome. His charism can be described as an inner experience of faith, the experience of God's will in the signs of the time and as an impulse of the Spirit to act. As far as the spiritual life of Pallotti is concerned, God granted him a profound experience of His infinite love and mercy. As the church in India reflects on the theme "Care for Creation" this year, it is appropriate to note that St. Vincent Pallotti saw God's love and mercy at work in the creation of the world, particularly in the creation of man in God's own image

and likeness. He also recognized the apostolic and missionary character of the entire people of God. During his time, Pallotti intended to awaken in all the members of the church, the consciousness of their vocation to the apostolate, to fill them with apostolic love and zeal, and to make them exercise their apostolic vocation.

Let us then, join hands with each other, follow in the footsteps of our role model St. Vincent Pallotti and be an empowered laity, bringing about the required change in our society, making it a place abounding in peace and harmony.

Bro. Christopher Colombus



## THE PYAT - REACHING OUT TO LAITY

"Vinpal family of God, moving towards a society, where love and concern within the family and neighbourhood, is a way of life."

That's our mission statement that by itself signifies that we are here to form a passionate and bonded community. Our laity is required to play a key role. The essence of the laity is brought to limelight.

To build this structure and have a strong foundation the PYAT (Parish Youth Animating Team), a group comprising of parishioners of 25 years and above, has been formed. A challenge of crafting a transformation is on the shoulders of this ardent and potential team, which works hand-in-hand and in close coordination with its community members, escalating its circle through the communities, for the overall formation of the parish.

Here is a platform to showcase qualities of leadership, conscientiousness and dedication. Here is a stand that helps us build and cement community members towards a common goal. Our internal talents surface and drift to a more proactive lifestyle that not only aids our individual self, but the Church community as a whole. It leads to budding novel links to fraternity as **Psalm 133:1** says 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'. 'Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Beautiful biblical quotes without doubt, and yes, dwelling together in unity and giving unselfishly of our talents and time does work for successful implementation of events, which was revealed in the pretty recent Church sports, Christmas bazaars, etc.

Church sport, a major event was held in Nov 2010 and was a key achievement. The theme of the event was 'COME-UNION 10' keeping in mind the gathering of all the community members collectively as one large family. Youth and Senior Citizens alike, wholeheartedly participated in events with bursting enthusiasm letting out their passionate and ingenious disposition. It was undeniably an enlivening occurrence to witness a colossal response from our very own parishioners.

Another event organized by the community was the 'Advent –Reaching Out ' – A voluntary trip to Unit 22 at Aarey Road. A visit convened to meet and reach out with food, clothing and daily provisions, to the poorest of family members in this vicinity. It was astounding to perceive hearty smiles on those faces when small prays were recited and Christmas wishes were exchanged. Whilst our hands waved adieu, an unvoiced appeal and heart-melting whisper "please come once again" was seen in their eyes. Through this trip, our experience as

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laity was more of learning, a retreat for our thought process. A more pronounced look into the depths. Its heart-rendering to see these people sustain themselves with meager needs. On the flipside, we sustain our meager problems, magnifying them to the extent of fretting. Introspecting within, we realize, God has blessed us and yet, we fret on trivial concerns and distortion in our own life. We need to interrogate ourselves...... 'Am I really unhappy?'

The organizing of a Christmas Float which was a major event demanded frequent rigorous meetings, loads of hardwork, dedication, investment, emotional bonding, planning and collaboration. It helped to a mighty extent in implementing this venture and bringing it to success with demands of repeat performances in the years to come.

To conclude as we recapitulate, we as laity have an immense task at hand. With all the major responsibilities and duties to perform, we are internally getting nourished with the power of God who is a guiding figure to his members. Its His call that directs us to put our best foot forward in promoting the overall wellbeing of our Church and all associated directly and indirectly towards its formation. The role played by us is extremely crucial and needs thrust to keep us going.

We as laity involved in the parish activities, also experience change in our personal lives. There is more dedication towards personal duties. The quality of leadership surges and develops in us. Our competence to take initiative rises and we are keen to accept additional responsibilities. At an individual level, we understand the importance of taking the onus of someone else which comes as voluntary acts. Through charity, meeting the underprivileged, sick and the lonesome, helps us connect to their daily struggles in life, which is turn keeps us humbled. It helps in building a strong community through fostering a network of relationship based on neighborhood, profession, common interests and mutual support. It gives more meaning and content to the church as a whole. It is designed to develop solidarity and fellowship for all Christians in our community.

Let us end with **Romans 8:28** - 'We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.'

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## Rudolph D'Souza

## A CALL TO BE THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLOR

On 10th Feb 2010, I was approached by the parish councillor of our community, requesting me to take over as the next Parish Pastoral Councillor. I immediately replied in the negative, asking her to find someone else. But she continued to persuade me and I finally asked her to give me some time to think about it. I had not heard from her for almost a month and I thought that her problem was solved. But just two days later, I received a phone call from her asking me to meet in the parish office to fill up the nomination form. To my surprise I found myself saying "Ok, I shall be there."

How could I have said YES.I had so much in hand, how could I take some more. A full time job, Couples for Christ (CFC) meetings every Friday; Committee member of Hsg Society, Secretary of HFHS Ex Student's Association and above all I am doing PGFSQM a course from IGNOU – for which I have to attend practicals on Fri/Sat, write the assignments of five subjects and complete the project work. Now the nomination forms were filed and there was no turning back, I tried to evaluate the matter and I felt a strange fear developing within me.

The first was fear of commitment. The second was fear of confusion-not knowing what to do and where to start, since I was informed that no one comes forward for anything (our community was called a dead community). Lastly, time was the most important factor I required to turn this community into one full of life. My thoughts were all directed into just this task. CFC had taught me that "God has a plan and His plan is good" I now believed that God will be with me in this task of building this community. The very next day I was directed to the scripture Lk1:38 and as I reflected on this I found that I had already surrendered myself to the community work I knew that this call was from Him who had confidence in me and now I must strive to prove my worth.

On 27th June the Parish Pastoral Councillors were commissioned and the second fear starting building up. The very next day as I opened my bible I was lead to 2Timothy 2:7 "The Lord will give you understanding in everything" Oh! What a relief it was as I pondered on these words. I knew I was not alone but the Lord God is with me and He will lead me, He will provide me will helpers. Lastly, where is the Time for all this? The talk "Loving God" which we gave so often in CFC came to my mind. To love God with all my strength - is to love God with all your Talents, all your Time and all your Treasures.

Here I am on the threshold of taking a completely new responsibility- to work for and with the community. I am now happy that God has given me a chance to love Him with my Time in service of this community. Six months have passed and I have no regrets. I thank God for making me the Clay in the Potter's hand (Jeremiah 18:6).

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Mrs. Margaret Vas

Parish Pastoral Councillor Blessed Mother Teresa Community

## SUNDAY SCHOOL'S PROJECT – AN APPEAL "CARE FOR CREATION"



Organizing an activity for the Sunday School students of Std. 5th & 6th on the lines of BIO-DIVERSITY i.e. 'Care for Creation' was a herculean challenge. What? When? How? Where? were questions that buzzed in our minds constantly. But all the teachers sitting together, thinking and planning with our heads and hearts, out popped an excellent idea.

The first step was to call the students and enlighten them with a movie on Creation and the ill-effects of our abusing God's creative hand – pollution, deforestation, etc. That task accomplished, we invited the students to express their ideas on the topic 'Care for Creation' on paper through creative art and wowie! the students truly wowed us with their creative skills and dished out

mind-blowing presentations! So much talent, enthusiasm and of course a silent shout for saving creation, doling out a message through their artworks.

The multi-talented Adrian Sir, got those cards printed as greeting postcards that were sold at the

Christmas Bazaar this year – cards for all seasons and occasions! And did we have a good response! The unexpected – students made rounds of the stall, just to find out if their cards were sold and it was surely an ego-boosting trip for them, when they heard that orders were placed for reprint, for a huge number of cards. We, the teachers of Std. 5th & 6th would like to thank you dear parishioners for encouraging the efforts put in by the students and us. And of course a big thank you goes out to our students, whose commendable efforts did wonders for this project. An earnest appeal from Sunday School students and catechist – do care for our Creator's amazing and magnificent creation – in whatever way possible.



trength is to love God with all your Talents, all your Time and all

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# NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2011

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WORLD"	PREACHER		Fr. Claudy		Fr. Reehan		Fr. Thomas			Fr. Thomas			Fr. Caetano			Fr. Reehan			Fr. Jerome		Fr. Walter			Fr. Claudy	
IN A CHANGING	READING	Heb 4:1-5,11	Mk 2:1-12	Is 49:3,5,6 &Cor1:	1-13; Jn1:29-34	Is 49:3,5,6 &Cor	1:1-3; Jn 1: 29-34		Heb 5:1-10	Mk2:18-22		Heb 6:10-20	Mk2:23-28		Heb7:1-3, 15-17	Mk3:1-6		Heb7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12		Heb 8:6-13	Mk 3: 13-19	Is 8:23b-	9:3&Cor1:10-	13,17.Mt4:12-23
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THEME: "BEING APOSTLES OF JESUS IN A CHANGING WORLD"	THEME		A changing world	Being Apostles of Jesus in this	changing world	Pallotti: The inspiration to	apostolic life in a changing	world	Cenacle: The model of	apostolic life in a changing	world	Youth as apostles of Jesus in a	changing world		Priesthood in a changing	world		Family as the cradle of	apostolate in a changing world	Workplace as a place to	apostolate in a changing world	500 pm mm	Through UAC to being	Apostles of Jesus in a	changing world
	TIME		7.00pm		6.30pm		5.30pm			7.00pm			7.00pm	}		7.00pm			7.00pm		7.00pm			6.30pm	
	DATE	14th Jan	Friday	15th Jan	Saturday		$16^{th}$ Jan	Sunday		17th Jan	Monday	18th Jan	Tuesday		19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday		20th Jan	Thursday		21st Jan	Friday		22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Saturday

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## **SPECIAL ANGELS GATHER!!!**

The Season brings in the hush of joy and celebrations. At times we are so caught in our inner circle of activities, that we do a disservice to the purpose and the reason for this Season. The story of God become man, includes everyone within Gods circle of Love. It leaves no body out. One Christian thinker remarked that "A Christianity that leaves any group out of its influence and care is a punctured Christianity".



Undoubtedly the message of Christmas and so we thought it good within the Spirit of the season to have a gathering of a SPECIAL nature. What would make it special would not be the gifts, the sweets, songs or sounds of celebration. Rather those invited would be the reason why the fellowship would be SPECIAL. So with the collaboration and the planned efforts of our Legionaries, the parish set out to have a gathering of the Special / Differently able children of the parish.



Right from the start we were aware it would be a humble beginning, number would not be a criteria, and so on the 29th of December 2010 we had about 13 Special guests along with 16 parents / guardians in the meeting room, of our church at 5.00p.m.. Indeed a touching experience to have them amidst us to share with them the beauty and the innocence of Life itself. Someone in the recent past called them Gods SPECIAL Angels! The

gathering seemed to confirm this for me.

We had a dedicated team of legionaries who went personally to invite every child, and looked after the planning of the day. There were songs, fun games, spontaneous unplanned behavior and surprises. The smiles and the feeling of warmth will leave us with a memory worth cherishing.

Fr. Caetano Spiritual Director Legion of Mary

**LAITY** 

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd,

I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man,

I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give Him,

Give my heart.

The above verse is taken from 'In the Bleak Midwinter' poem by Christina Rossetti.

At the very outset, let me be very clear, that I'm in no way an authority on this topic of 'Laity'. In fact, I too

am struggling with making a commitment to participation of the laity. Since they say, the first step towards meeting a goal is writing it down, I pledge to make a humble beginning.

Pope John Paul II affirmed that, there is no separation between religious and the laity. The Church is one body - Christ is the head, and we are all members of that body with different talents and services to perform. Just as the clergy and religious work towards their calling, the laity too has a vast responsibility. Their task, their apostolate, is the transformation of the entire temporal order: The economic, political, social, and cultural orders of society.

<u>Gifts & talents:</u> The shepherd gives what he has; the wise man gives of himself; Mary's gift is in fulfilling the role God chose for her. Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 12 that the gifts distributed to those in the body are the gifts of God's choosing, not ours. In this beautiful season of giving and receiving let us be reminded that the most appropriate gift to the Christ child is the gift of ourselves, our talents and time.

<u>Discernment:</u> All of us have been gifted with different talents. All baptized Catholics are called to serve the mission of the Church, but some may experience a further specific call to lay ministry. When one begins to consider using the graces received in service to the Church, a period of discernment or selection of talents begins. Discernment of our talents requires prayer, dialogue, and evaluation. It is both personal and communal, involving family, friends, colleagues and mentors.

<u>Commitment:</u> Two guys busy working. A young man passes by them. Strong words exchanged. *Lives change*.

I'm sure you're familiar with this story. In Matthew 4, Jesus walks by Simon (Peter) and Andrew as they fish and say, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Without hesitation, they drop their nets; clearly they desire to obey.

Following Jesus is a 24/7 plan—not just an agenda for Sundays. However, different commitments can be made at different phases of our lives, keeping in mind that any kind of commitment should have positive strokes in family life too.

**Shepherding:** Wanted - A few good shepherds / Requirements – Must know to wash feet.

Jesus' favourite metaphor for spiritual leadership, a figure He often used to describe Himself, was that of a shepherd - one who tends God's flock. But He gave us a pattern when He stooped to wash

His disciples' feet, a task that was customarily done by the lowest of slaves.

Shepherding in the church is tending to the welfare of Christ-followers by watching over, nurturing, guiding and leading them to a greater Christ-likeness. It happens through a number of sources:

- Priests
- Catechists
- Small Christian Communities
- Ministry teams like altar servers, music, lectors, etc.
- Relationship mentors
- Parents shepherding their children as part of their God-given responsibility.

The needs of the flock are great and consequently shepherding is a big investment of time and effort into the lives of people. If a shepherding ministry does not point people to the Chief Shepherd, it is unhealthy and will tend to produce dependent or crippled sheep rather than whole and productive sheep.

**Action Plan:** Most often we wait for the laity to involve in the ministry, which is not what Jesus would do. Jesus went out and invited. There are almost a couple of thousand families and various organisations in our parish to cater to communicative needs of the laity through formulating ideas for youth forums, talk shows, online consultations, etc.

Action plans that could get the laity's involvement:

- Active recruitment campaigns to get people who have not been involved before.
- Information about how to be involved should be made available to everybody.
- Training opportunities for youth in decision making must be provided.
- The "gatekeepers" must communicate actively with all young people.

Every drop helps to fill the ocean. Imagine if at least one person per family commits to give of themselves in service to the Church, it would create a ripple effect—and when all parishioners join in there would be a tsunami. Not waiting for a natural disaster, let's pray and work towards building beautiful, meaningful relationships as stated in the '/' of our parish.

Which of you my fellow parishioners should I look forward to meeting in joining the various lay ministries? The junior journos in editing the next edition of the parish bulletin, the budding event managers in decorating the backdrops, budding singers & musicians to making each service a special treat, finding willing auto-drivers for the not so agile, stacking up chairs after the service, active baby sitters for moms who would appreciate a moment of solitude during service, energetic athletic youth who wouldn't mind running up stairs to distribute parish bulletins..... The vacancies are many, but few applicants so far.

With you and you and of course me, the applicants will outnumber the vacancies by the grace and will of God.

(Insights taken from the web sites – christianity.com, christianitytoday.com and Rick Warren's book 'The Purpose Driven Life'.)

Viola Saldanha

# The Vinpal Diary

## **BORN IN CHRIST**

19-12-10	Kavya Antro Peter	A-3/601 Lok Yamuna, Military Roa
20-12-10	Kain Alexander Pereira	A-3/6-25 Panchavati CHS
22-12-10	Joy Misal	Aarey Milk Colony, Goregaon (E)
26-12-10	Nicky Byron	9/20 Blossom CHS, Military Road
26-12-10	Aarush Bibra	B-605 Solitaire Tower, Thane (W)



## **JOINED IN CHRIST**

22-12-10	Wilson R. Misal & Vivona D. D'Souza
28-12-10	Nickle S. D'Souza & Lindsy M. D'Souza
29-12-10	Kevin Tauro & Trini M. Fernandez

## REST IN CHRIST

12-12-10 Celine Fernandes 2/7/4 Bhavani Nagar 21-12-10 Francisca R.C. Sequeira A1/12 Vijaynagar

### SNAPSHOTS

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18 & 19-12-10	Christmas Bazaar time in the parish.
19-12-10	Vinpal Carols Nite was organized. The competitive spirit of the pariticipating communities was heartening. The group singers were judged by a team of guest judges from neighbouring parishes.
20, 21 & 22-12-10	Advent confessions were held.
22-12-10	Visit by the parish fathers to the bereaved families in the parish.
23-12-10	The Christmas Float was organized with plenty of enthusiasm and Christmas joy which resulted in the huge success of the event.
24-12-10	The Christmas message through a powerpoint presentation followed by Carol Singing was enjoyed by one and all. This was followed by a Solemn High Mass to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
26-12-10	Christmas celebration for children from unit 19, 20, 22 & pump house was organized in the hall.
27-12-10	The Senior Citizens had a solemn Eucharistic celebration followed by entertainment and fellowship.
28-12-10	A Christmas get-together was organized for the Special Children in our parish.
31-12-10	Thanksgiving adoration was conducted from 10.00pm to 11.45pm followed by Midnight Eucharist celebration, ushering in the New Year 2011 with the Solemnity of Mother of God.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

-	TUR I HUUWIINU	z EVENIS
	14-1-11	Novenas to our patron St. Vincent Pallotti begins (along with Eucharist celebration) (Please look up the time-table given in this bulletin, for details on Novenas)
	23-1-11	Feast of St. Vincent Pallotti (Parish Feast)
		Masses at – 6.00am, 7.00am, 8.30am (feast mass), 10.30am (Tamil mass) & 5.30pm
	23-1-11	Musical – St. Vincent Pallotti (after the evening mass)
,	3-2-11	Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of throats after all masses.
,	9-3-11	Ash Wednesday Masses at – 6.30am, 7.30am, 6.30pm & 7.30pm
	13-3-11	Sunday School Annual Day
	P.S.:	During the season of Lent – Stations of the Cross in Konkani – every Tuesday at 6.30pm
		Stations of the Cross in English – every Friday at 7.30pm
		Stations of the Cross for Senior Citizens – every Friday at 11.30am